



# 7150NEWS

## ROTARY DISTRICT 7150

### SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7150 | DISTRICT GOVERNOR DANA JERRARD




SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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District Governor

 2021-2022 Governor  
Dana Jerrard ..... Utica

District Executive Committee

 **DG Elect**  
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 **DG Nominee**  
Elise Hereth ..... V.V.S. Community

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 **District Trainer 2021-22**  
PDG Deb Glisson ..... Marcellus


 **District Trainer 2022-24**  
PDG Dennis Schonewetter ..... V.V.S. Comm.


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 Jim Cook ..... New Hartford


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Assistant Governor Trainer

 Jenny Doane ..... Baldwinsville

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Submit club and district news to:  
[rotary7150@gmail.com](mailto:rotary7150@gmail.com)

The deadline to submit brief articles with great photos for publication in an issue of 7150NEWS is the 25th of each month.

A MESSAGE FROM DG DANA: WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?

Dana Jerrard | DG | Utica

That old chestnut of a job interview question is probably asked less and less these days. Back in 2016 when I interviewed for my current job if I had correctly answered, “I see myself walking into my local bank, wearing a mask, staying 6 feet away from everyone, and washing my hands several times each day,” I likely would have been escorted out of the building by security.

Despite the uncertainty about the future, there is some value in taking a longer view. We Rotarians are often asked to focus on the upcoming year; our goals for membership, giving, leadership, projects, grants, etc., all point to the end of the Rotary year on the upcoming June 30. By concentrating on the next 12 months, we are more likely to be satisfied with almost hitting the target, and less likely to see longer term troubling trends.

To illustrate this, here is a point to ponder: since July 2016, the average club in District 7150 has lost one member net per year. That doesn’t sound too bad, right? But, when the results are summarized over a longer time, the magnitude of the trend appears: in the last 60 months, District 7150 clubs have lost 222 net members, or 18% of the total Rotary population here in Central NY.

And, it’s not just us here in 7150; this is the reality for Rotary in North America. The multi-year trends across clubs, districts, zones, and the entire continent are strikingly similar.


Please stay with me, dear reader, there is a silver lining here. Some clubs and districts have grown and are thriving over this 5-year period. Our own Auburn, Baldwinsville, Onondaga North, and VVS

Community clubs are larger today than back in the summer of 2016. It is no coincidence that these clubs are well connected to their communities, promote themselves actively, are involved at the district level, and never stop working to identify prospective new members.

I apologize for being the reincarnation of Debbie Downer here, but we Rotarians are the ones who will have to change the tide and the good news is we can do it!! I challenge you to take the long view, set a plan to gift Rotary to a new generation of community servants, and find new ways to make Rotary relevant in your communities. Ask yourself, “Where will my Rotary club be in five years, and what can I do now to get us there?”

As I travel this district I see so many examples of clubs who refused to give up in the face of real challenges. When PPE was in short supply at Little Falls Hospital, the Little Falls Club found a way to manufacture needed masks. Recent flood damage to businesses and equipment at the fire company in Camillus brought an immediate response from the Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Club. We need to channel the same persistence and can-do energy to our Rotary succession plan. Our future literally depends on it, and we have what it takes to do it.

“The future of Rotary is shrouded in expectant mystery. It will be for you, my Rotarian friends, to aid in the unfurling of the Rotarian destiny. Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.” Those words were said at the Rotary Convention in Houston, by founder Paul Harris, more than 107 years ago. The more things change... ♦

Yours in Rotary,  


ROTARY CLUB OF UTICA HOSTS ‘SERVICE ABOVE SELF SAFARI’

Jerry Kraus | Utica

The Rotary Club of Utica hosted their **Service Above Self Safari** event at the Utica Zoo pavilion, built with funds from Utica Rotary. The event marked the return of in-person events for the club with 100 people in attendance including PDGs Randy Wilson, Don Reese, and Gerry Gortner. The event marked the culmination of a project that raised over \$5,400 for the Utica Zoo.


Additionally, several wards were presented: a Paul Harris Award to Travis Rabbers; a Service Above Self/Club Award to Michelle Brandstadt; the Club’s ‘Quiet Giver’ Awards to Bart Gorman and Devon Hoffman; and a Service Above Self/Community Award to Patrick Johnson, a local advocate for social justice.


The event also included a transition of the Rotary Club of Utica presidency from Israel Acosta to Stephen Turnbull. ♦



(L-R): Joe Caruso (Rotary), Darby O’Brien (Rotary), Stephen Turnbull (Rotary), Andria Heath (Utica Zoo), Tina Pavlot (Rotary), Joann Fornino (Rotary)


District Officers


 **District Secretary**  
Pete Cardamone ..... Tully


 **Treasurer**  
Tara Renner ..... Onondaga North


 **Finance**  
PDG Randy Wilson ..... Sauquoit

 **District Conference**  
Chair, Linda Iannone ..... Utica

 **District Rotary Foundation**  
Chair, Don Reese ..... Utica

 **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**  
Co-chair, Darnell Hayes ..... DeWitt

 **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**  
Co-Chair, Cheryl Matt ..... DeWitt

 **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**  
Co-chair, Devin White ..... Eastwood


 **Membership**  
Joe Caruso ..... Utica

 **Innovative Clubs**  
Lizzy Martin ..... Baldwinsville


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Lizzy Martin ..... Baldwinsville


 **Parliamentarian**  
PDG Dennis Schonewetter... VVS Community


 **Rotaract**  
Jonathan Yost ..... Eastwood

 **Veterans Service**  
John “Ziggy” Zygmunt ..... New Hartford

 **Youth Exchange & Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**  
PDG Phyllis Danks ..... Marcellus

 **Rotary Leadership Institute**  
Donna Schonewetter ..... VVS Community

 **Rotary Leadership Institute**  
PDG Dennis Schonewetter... VVS Community

 **New Generations**  
Tom Taylor ..... Onondaga North





**BECOMING A VIBRANT CLUB**  
Lizzy Martin | D7150 Innovative Clubs Chair

If you attended the August Town Hall with District Governor Dana, you would have had some great discussion about Rotary membership (because August was membership month!). What you would have learned is that our district has averaged a loss of 47 members each year over the last four years. This is a trend we must reverse for the health of our organization and the communities we serve. But what can we do? As your Innovative Clubs chairperson, I see many opportunities for how we can grow Rotary!

First, let's just look at the clubs that are doing the best. In our district of 41 clubs, there are two stand-outs that have had consistent growth over the last several years: Baldwinsville and Auburn. What are they doing right that we could emulate to grow our other clubs? What stands out to me is they are fun, flexible and active. Simply put, they are vibrant clubs. They have embraced the flexibility Rotary has extended to clubs in terms of meeting types and membership types. They know how to have a good time together. They provide members with many opportunities to serve. This combination makes your members just too engaged to leave! Becoming a vibrant club is easier than it may sound if you use the tools that Rotary has provided. The right mix of fun, flexibility and service can be applied to clubs of any size and flip the script on membership for your group. Want to see how this could be applied to overcome your club's specific challenges? Contact me for a consultation with your leadership team so we can see what innovations your club needs to become vibrant too. As always, for more information and resources you can visit the Innovative Clubs page on the district web site. ♦

**7150 TO HOLD MONTHLY VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS**

DG Dana Jerrard | Utica

Each month during this Rotary year, DG Dana will conduct a virtual Town Hall and every Rotarian in the district will be welcome to join. The sessions will occur on the fourth Tuesday of each month, starting at 6:00 pm. The next Town Hall is on August 24 at 6pm. We hope that each club in the district has at least one attendee, ready to exchange ideas and address the issues that many of our clubs are facing.

One week prior to each town hall, Rotarians in the district will be invited to register and those who do will receive a personal link to the meeting. Please mark your calendar, and we'll see you there. ♦

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passcode: 71502021TH

**WALK FOR HUNGER**

George Mango | Camillus Solvay Geddes

On Saturday, September 11, the Camillus Solvay Geddes Rotary Club will be sponsoring a Walk for Hunger. The Walk will begin at Reed Webster Park on Warners Road, Camillus at 10 AM and proceed along the Camillus Erie Canal Park over the Aqueduct to the Sims Store and return to Reed Webster Park for refreshments and lunch.

In addition to community groups, we at Camillus Solvay Geddes Rotary, would like to make this a district event and are inviting clubs to participate. Tents and food will be set up at Reed Webster Park. We then can congregate, socialize, and eat.

All funds raised will go to support the Central New York Food bank, local food pantries, and the India Rotary relief fund.

**Let's make this a successful district-wide, Rotary event and fundraiser.**

[Download donation sponsorship forms.](#)

Funds will be collected at the Walk or mailed to:  
**PO Box 432, Camillus NY 13031.**

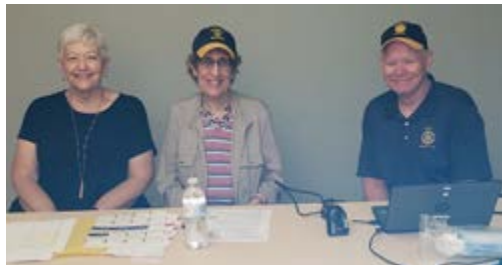
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Deadline to submit information is the 25th of each month.

**DEWITT SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVES**

Mark Strodel | DeWitt

The Rotary Club of DeWitt co-sponsors six Red Cross blood drives annually in conjunction with DeWitt Community Church. DeWitt Rotarians co-sponsored another Red Cross blood drive at DeWitt Community Church on Saturday July 17.

Members volunteered and also donated blood. Thank you to Keith Robisch, Jacky Robisch, Tom Carafa, JoAnn Grower, Nodesia Hernandez, Tom Heister, Mark Matt, Cheryl Matt, and Mark Strodel. ♦



Rotarians Jacky Robisch, JoAnn Grower, and Keith Robisch.



DeWitt Rotarians Cheryl Matt and Nodesia Hernandez.

**JEFF REA SPEAKS AT OSWEGO ROTARY**

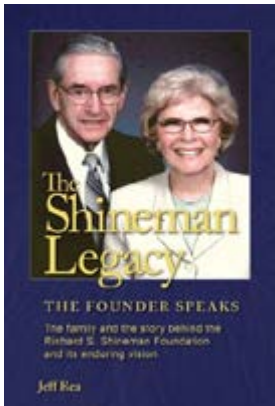
Susan Witmer | Oswego

Jeff Rea, the author of "The Shineman Legacy, the Founder Speaks" was the guest speaker at a recent Oswego Rotary meeting. Jeff shared stories about Richard Shine-man and his wife, Barbara, and the enduring vision of creating a foundation their community has benefited from over the last several years. For many years Dick Shineman was a very active member of the Oswego Rotary Club. Members enjoyed talking about their interactions with Dick and frequently Barbara. Kathy Fenlon, member of the board of the Richard S. Shineman Foundation, also attended the program and answered questions about the Foundation.



Pictured above (LtoR) Kathy Fenlon, Jeff Rea and club president Sabine Ingerson.

**An overview of Jeff Rea's book:**



Dick and Barb. Two middle-aged teachers at an Upstate New York college, one a bachelor, the other a widow. Two lives lived generously, despite vastly different backgrounds. A meeting in a church parking lot. A romance. A marriage. From this intersection, their lives grew together, forming a combination that, ultimately, worked much as two elements in a chemical formula to create a potent Catalyst For Change in Oswego County. This is the story of Barbara Ann Irvine, who grew up as a child of the Great Depression, and Richard Shubert Shineman, whose own privileged upbringing was further enriched by the community- mindedness and generosity shown by his parents. While Dick Shineman inherited and further grew a fortune beyond most people's imaginations, the self-effacing chemistry professor had no earthly interest in the trappings of wealth. He worked with his wife, now known as Barbara Palmer Shineman, to make substantial gifts during his lifetime. Dick's last will and testament set aside \$25 million for a foundation to benefit Oswego County and Central New York. His widow, then in her 80s, followed through. So was born the Richard S. Shineman Foundation. Barbara, now nearing 93 and always resolute, wanted a book to keep alive Dick's story and capture the evolution and growing significance of the foundation and its benefit to the county and region in economic development and environment, parks and the arts, human services and historic preservation, and so much more. ♦



## GUYANA ROTARY CLUB BRINGS VACCINES TO REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Members and government health officials use boats to reach villages deep in the rainforest

Ryan Hyland | [rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org)

Members of the Rotary Club of Demerara, Guyana, are using their decades of experience in fighting disease while delivering COVID-19 vaccines and aid to a remote region of the South American country. The Indigenous communities there would not otherwise have access to the vaccine and would remain vulnerable to the virus.

The club's members have conducted crucial medical expeditions that penetrate the densely forested interior of Guyana for nearly 30 years. In doing so, they've developed detailed knowledge of the area and the particular needs of the villages in it. The treks have earned the Demerara club a nickname among nearby Rotary clubs: "the bush club."

When COVID-19 vaccines became available early this year, the club quickly took action, relying on members' familiarity with the region to plan logistics and coordinate delivery efforts. Focusing on the primarily Indigenous villages of Muritaro and Malali, the club collaborated with the local Ministry of Health and the Civil Defence Commission to immunize villagers. The vaccination teams — made up of club members, doctors, and local nurses — reached the villages by boat, tracing an 8 km (5-mile) stretch of the Demerara River.

Bhageshwar Murli, 2020-21 president of the Demerara club, says that supporting the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to underserved communities was a natural fit for the club.



Members of the Rotary Club of Demerara, Guyana, and government health officials use boats to vaccinate villagers deep in the country's rainforests. Photo by Indira Mattai.

"Our club was highly motivated and excited to be involved in the particular effort, since it coincided with what we frequently do as a club," Murli says.

Because of pandemic travel restrictions, villagers couldn't go to nearby towns to buy food, clothing, medicine, and other basic necessities. So the club collected and distributed these items as part of the initiative.

The vaccination teams administered COVID-19 shots to 24 residents of Malali and 16 residents of Muritaro. The results may seem modest, but they were hard-won: Lancelot Khan, the club's service projects chair and the coordinator of the project, says that vaccine hesitancy is an obstacle in these communities.

The club had visited the region in March 2020, when COVID-19 was beginning to spread in South America, to deliver masks and hand sanitizer, Khan says. But it was also Rotary's historical work in the global effort to eradicate polio that proved to the villagers that it is committed to fighting disease. "Our linkage to these communities and history with our polio efforts gave residents the confidence that Rotary wouldn't leave them behind when COVID-19 vaccines became available," he says. "Rotary's global standing on polio was a big plus."

During the most recent trip, team members appealed to the village captains (residents who are elected to represent the communities) to be vaccinated. "The captains taking the vaccine showed the confidence necessary to convince others to take it as well," Khan says.

The team members distributed educational materials about the vaccine, explained its side effects, and answered residents' questions. They also showed photos of club members getting the shot to demonstrate its safety.

Murli hopes his club's continued involvement in vaccination campaigns will boost the numbers of people who agree to get the shot.

"We believe that a compelling picture is painted when it is seen that Rotarians are involved with COVID-19 vaccination drives," Murli says. "We think our efforts can engender an increase in vaccinations and trust." ♦

## HOW TO TALK TO SOMEONE WHO IS VACCINE HESITANT

Elizabeth Schroeder | [rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org)

### Tips to have the talk

As COVID-19 vaccinations are administered around the globe, you've probably seen your social media feeds fill up with joyful vaccine selfies and excited appointment updates. Chances are, you also have someone in your life who's skeptical. Most of us do — and that has public health officials concerned.

Vaccine hesitancy is often fuel for heated public debate, but conversations about vaccines don't have to be contentious. In fact, being willing to have them is one of the most impactful ways we can influence global health. As with many emotionally-charged topics, knowing how to start the conversation can be the hardest part. These tips may help you open up a dialogue and get your loved ones thinking differently about being vaccinated.

### Find shared values

We all want similar things — healthy families, thriving communities, and a sense of control over our health. Demonizing vaccine-hesitant individuals only creates further division and exacerbates an "us vs. them" mentality. Try explaining why you choose vaccinations. Is it to protect the most vulnerable members of your community? To shield your children from preventable disease? Relatable motivations like these can help forge a human connection and get to the emotional heart of the issue.

### Seek to understand

Just as there are many reasons to be vaccinated, there are many reasons a person might feel dubious. A prevalent one is misinformation, which is more contagious than ever in our digital age. Others are more complicated and riddled with an ugly history. Marginalized communities have spent centuries being mistreated by the medical establishment. Expecting these communities to immediately trust the same institution to have their best interest at heart is unfair and dismissive of historic trauma.



### Know your "C's"

The World Health Organization (WHO) has outlined three "C's" that contribute to vaccine hesitancy: complacency, convenience, and confidence. We could also add a fourth: culture. Rates of vaccine hesitancy, as well as contributing factors, vary widely based on a person's location, background, and community. Being cognizant of these differences can prevent us from making incorrect assumptions. If someone is skipping recommended vaccines due to religious beliefs, opening a conversation with safety statistics may not be helpful or relevant to them.

### Lead with facts

Mythbusting can be tempting, but did you know that repeating misinformation can actually give it more weight? Instead of focusing on why that meme or blog post is incorrect, stick to simple statements of fact. For example: "large-scale scientific studies find no link between the HPV vaccine and auto-immune symptoms."

### Be the voice of the majority

Social norms are an incredibly powerful force, but the key is to keep it positive. If you try to convince someone that not enough people are receiving vaccines, they may feel that their hesitancy has been validated by others. A more effective approach is to focus on how many people are choosing to vaccinate and why. Remind them that large-scale inoculation is a group effort and we want them on the team.

### Identify the problem and the solution

If you've ever stood at the edge of a diving board, unable to move, you know that fear can be paralyzing. Fear of severe illness can have similar effects. When we talk about vaccine-preventable disease, simply scaring someone is likely to backfire. Instead, it's important to acknowledge two facts simultaneously: these diseases are serious and being vaccinated is a simple and effective countermeasure. Help put power back into their hands by identifying an action they can take — being vaccinated!

Vaccines bring us closer to a world where everyone thrives, but it's a team effort. By having conversations, you can bring your friends and family along on our global health journey. ♦



COMMUNITY FLOCKED TO B'VILLE'S 2021 SENECA RIVER DAYS

Lizzy Martin | Baldwinsville

After experiencing the same cancellations and fund-raising struggles so many have gone through since the start of the pandemic, Baldwinsville Rotary was excited about the opportunity to host a Seneca River Days event on August 14th. With only two months to pull together bands, entertainment, food vendors, sponsors and a beautiful fireworks display, it was not an easy feat. The event usually require 9 months of planning! But led by experienced chairperson Ken Schmidt, the group was able to pare down and simplify things to feature the greatest of the day's traditions and make it happen. Veteran committee members who had previously said they were retiring from their roles instead re-joined them to pitch in efficiently and effectively. Over \$11,000 in sponsorship money was raised in just a few weeks' time, including the money needed for the fireworks display, provided by Honda City of Liverpool. Long time supporters were key to sponsorship success. Members were pushed to sell tickets to the revamped "duck pluck" that would replace the normal duck race on the water. Booths for selling duck tickets were set up every weekend at Kinney's and B'ville Supply, and every week at the local farmer's market (although it seemed to rain every time!). Gaining momentum, and with a great turn out the day of the event, 2,895 duck tickets were sold – a new record! The Saturday of Seneca River Days couldn't have been more beautiful, in the 70's with a light breeze and lots of sun. That brought out families throughout the day for the free festival in the afternoon, with cotton candy, delicious food and live music. The club ended that portion of the day with the duck pluck, inviting 14 children up to help select the 14 winning ducks all mixed together in a giant bin.



Photos courtesy of Lori Newcomb and R Best Photography

Each child received a treat in exchange for their important role in the day and winners were announced immediately after. Over \$3,500 in cash and prizes were awarded out, all donated from local businesses and members. The evening portion started later with a \$5 admission, with people pouring in to rock with live music from Vote for Pete, great things to eat and a beer tent to visit. The fireworks over the river were just the most magical way to end the day.

The club is proud of the committee and chairperson Ken for pulling together such a successful event in a short time frame, overcoming COVID-related challenges to put together a wonderful day for the community. It truly is the goal of Seneca River Days to put the community first in all event-planning decisions, which has ultimately made it an even better fundraiser for the club. All are invited to join Baldwinsville Rotary at their next Seneca River Days, which will hopefully be in June of 2022. Planning starts next month! ♦

Check out [Seneca River Days on Facebook](#) for photos and videos from throughout the day. Be sure to follow the page for announcements about future events.





## Inviting ALL clubs from District 7150 to send a team to compete

**\$80 per person - Captain & Crew  
Dinner / Raffle / Prizes  
Call or text 315.696.1825 to RSVP**

# FIRST ANNUAL TULLY ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SEPTEMBER 20 | 10AM**  
**VESPER HILLS**  
**GOLF CLUB**

Proceeds to benefit **Tully Rotary Ecological and Environmental Sustainability project (T.R.E.E.S.)**

# 2021

# Mohawk Valley Rotary Club

# Roger Skinner Memorial

# Fall Foliage 8th Annual Golf Tournament

**2021 Mohawk Valley Rotary Club  
Roger Skinner Memorial  
Fall Follies 8th Annual Golf Tournament**  
Friday, September 24, 2021

Pine Hills Golf Course, Frankfort, NY



Registration: 9:30 - 10:30 pm | Shotgun Start: 11 am | Incidentals: 11:30 am

**18-HOLE scramble, can, dinner, bar on course, goods bag, par 3 prizes and more! \$1000.00 per golfer**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

• Corporate Priority Sponsorship: team, hole, \$600.00 inclusive Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
• I would like to sponsor a hole for \$300.00 Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Hole Sponsor Name _____		
• I would like to donate a door prize Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
• I would like to play and be placed on a team \$100 Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
• I will send a full team \$400 Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
• I will sponsor a team & hole \$400 Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
• Dinner Only -- \$20.00 per person Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**Please list all players below:**

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Sponsors and Players needed by September 20, 2021

**Mail checks out to: Mohawk Valley Rotary Club, PO Box 222, Harkness, NY 13350**

**For More Information Contact:**  
**Frank Green at 216-856-2110 or [Frank@HarknessRotCl.com](mailto:Frank@HarknessRotCl.com)**

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## DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM

Sponsors and players, please respond by September 20, 2021. Make checks out to: Mohawk Valley Rotary Club, PO Box 222, Herkimer, NY 13350. For more information contact Frank Green at 315-866-2110 or [Frank@HerkimerTool.com](mailto:Frank@HerkimerTool.com).

All proceeds benefit Mohawk Valley Rotary Club Projects such as; Youth Exchange Program, Scholarships, Books For the World, and Rotary Foundation

**Utica Rotarians collected over \$6000 worth of school supplies benefiting school children living in Utica Municipal Housing.**

**Members donated supplies personally, or purchased them at bulk prices from Max's Print Shop in Utica.**



## TULLY'S LINDA MC HERRON DIES AT 74

Hartwell Funeral Home

Linda D. McHerron, 74, of Tully passed away August 25 at Francis House. Born in Cortland, she retired as Vice President/Manager of NBT Bank in Tully. She was a member and Treasurer of the Tully Rotary Club. She enjoyed helping others in her surrounding community. She was predeceased by her brother Carl Riese and her parents Morris & Virginia Riese. She is survived by her daughter, Denise (George) Usherwood of Tully; her son, Jake (Jennifer) McHerron of Burnt Hills, NY; her sister, Cheryl (Wayne) Daniels of Marathon; her brothers, George (Paula) Riese of Roswell, NM, Ronald (Donna) Riese of Ormond Beach, FL; 4 grandchildren, David (Caitlynn) Usherwood, Ethan (Morgan) Usherwood, Abigail & Ty McHerron; 3 great granddaughters, Ad-dilynn, Kaylee & Gabby Usherwood. ♦



(ltoR) DeWitt Rotarians Tom Heister, Keith & Jacky Robisch, and Mark Matt.

DeWitt Rotarians packed 48 boxes of books destined for third-world countries where children are in need for CNY Books for the World. The F-M School District donated the old library books which were sorted and packed by hand. Participating were Jacky & Keith Robisch, Tom Heister, James Diffin, and Mark & Cheryl Matt. ♦



## DEWITT ROTARY AND PASS DA R.O.C.K.

Mark Strodel | DeWitt



(LtoR) DeWitt Rotary president Ken Souser, Rotary board member Davis Yohe, founder & Executive Director of Pass Da R.O.C.K., Nate Pena along with class participants (not in order) Taysir Briggs, Ater Aman, Djay Johnson, Anyan Williams, Patrick Fisher, Brian Hall, Jetty Hideon, Ijalon Mallory, Ramari Days, and Jaden Peña).

The young men in the photo are participating in Pass Da R.O.C.K.'s Life Empowerment Program. This program provides an opportunity for inner-city youth to receive basic training in areas such as construction, electrical, culinary arts, and other necessary life skills that they can apply to their daily lives. This will give each young person a sense of empowerment in a positive and safe community environment.

Recently, The Rotary Club of DeWitt Made a \$2500.00 donation at an actual class where the group was learning to frame out a wall, sheet rock and mud the wall, install an electric outlet, light, and scone. Once those tasks are completed, they will put a hole in the wall and then repair it. The crew leaders for each project are selected by their fellow classmates as a way of developing leadership skills.

This is a focused 6 week opportunity for the participants which also includes training in culinary arts through a partnership with the Rescue Mission, basic financial skills, and conflict resolution. All involved in the 6 week program are expected to approach this as a regular job. Upon successful completion of all requirements of the program, each individual receives a stipend which allows them to experience a tangible benefit generated from responsibility and hard work. ♦

# 7150 CALENDAR

## EVENTS AROUND YOUR ROTARY DISTRICT

### Tully Rotary Golf Tournament

Vesper Hills Golf Club  
Sep 20, 2021 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### Roger Skinner Memorial Golf Tournament

Pine Hills Golf Course  
Sep 24, 2021  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

### Rotary Leadership Institute

Virtual  
Sep 25, 2021 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Register at [www.rlinea.org](http://www.rlinea.org)

### District 7150 Virtual Town Hall

Sep 28, 2021 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### District 7150 Virtual Town Hall

Oct 26, 2021 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### Four District World Polio Event

Syracuse/Liverpool NY  
Oct 29, 2021 | 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### District 7150 Conference of Clubs

Holiday Inn Syracuse-Liverpool  
Oct 30, 2021 | 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

**Conference of Clubs**  
41 clubs... 41 stories of service

**OCTOBER 30, 2021**

Ramada by Wyndham  
Electronics Parkway, Liverpool

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