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Are you a Rotarian with a passion for Literacy Service? We highlight some district 7150 literacy initiatives in this newsletter as an attempt to give a glimpse of the breadth and depth of some ongoing local work in this vital Rotary service area. We invite you (as an individual or group of Rotarians) to help our clubs expand their literacy service. Please reach out to any district leader if you are interested in increasing communications about literacy service projects in the district. We seek to foster increased coordination and cooperation among clubs, extend the reach and impact of current literacy service projects, and increase the variety and scope of these projects. Won't you Join other district leaders, Engage in literacy service and take action to increase Rotary Serving Humanity in the area of Basic Education and Literacy?

Read more on page 2.

Yours In Rotary Service, Pete C.

# **EXPAND YOUR ROTARY KNOWLEDGE!**



**3 COURSES TO SUCCESS IN ROTARY LEADERSHIP** Sign up and get on the path to completing your Rotary education or take a graduate class and further your learning!

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SATURDAY OCT 8 in Verona

#### PAGE 2: MAIN NEWS

Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Herkimer & Oneida Counties

## **BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH**

District 7150 Rotary clubs are involved in a variety of literacy service projects and activities. Do you have an interest in promoting any of these Literacy projects? Can you add to this list of projects? If so, the district is seeking your help! Please contact DG Pete at peterf7150@gmail.com if you want to help grow awareness of district literacy service projects.

#### ADULT LITERACY

Literacy deficiencies affect every important social issue. When individuals learn how to read, write, do basic math, and use computers, they have the power to lift themselves out of poverty, lower health care costs, find and keep sustainable employment, and ultimately change their lives. 104 years ago Syracuse Rotary Club was founded with a focus on service to Adult Literacy. Syracuse Rotarian



Bob Lauerbach was a pioneer in adult literacy education, and today Syracuse

activities. Virginia B. Carmody, also of Syracuse Rotary Club, is Executive Director of the Literacy Coalition for Onondaga County (www.onliteracy.org). Literacy coalition groups from several area counties have discussed forming a regional literacy committee that could collaborate with and provide information to Rotary Clubs to support literacy projects across the region.



#### FAMILY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Rotary's service partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library provides many opportunities to collaborate in support of literacy and basic education. The program fosters a lifelong love of reading and learning from an early age. Through Rotary's partnership with the Dollywood Foundation, (http://www.imaginationlibrary.com) children receive access to age-appropriate reading materials that help



establish a strong educational foundation early in life. Children registered in this program receive a new book each month. Since 2012, eight Herkimer and Oneida County Rotary Clubs have collaborated with the Neighborhood Center of Utica to set up the Imagination Library of Herkimer & Oneida Counties (<u>www.imaginationlibraryhoc.org</u>). This project, initiated by Rotarians Ray and Linda Allen and now spearheaded by J. Ann Maher and Melissa McCredie, is dedicated to creating ongoing funding streams to support the Imagination Library in these counties. The program has also recently expanded into Onondaga County with the support of the Literacy

Coalition. Rotary Clubs are encouraged to promote the Imagination Library by providing program access for all preschool children in their area, registering

children, sponsoring books and their mailing, designing additional projects around book donations, and helping to expand the Imagination Library to more communities.

#### **PROVIDING & DISTRIBUTING LITERACY MATERIALS**



Little Free Libraries are free book exchanges that build a sense of community as they share literacy skills, creativity and wisdom across generations. The goal of the Little Free Library Organization is to promote literacy and the love of reading (<u>https://littlefreelibrary.org</u>). There are nearly 40,000 Little Free Library book exchanges around the world, bringing curbside literacy home and sharing millions of books annually. Several District 7150 Rotary Clubs have created Little Free Libraries at public locations around their service areas. Clubs have utilized District Grant funds to support the creation and maintenance of many of these Little Free Libraries. Several clubs have also distributed Dictionaries, Thesauri, and

Gazetteers free to elementary aged students in their service areas. A major sponsor of this program, the Dictionary Project (www.dictionaryproject.org) promotes several different publications in multiple languages to promote literacy. The goal of the Dictionary Project is provide dictionary related materials directly to elementary-aged students to ensure that everyone will be able to enjoy the benefits of owning a dictionary.

is available. As a Rotary Recognized International Partner, CNY BFTW has distributed thousands of books to areas where access to

books is limited. This project touches the great need for equality in access to literacy in many cultures around the globe.

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### The Second Wind Foundation (known as Books for the World) promotes literacy to create opportunities for a better way of life. The AAKE THE CONNECTIO Ine Second Wind Foundation (known as Books for the World) promotes literacy to create opportunities for a better way of life. The program provides K - 6th grade picture/story and K – 12th grade textbooks to disadvantaged members of cultures all around the world. This project started from a few Rotary districts, moved to Rotary District 9300 in South Africa, and now has spread across the USA and throughout Southern Africa. District 7150 joined this program with CNY Books for the World Inc., (CNY BFTW) (<u>www.cnybooksfortheworld.org</u>). This is an all volunteer, Rotarian-managed, collaborative effort begun through the efforts of Skaneateles Rotarian Ward Vuillemot, and has grown to encompass several Central New York Rotary Clubs and Districts. CNY Books for the World provides all the logistics for delivery of locally collected books to a central warehouse. Rotary Clubs support this work by purchasing packaging materials, while CNY BFTW organizes and manages the logistics from the pickup of the books, if funding and space transportation and delivery at their destination. CNY BFTW also distributes other library and professional books, if funding and space to a verse where access the second verse were access to a series where access the second verse were access to a series where access the second verse were access to a series where access the second verse were access to a series where access the second verse were access to a series were access to a seri W Rotanian Books for the We

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#### LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY LITERACY PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY AND GENDER EQUITY

There are a wonderful array of both basic and cultural literacy programs and activities for our Rotary Clubs to support in their local public libraries. Local libraries serving Rotarian communities across District 7150 are members of the New York State Regional Library System, which spans the Finger Lakes, to Onondaga County, Mid-York and the Mohawk Valley. Supporting the variety of quality local public library programming is one of the ways many our Rotary Clubs engage in literacy service, promote strengthening communities, and broaden their outreach. Many local librarians are also members of our Rotary Clubs. When they join a Rotary Club, librarians bring access to literacy service and cultural activities with them. Waterville Rotary Club President and Library Director, Jeff Reynolds, is a perfect example of how a local librarian can connect their Rotary Club to library literacy programs. The Waterville library (<u>www.watervillepl.org</u>) deserves a special mention here due to a couple of unique aspects of this library. Their facility includes an observatory and solar array that that would make it a perfect venue for a unique club fellowship event. Contact Jeff to arrange a unique library program night at the library! Bring your group for an astronomical literacy event (where some of the grape may also be involved) while observing the stars next to the solar array. Also, from Jim Cook, New Hartford Rotary president, in the latest club



newsletter talks of public library promotion by citing an excellent article and interview found in the September issue of The Rotarian with actor Henry Winkler, "The Fonze" from Happy Days. When the charismatic dropout and consummate cool guy had taken clean-cut Richie Cunningham to the local library in an attempt to meet college girls and got a library card, Fonzie walked away with his first library book. It was widely reported that library card registration among young people spiked by 500% after that episode aired. The American Library Association and librarians today are quick to applaud real-world library use advocacy. Jim reports, "I hope you all will take time to read this."



Rotary clubs in District 7150 and all over the world are taking action to enhance basic education and literacy in their communities. We encourage you all to increase involvement and communications in this vital area of Basic Education and Literacy Initiatives as a way to promote Rotary Serving Humanity.



#### PAGE 3: MORE MAIN NEWS

#### ROTARY DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS: NOV 12, 2016

Rotary holds the highest consultative status possible with the United Nations as a non-governmental organization. If that doesn't sum up our ability to impact the world, what does!?

Each year about 1,500 Rotarians visit the UN headquarters in New York City to discuss our joint efforts and identify the greatest need for our humanitarian efforts. It is an unique and amazing opportunity to see how Rotary forms partnerships on a global scale to accomplish truly impactful and positive changes in our world.

Check out this video from last year's event: <u>http://goo.gl/</u>8q6UTF

Typically we have some exchange students that are interested in attending and would encourage anyone interested in learning more to sign up and attend.

To register (or get on the waitlist): http://riunday.org/

You can share this summary page with your club to inform all members: <u>http://goo.gl/y6B1xu</u>

### **MEET OUR NEW AG**

Meet Anthony Piana, the new Assistant Governor for Area 1, covering the Adirondack Foothills, Dolgeville, Mohawk Valley, Kuyahoora Valley, Little Falls and West Winfield Clubs. Tony is in the Little Falls Rotary Club where he lives and works as a dentist.



### **GET THE NEW RI MANUAL**

Rotary International has issued an updated Manual of Procedure for all clubs to review. A copy is available for download under the Useful Pages tab on the district web site, or click here: <u>http://goo.gl/TsVEZ0</u>

This is the manual of policies that come from RI and the Council on Legislation. As we know, they recently met and made several important changes to the "Rotary Rules." Please review for the latest edition of a club constitution, recommended club bylaws and more!

### **ROTARY DISTRICT 7150 CONFERENCE** April 21-23, 2017 | Gideon Putnam, Saratoga NY

### **DEADLINE EXTENDED!** REGISTER BEFORE SEPT 30 & STILL SAVE

#### **STILL USE OUR EASY PAYMENT PLAN**

to split the cost into three, smaller payments between now and February 1st

#### STILL SAVE \$25 PER PERSON when you register by September 30th!

Registration must be submitted and first payment made by September 30, 2016 for discounted rate and option to pay in installments!

Sorry - you did miss out on the free room upgrade drawing





#### Register now at <u>www.rotary7150.org</u>

#### From your conference chair:

At the unofficial end of summer we already have upwards of 100 Rotarians and guests registered for conference.

THANK YOU EVERYONE! We recently announced the winner of our first drawing, chosen from the first 25 to register for conference. The free room upgrade to a luxurious suite went to Kim Cameron of the Tully Club. Here she is pictured with her husband Jan,



celebrating her win with some Saratoga Spring Water!

#### **PAGE 4: BUSINESS**

### UPDATING YOUR CLUB ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### **ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS**

Congratulations to the first class of District 7150 Rotary Club Presidents to ALL enter their foundation, service and membership goals in Rotary Club Central!

The next step is to make sure you update Rotary Club Central as your club completes service projects and activities that will count towards completing this year's Presidential Citation. Click here to review this year's citation benchmarks: <u>http://goo.gl/fQ8iJu</u>

### Advertising in Rotary 315!

Get your advertising space in the next edition of this district booklet today! Full, half, quarter and business card ads are available Click here to download the form for details: <u>https://goo.gl/8bf4VZ</u>



For more information or to send camera ready artwork, your business card or get help in creating your ad,please call Ed Helinski at (315) 664-3103 or reach by email at eddhelinski@vahoo.com

### **BIZ CARD AD JUST \$50**

## **GRANTS SEMINAR #1**

The first of two Grants Management Seminars is coming to the east side of the district, with a second one to come in 2017 closer to the west side of the district.

SATURDAY, OCT 15TH 8am-12pm at the Utica School of Commerce 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.

#### REGISTER ONLINE TODAY http://goo.gl/asG0Mh

These funds are available to us because of the members in our district that contribute to the Rotary International Foundation. If your club members contribute, you will certainly want to ensure you are eligible to have access to receive the funds available to you for new or growing projects in your community, or to start something new in another part of the world!

You can have two members at the first seminar, two members at the second seminar, or even one at each to accomplish your two-member-minimum requirement!

### SAVE THE DATE FOR SEMINAR #2: JAN 7, 2017

### **DISTRICT JOB OPENINGS - WANNA GET INVOLVED?**

#### YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

SEVIS Officer - processing paperwork for incoming students to obtain visas, updating records

Clearance Officer - vetting Rotarians & host families to keep our students safe

Country Contacts - several positions open to be a liaison with partner country, work with inbound & outbound students

Interested? Contact chair Tom Taylor at <u>chair@7150youthexchange.org</u> or (315) 730-2571

#### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

The group that plans and implements our annual District Conference will be meeting soon. Are you interested in helping out?

Looking for committee members that can help with everything from photography, to a/v, to signage, to filling up our swag bags. Not sure how you can help? Get on our committee email list, attend the first meeting and see where you could be most helpful!

To get involved contact event chair Lizzy at <u>ebrown@syracuse.com</u> or (315) 470-2107

### PAGE 5: CLUB NEWS

### BALDWINSVILLE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

For the fifth consecutive month Baldwinsville's membership grew, welcoming new members Bruce Jones and Eric Roper in August. Eric started visiting the club back in June, helping at Seneca River Day and garnering excellent attendance before he was inducted on August 17th. Bruce has also jumped in feet first, taking charge of the club's Pennies for Polio fundraiser and helping our local food pantry - both projects that were in need of new leadership after two members have moved away from the area. It's always exciting to welcome new members to the club, but especially fun when they are already diving into service!



### **SKAN SOCIAL NIGHT**



Skaneateles Rotarians, family members & friends moved their Thursday meeting to the Falcon Stadium, in Auburn, for a Doubledays ball game on August 25th. With over 35 folks attending, enjoying soda, beer,

hots, peanuts, a great ball game; fun and fellowship was had by all. DG Pete & Denise joined the excitement. It was a "home-run", which I am sure we will want to repeat in future years. As an extra treat, our two STEP YE students; Amelia Huba, of Skaneateles and Alexandra Menses, of Koeflach, Austria attended and exchanged banners along with President, Bill Huba (pictured L-R: Bill, Alex & Amelia)

# AUBURN ROTARY

Plenty of good things happening with the Auburn Rotary Club with new members, hospitality services at Falcon Park, our incoming exchange student, Saga from Finland, and great weekly speakers. It'll continue into the fall as well as we work on water well projects in Argentina. The Auburn Rotary club received donations of \$5000 for this project.





Welcome Saga!



### **CHITTENANGO AUCTION FUN**

At our August 25th meeting, lucky Ray Mann won the 50/50 pot by drawing the Queen of Spades. That gave Ray more bucks to bid on items at our summer picnic auction, held at the Sandy Hatch Pavilion, across Lakeport Road from the Canal Boat Museum. Bob Williams played auctioneer; we "re-homed" quite a few old treasures; and we shared some laughs. Sherry Menninger reports that we raised \$235



### **FUN FROM SWING 4 SERVICE TOURNEY**



Doug Stevens and Linda Rossiter picking up signs after the event



Our Sunrise Rotary team. From left: Doug Stevens and Rotarian Jason Santiago. Other three are guest golfers.



Some volunteers: LaVerne DeLand, Linda Rossiter, Doug Sevens, Carol Vescio

#### PAGE 6: MORE CLUB NEWS

### **DEWITT HONORS MEMBERS WITH TRAIL SIGN**



The Rotary Club of DeWitt sponsors the Butternut Creek Trail in Dewitt. This paved trail runs from Kinne Rd to Wegman's parking lot and there is a wooden boardwalk over a wetland area with plantings of flowering shrubs and trees purchased by Dewitt Rotary. Dewitt Rotarians meet monthly to rake, cultivate, and weed the garden areas to keep this trail looking good for all who use this facility.Recently a memorial sign was erected in honor of DeWitt Rotarians no longer with us, many of whom were involved in the sponsorship of Butternut Creek.... a place that the entire community can enjoy!



(L to R) Mel Rubenstein, John Storey, President Cheryl Matt, Mark Matt, Ken Souser, Keith Robisch, Mark Strodel, Linda Ervin, and Kathy Kotz.

### **GETTING HEALTHY IN FULTON**



Fulton Rotarian Margaret Barclay, left, welcomes colleagues and guest speakers Inga Back, center, and April Marks of Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.'s Health and Nutrition Services, who spoke about the IMPACT Program (Initiative for Multi Sector Public Health Action) at a recent meeting.

A three year federal grant from the CDC awarded through the New York State Department of Health year is funding the program to encourage and promote healthy lifestyles in the Fulton area. The program is focusing on diabetes prevention, physical activity, and nutrition. One effort with the City of Fulton and Fulton Footpaths encourages people to "walk the bridges", a 1.8 mile route across the Oswego River over the Broadway and Oneida Street bridges.

### **BVILLE LOOKS TO GROW MENTORING PROGRAM**

The Baldwinsville Club is about to embark on a mentoring program in their schools to work with 4th - 6th grade students. The plan is to coordinate a group of Rotarians who can visit the school once a week to sit with students, listen and chat with them. The team approach creates flexibility for members to participate and will fill a great need for local children. Members anticipate it will be a very rewarding experience and fun to get to know the kids.

Would your club be interested in doing the same in your area schools? Want to learn more about how to get it started and get your members involved? Contact Baldwinsville Rotarian Don Distasio at <u>donald.distasio@gmail.com</u>. He will meet with you or visit your club to discuss the program.

### **CAZ BOOK DONATION**

A donation to CNY Books for the World was coordinated by the Cazenovia Rotary Club, New Woodstock Library and Cazenovia Public School. Rotarians working on this project included Sandy Patrizio, Bob Conway, Bob Hortsmyer, Randy Light, Jim Perry and Bill & Anna Marie Neuland. Also thanks to Eric Knuth, Library



Staff NW & students from Caz High School and Hall Brown, chairman for our Rotary District.

### TIPS FOR SUBMITTING NEWS

Interested in helping with the newsletter? The editor is seeking "reporters" to help gather news from around the district, follow news tips from social media and get the details needed for concise and fun articles. No writing experience needed - it is more of an information-gathering position. Looking for reporters from all sides of the district! If interested, contact editor Lizzy at ebrown@svracuse.com

for consideration.

- Submit concise & complete articles to <u>ebrown@syracuse.com</u> by the 25th of each month
- Keep it timely happened last month, happening in next two months max
- Use the Events Submission Form for all events
- Include any photos, logos or flyers for your news or event
- News we want to share includes (but is not limited to): new members, completed projects, fun times, donations presented, what your Rotary youth are up to, club events or club sponsored functions open to other Rotarians, what works for you that could work for other clubs, Paul Harris Fellows and other honors, how your club is celebrating the RI Foundation's centennial, and how your club is helping fight polio

#### PAGE 7: SEE & DO IN 7150



PURCHASE A FLAG TO HONOR OR THANK: Veterans, Soldiers, Police Officers, Firefighters, People who volunteer or anyone who does community service!

The flags will be on display from Oct 29 - Nov 12 **NEW LOCATION Wegman's on Rt 57, Liverpool** Join us for a special flag dedication ceremony on Sunday, Nov 6th at 10am at the display

**Flags are \$30 each** *It is \$15 to re-fly a flag purchase for past events* 

### Get more information and purchase your flag at www.OnondagaNorthRotary.com



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### SU SEASON TICKETS RAFFLE

Win Two (2) Preferred Seating Season Tickets (200 Level) 2016-2017 SU Men's Basketball

DRAWING HELD SEPT 24, 6PM Need not be present to win, but come join the fun at the Tailgate Party!



TAILGATE PARTY SEPT 24, 4–6PM William Cain American Legion Post #1287 Legion Dr., Chittenango CHEF DOMINICK SCALISE WILL BE PREPARING A 5 COURSE TASTING MENU TO COMPLIMENT THE BEER THERE WILL BE 5 CRAFT BEERS PAIRED WITH 5 COURSES



LOCATION: HERKIMER ELK'S LODGE, 124 MARY STREET HERKIMER DATE: October 29th TIME: 6:30 pm

### **Baldwinsville Rotary Book Club**

We will be discussing the book Becoming Nicole by Amy Ellis Nutt: The Transformation of an American Family.

This is the inspiring true story of a transgender girl, her identical twin brother, and an ordinary American family's extraordinary journey to understand, nurture, and celebrate the uniqueness in us all, from the Pulitzer Prize-winning science reporter for The Washington Post.

Our discussion leader will be Rotarian Sally Fedrizzi.



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Tuesday, November 15, 2016 7-8pm at the Red Mill Inn 4 Syracuse St, Baldwinsville

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC For more info visit **www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org** 

ChittenangoRotary@gmail.com

#### PAGE 8: MORE SEE & DO IN 7150

The 4th Annual Fall Foliage Golf Tournament

Hosted by the Mohawk Valley Rotary Club September 30, 2016 at Pine Hills Golf Course 247 Jones Road, Frankfort, NY 13340 Shotgun start at 3:30pm

> 9-hole scramble, cart, dinner, beer, goodie bág, par 3 prizes & more! **\$60 per golfer**

For a registration form & more about sponsoring, click here: <u>http://goo.gl/uvvWRC</u>

#### 22nd Annual Hamilton Rotary Golf Tournament

Tuesday, Sept 20th Colgate University's Seven Oaks Golf Course

> Shotgun start at 11:30am \$360/team or \$90/player

Includes 18 holes, cart, goodie bag, and dinner at the Seven Oaks Clubhouse Plus premium prizes at all par 3 holes!

MUST REGISTER BY SEPT 13TH Click here to download a registration form: <u>http://goo.gl/ng6C7z</u>

### SAVE THESE DATES



JUNE 10-14, 2017 www.riconvention.org

#### **PAGE 9: GIVING BACK**

### **CHITTENANGO & CLEAR PATH**

Coming Sept 15th: Art House/Wood Shop Ribbon cutting at Clear Path for Veterans, Salt Springs Road, Chittenango. We will be dedicating the Wood Shop project to Rotarian Ned Mann. Ron Dean has been battling a water main issue on the site, so stay tuned for further details. Contact

ChittenangoRotary@gmail.com

### **DEWITT GIVES TO ONPOINT PROGRAM**



Dewitt Rotary Philanthropy Chair Mark Hansen (right), presented a check for \$1500 to On Point representatives Fritz Diddle (left) and Courtney Black (center) at a recent Rotary meeting. These funds will help to provide clothing and supplies to six college freshman.Dewitt Rotary traditionally supports the work of OnPoint for College. This organization helps to break down barriers for young adults through access to training, college and careers. They work with students helping them to apply for college through graduation and beyond.

### HOUSING NEEDED

A District Governor from Rotary District 1830 in Germany has written to DG Pete to ask for help in finding housing for his college-aged son, coming to Syracuse for an engineering internship October 2 through February. They are hoping that a local Rotary family will take him in to assist with his educational trip. Could that be you?

If you are willing to take a German student in for a few months, please contact DG Pete at peterf7150@gmail.com right away!

### TWO CLUBS STUFF A BUS

Shown contributing to the Stuff A-Bus Campaign recently are representatives of Fulton Sunrise Rotary Club. Made possible through a collaboration between United Way and Oswego County school districts,



the United Way's annual Stuff-A-Bus campaign collects school supplies for children in need throughout Oswego County. Pictured from left are Carol Vescio, LaVerne DeLand, Linda Rossiter and Doug Stevens.

Patrick DeWine, Executive Director of the United Way of Oswego County was a guest at Oswego Rotary in August. Patrick gave an update on United Way initiatives and the annual Stuff-A-Bus school supply collection. Oswego Rotary



participated in Stuff-A-Bus by members bringing school supplies and backpacks to weekly meetings during the collection period. Pictured are: Mark DuFore, President Danielle Hayden, Sabine Ingerson, Carrie Penover and Patrick DeWine.

### **BVILLE UNVEILS DISTRICT GRANT PROJECT**



Balldwinsville Rotary had a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate a new sign and benches installed along the Erie Canal in their village. After recent updates added docks along the canal, the club saw a need for signage to welcome tourists stopping to visit the scenic village. Utilizing a District Grant, and in cooperation with village officials, the sign was designed, created and installed; along with some benches. Rotarians celebrated side by side with local officials at Welcome to Canal Walk Cafe in August, with refreshments BALDWINSVILLE and fellowship. Stop by when boating on the

The ribbon cutting was held indoors due to weather. Pictured left to right: Rotarian Bruce Stebbins, Baldwinsville Mayor Dick Clarke, B'ville Club President Janet Joslyn, Rotarian and project chair Ann Smiley, PDG Henry MacDOnald, Foundation Chair Mark Matt and PDG PJ Scott.

### **PAGE 10: YOUTH & INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### ATTENTION YE ALUM - GET YOUR PINS TODAY!

The district has purchased these beautiful pins for all alumni of our Youth Exchange program. Pins are free for all Rotex and current exchange students. Please let those in your district know about this gift! Former YEX and those passionate about YE can get pins for a \$5 donation. Please contact YE treasurer Stuart Wood at <a href="mailto:scwood19@gmail.com">scwood19@gmail.com</a> to request yours today!

### **DEWITT SCHOLARSHIPS**



Recently, Dewitt Rotary gave out scholarships to several local students. Two of the recipients were present at our weekly Monday meeting. (Pictured from left to right) Cason Wagner, Nottingham High

Nottingham High School graduate, who will attend Syracuse University and Le Moyne College in the Fall to major in Software Application and Systems Development, Linda Ervin, outgoing Dewitt Rotary Philanthropy Chair; and Dan McGann, Jamesville Dewitt High School graduate, who will attend Northeastern University and major in either Mechanical Engineering or Computer Science and Computer Engineering. DeWitt Rotary extends to Cason and Dan the best of luck and good wishes.

#### FULTON SUNRISE WELCOMES HOME OUTBOUND STUDENTS

District 7150

Youth Exchange

Rotary

Alumni

The Fulton Sunrise Rotary welcomed our returning Exchange Students, Mason Rowlee and Elizabeth Brown. Mason spent the past year in Japan and Elizabeth was in Germany. Both students presented a very energetic slide program showing their host families, the many trips they went on, their school friends and their local Rotary group. Lots of stories and great memories were shared. Pictured with each student is RotarianDennis Goss. The second picture of Mason is from his visit to the Fulton Noon Club, where is he pictured with member Judy Young.



### **FULTON NOON YOUTH NEWS**

#### SAVE THE DATE!

91<sup>st</sup> Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Joseph A. Floreano Riverside Convention Center



Keynote Speaker: John Germ, RI President 2016-2017

https://goo.gl/QbFuEo



Fulton Rotary Club Scholarship Committee Chair Jerry Seguin and President Helen Hoefer, right, congratulate Rotary Scholarship recipient Joanna Pappalardo at a recent meeting. Joanna, a June graduate of G. Ray Bodley High School, will be attending SUNY Oneonta to study psychology this fall.



### YOUTH EXCHANGE RECRUITMENT

Does your club need help finding host families or getting students from your local school to apply to study abroad? Consider holding an information event and promote it around the school and community. Baldwinsville Rotary is hosting a YE Info Night on September 20th, at 7pm at the B'ville Public Library. The event is open to the public, promoted in the schools and on social media. It is led by experienced host parents, and they will have a former exchange student and the current inbound student in attendance too. The idea is to help potential host families or exchange students understand all that the program entails. Our district has won awards for how well our program is run and you can get more information at their new web site <u>www.7150youthexchange.org</u>!