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How appropriate that as our young people return to school the Rotary International theme for September is Basic Education and Literacy!

If we ask our children or our children's children what is meant by basic education and literacy they most probably would reply that in New York State everyone under 21 years of age is guaranteed the right to a free and appropriate public education. Asked the same question of children around the world and such is not the case.

September 8th marks the International Celebration and Awareness Campaign on Literacy. The holiday was declared by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1964. UNESCO defines literacy as a human right, a tool of personal improvement and a means for social and human development. Educational opportunities depend on literacy. As you know, not all individuals in the world are offered basic education and literacy. UNESCO seeks to keep literacy high on national, regional and international agendas. Through literacy programs, UNESCO aims to create a literate world and promote literacy for all.

The United States Congress passed the National Literacy Act of 1991. That document defines Literacy as an individual's ability to read, write and speak and to compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goal, and to develop one's knowledge and potential. There is no question that people need to be literate to function in day to day living. Research has shown that providing everyone with a core level of literacy is important to holding together the social solidarity of a nation. Literacy is at the heart of basic education for all, and is essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equity and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy.

A good quality basic education equips individuals with literacy skills for life and further learning. Literate parents are more likely to send their children to school. Literate people are better able to access continuing educational opportunities and literate societies are better able to meet development of a critical nature.

Children are our future and if their level of literacy is low then their standard of living will be lower. As Rotarians, we must support literacy of our children so that future generations can have the ability to survive in this complex and ever evolving society of today and tomorrow. It is our duty to impart quality education and to mold individuals for a better tomorrow. Take



time to read to children, visit our libraries, donate books to countries with low levels of literacy (Books for The World), present children's books to mothers of newborns in local hospitals, sponsor reading competitions, and establish Little Free Libraries in our communities. These are just a few ways that Rotarians can help support and ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy! We must accept this as an essential peace of our work as Rotarians.

District Governor Phyllis Danks
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## DISTRICT NEWS pg 2

## *NOMINATE A FUTURE* DISTRICT GOVERNOR **DEADLINE APPROACHING**

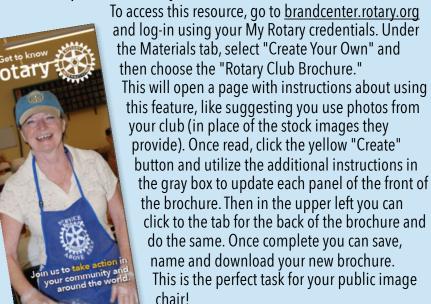
District 7150 is now accepting nominations for District Governor (DG) for 2020-21. As stated in Article 14.020.4 of Rotary International Bylaws, the District invites Rotary Clubs to submit their suggestions for nomination for District 7150 Governor. Each club now has at least 2 months to submit a nomination to the Committee. The deadline for clubs to submit nominations will be on or before September 28, 2017.

The District 7150 DGND Nominating Committee is seeking the bestqualified Rotarian who is available to serve as District Governor in the Rotary Year 2020-21. We strongly encourage each club to consider nominating a candidate.

The District Bylaws establish that the Immediate Past District Governor serve as the chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Therefore, IPDG Peter F. Cardamone is the Committee Chair. IPDG Pete will accept nominations in writing by USPS Mail or by email. Click here to review the requirements, FAQ's and download a nominating form today: http://rotary7150.org/Page/nominate-a-dg

## NEED A BROCHURE?

A great way to share information about your club is with a professional looking brochure, but not every club has a member who does graphic design or has access to software to create one. Rotary has your back! The Brand Center, part of My Rotary at rotary.org, features customizable brochures that you can use to design a beautiful representation of your club.



MEM	BERSHIP
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MEME	3ERS	HIP
CLUB	July '17	Aug '17
ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS	28	28
AUBURN	44	44
AURORA	3	3
BALDWINSVILLE	55	56
CAMDEN	9	9
CAMILLUS-SOLVAY-GEDDES	34	34
CANASTOTA	18	18
CATO	16	16
CAZENOVIA	14	14
CHITTENANGO	34	34
DEWITT	76	76
DOLGEVILLE	19	19
EASTWOOD	27	28
E-CLUB OF SYRACUSE	14	14
FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS	3	8
FULTON	24	25
FULTON SUNRISE	24	25
GREATER UTICA SUNRISE	7	7
HAMILTON	31	32
KUYAHOORA VALLEY	25	25
LITTLE FALLS MARCELLUS	28 28	28 28
MOHAWK VALLEY	30	34
MORAVIA	17	17
NEW HARTFORD	25	25
NORTH UTICA-WHITESTOWN	22	21
ONEIDA	53	53
ONONDAGA NORTH	8	7
ORISKANY FALLS	20	20
OSWEGO	31	30
OSWEGO SUNRISE	15	16
ROME	37	37
SAUQUOIT	16	16
SHERRILL	12	12
SKANEATELES	60	59
SKANEATELES SUNRISE	17	17
SYRACUSE	60	60
SYRACUSE INNER CITY	11	11
SYRACUSE SUNRISE	20	20
TULLY	21	21
UTICA	114	114
WATERVILLE	17	17
WEST WINFIELD	9	9
TOTAL	1,176	1,187

## HOW TO HELP HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY EFFORTS

Many clubs in the district have expressed interest in donating funds to help those suffering in southeastern Texas and Louisiana following Hurricane Harvey. After some discussion with Rotary leaders in the area, Rotary has established a fund that we can contribute to knowing that our dollars will go to other Rotary Clubs and organizations that will be working hard to rebuild the area. Click here for the details on how your club can donate: https://goo.gl/LrRLBd

## MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

### **MOHAWK VALLEY FINDS (AND SHARES) SECRET TO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

The Mohawk Valley Rotary Club has inducted SEVEN new members in the first month and a half of this Rotary year. Their membership committee has been hard at work to recruit new members and re-enroll former members. District 7150 welcomes returning Rotarians Denise Snyder and Michele Hummel, and new Rotarians Eugene Horst, Michael Jory, Joanne Nitka, Mary Reska and Joanna Marshall (see photo of Joanna after her induction). What's their secret? The club created business cards that serve as an invitation to attend a club meeting. Members hand out the business cards, which brings in visitors who become



interested after a fun and vibrant meeting!

- -Make a custom club logo in the Brand Center at rotary.org
- -Design a front & back business card for free at canva.com (feel free to steal this look for your club!)
- -Printing business cards it pretty cheap both online, at sites like VistaPrint.com, and with local printers (even ones that could be fellow Rotarians!)

Make it easy for your members to invite quests with resources like this and then be sure that your meetings are a warm, welcoming and fun place that will inspire your quests to start putting Service Above Self!





Wednesday at Noon each week

You will find us at the Red Mill Inn 4 Syracuse Street, Baldwinsville NY 13027

#### TEN TIPS TO ATTRACT & RETAIN QUALITY MEMBERS

Rotary Voices, a blog that shares Rotary stories from around the world, recently shared what helped the Rotary Club of Edina Morningside, Minnesota successfully add 31 new members. Club President Tom Gump shared ten tips that helped them:

- 1. Know your club's strengths. If you meet in the morning, you will probably be a good fit for a 9 to 5 employee. But if you meet at noon, you're more likely to appeal to retirees or parents of school-age children. If someone doesn't fit your format, recommend them to another club. They won't forget you and may send you someone another day. Let all the clubs in your area know you are looking for members, and they may send you some that better fit your format than their own.
- 2. Keep a list of potential recruits. It doesn't matter if it's a paper list or if it's kept on the desktop of your computer it just makes you think about those people and others that may be a fit for your club.
- 3. Make recruiting the top priority in your club. You can't do everything as a club president, and knowing that will give you some freedom to focus on the most important thing. Having new members - with new energy - will help you have more people to raise money for The Rotary Foundation, serve on your committees, and invite additional members/more smiling faces to your meetings and fun event. Let your members know this is the top priority so they can all help.

Click here for the rest of Tom's tips and make sure your club is taking advantage of this great advice: https://goo.gl/SKp8MJ

Remember to let District Membership Chair PDG Deb Glisson know when you get a new member - deborah7150@gmail.com

## **ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

Learn more about Rotary and about being an effective leader of volunteers with this program that uses a fun and interactive approach to learning. Perfect for new members, regardless of their desire to join club leadership, because it will help them understand Rotary better. All Rotarians should plan to attend multiple times, either over multiple years or in multiple districts, in order to complete all three levels and graduate from the program.

**REGISTER AT WWW.RLINEA.ORG** 

#### Saturday, Sept 30th Vernon-Verona-Sherrill

Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School

> 7:30am-3:30pm Meals Provided

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED** 



SATURDAY, NOV 18

ELKS LODGE, LITTLE FALLS

OR

SATURDAY, JAN 6, 2018

EAST SYR FIRE STATION

Watch your emails for more information on registering for this free training!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Golden Anniversary Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

Holiday Inn, Electronics Pkwy, Liverpool



50 Years

## **DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018**

April 27-29, 2018 | Radisson Hotel, Corning NY www.rotary7150.org



## COME TO CORNING!

\$250/Guest includes all meals and registration

\$119/night - Queen Room

\$129/night - King or Double Bed

SAVE THE DATE NOW - PLAN TO BE AT CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR!

We will be once again putting together a weekend full of fun, education and fellowship, taking into account your feedback from this year.

We have a great location that's close to many interesting and unique attractions like the Corning Museum of Glass and so much more!

# DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM AT www.rotary7150.org

## INTERNATIONAL pg 5

## **DO YOUR MEMBERS USE THEIR REWARDS?**

Rotary Global Rewards is a program that allows Rotarian businesses to offer discounts to fellow members, give back to Rotary while purchasing services and items from partners, and where Rotarians get discounts on things like travel and more. This is a big perk of membership and a recent survey showed that 1 in 5 Rotarians considered it a factor when deciding to renew their membership. Over half of Rotarians surveyed agree it adds value to their membership, but the program needs to be promoted more within clubs and districts so more can take advantage of it. To help with this, Rotary is working on a simplified mobile version of Rotary Global Rewards to make it easier to access and soon there will be video tutorials that show you how to navigate the site to find the deals. Click here to browse current rewards: <a href="https://goo.gl/s1kBsS">https://goo.gl/s1kBsS</a>

You will need your My Rotary log-in to access the rewards. Make sure your club members realize this program is available to them and they know how to access it at rotary.org.

### PLAN SOMETHING BIG FOR WORLD POLIO DAY

World Polio Day is 24 October, so now is the time to start planning events in your community. Use the resources available on <a href="mailto:end-polio.org">endpolio.org</a> to get started. You'll find everything you need to plan and promote your event, including outreach guides, sample press releases, and social media messages and graphics.

Last year, 1,400 World Polio Day events took place in 90 countries. Let your community know that the fight isn't over and that Rotary is leading the way toward a polio-free world!

Join the celebration, and register your event here: https://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event

For newer members, here is a great article about our fight against polio: <a href="https://goo.gl/okKQ1r">https://goo.gl/okKQ1r</a>



### TORONTO HOTELS BOOKING UP FOR INTERN'L CONVENTION

Toronto is hosting a separate citywide event during the Rotary Convention that is raising demand and prices for hotels. To make sure you find a room at a rate that meets your needs, we encourage you to book your hotel through Experient as soon as possible.

Benefits of booking through Rotary's housing partner include:

- -One low rate, including taxes and fees
- -Transportation to convention facilities provided by Rotary shuttle service
- -Amenities including free Wi-Fi (vary by hotel, so please review the hotel description)
- -Breakfast at a discounted rate unless otherwise noted
- -Support before, during, and after your stay, including hotel staff who can answer questions about event hours and transportation
- -Options to fit every budget
- -Flexible payment options
- -Ability to manage your reservation online

**Booking a hotel does not cost anything** until they charge you for one night's stay in May 2018 to hold your space, and you don't even have to be registered for convention yet (although you should do that too because the price is only going to go up!).

DON'T WAIT! BOOK YOUR STAY TODAY!

http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/accommodations

## CONVENTIONAL

Just a short drive away in Toronto, this is your best opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event like an international convention.

Register now to get the best price!

#### **BOOK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE**

With a couple dozen hotels on the list for the convention and almost half already sold out, YOU CANNOT WAIT TO BOOK YOUR STAY!

REGISTER & BOOK YOUR HOTEL ON THE SAME SITE



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER & BOOK HOTELS ONLINE

## **CLUB NEWS pg 6**

#### DISTRICT VISITS CLUBS FOR RLI

Several teams of Rotarians fanned out across the district to share with clubs the importance of attending Rotary Leadership Institute, with this year's session taking place in Verona on September 30th. This Rotary partner program is the ideal way for new members to learn more about Rotary and veteran members to learn new ways to have successful clubs. The day of learning includes breakfast and lunch, and is a great way for members to connect with other clubs. Register by September 15th at rlinea.org.



PDG Mac, Assistant Governor Clark and Hamilton Club President Matt after Mac & Clark did their presentation about RLI. They signed up two Rotarians to attend RLI on the spot!

DGE Marv & Rotarian Janet presented an explanation of what to expect at RLI to the Baldwinsville Club, signing up over a dozen members to attend.



## DG VISITS B'VILLE



On a beautiful day in early August, District Governor Phyllis paid her official visit to the Baldwinsville Rotary Club. It was a fun meeting with a 70th birthday cake surprise for member Jenny Doane. Members heard from DG Phyllis about her hopes and goals, as well as RI's goals for this Rotary year, including helping the planet by planting a tree for each

member in the club. She gave President Don a banner with this year's theme "Rotary: Making A Difference." In return, the club presented her with a traditional donation to the Rotary International Foundation. Baldwinsville wishes DG Phyllis a wonderful year!

#### **DG VISITS KUYAHOORA ROTARY**

Due to new ownership and remodeling of the Blue Rose Restaurant the District Governor's (Phillis Danks) visit (August 8, 2017) to the Kuyahoora Rotary Club was held the Gortner Residence. A picnic was held for members with their spouses, and guests included Phillis Danks, Roger Skinner and Tony Piana. The weather was great and a good time was had by all. Pictured below is from left to right is Phillis Danks (District Governor) and Dorene Gortner (President Elect).



## AUBURN HONORS ORIGINAL MEETING PLACE WITH NEW SIGN

Mayor Michael Quill anchors a crew of Auburn Rotarians to dedicate the club's Founders Plaque. The 'First Meeting' sign is on the side lawn of the Empower Federal Credit Union in downtown Auburn. The site is where the Osborne House Hotel stood for many years (until replaced by other businesses



and ultimately removed in the early part of this century.) Auburn Rotary was founded here April 15, 1915.

Others pictured are from I to r: Paul Barrus, Rotary President Tim Kelly, Diana Slywiak of Empower FCU, Marty Hahn, Bob Edmunds, Mayor, Heather Edmunds, Ed Helinski, Beth Edmunds, Henry MacDonald, Joan MacDonald.

## **DG VISITS OSWEGO NOON CLUB & THEY STUFF A BUS**



Special guests, District 7150 District Governor Phyllis Danks and Assistant Governor Jenny Doane, attended this weeks Oswego Rotary Club meeting. Ms. Danks serves in her role as the DG of District 7150 for the Rotary fiscal year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018. Danks spoke of the Rotary International goals for the fiscal year along with her own personal goals for District 7150. Congratulations and welcome! Danks, Doane and club President Carrie Penoyer also welcomed Executive Director of the United Way of Greater Oswego County Patrick DeWine to present him with a box of Stuff a Bus school supplies donated by club members. Pictured are: Jenny Doane, Carrie Penoyer and Phyllis Danks. Also, Jenny Doane, Phyllis Danks, Carrie Penoyer and Patrick DeWine.



## **MORE CLUB NEWS pg 7**

## FULTON CELEBRATES NEW MEMBER & PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Brian Pulvino,
Superintendent of the
Fulton City School
District, was inducted as
a new Fulton Rotarian at
a recent meeting. In
photo, Fulton Rotary
President Jerry Seguin,
left, and District Governor
Phyllis Danks welcome

Pulvino. Pulvino joined the school district in July 2016 and is a welcome member of the Fulton club.

Richard Kemmis, center, retired as Director of Administrative Services for the Fulton City School District, was honored by the Fulton Rotary Club for **50 years of Perfect Attendance**. A past president of the Fulton Rotary Club, Kemmis has held many other offices at the club and district levels and was one of the



founders of the Memorial Day Salute. In photo, he is congratulated by Fulton Rotary President Jerry Seguin and District Governor Phyllis Danks.

## ADIRONDACK FOOTHILLS THANKFUL FOR SYMPATHIES



We are grateful for the many expressions of sympathy, cards, moments of silence, and more from our Rotarian friends and Clubs throughout District 7150. It felt good to see so many Rotarians attending Jon Coxwell's Celebration of Life July 15th at the UU Church in Utica, NY. Jonathan died in a single engine airplane crash in Remsen, NY July 4, 2017, the day before he was to be installed as President of Adirondack Foothills Rotary Club by District Governor

Phyllis Danks. Jon was an experienced pilot who was passionate about Rotary, aviation, architecture, and helping young people. He made it his mission to be sure there were interesting programs at each Rotary meeting and he continually invited new community people to the Club as prospective members.

Although Jon's passing is a great loss for all of us, we are grateful for the community of Rotarians.

Thank you, Adirondack Foothills Rotary Club, Barbara Freeman, Mark Coxwell, Megan Coxwell, and all of Jon's family.



#### SYRACUSE ROTARIAN RUNS ENTREPRENEURIAL BOOT CAMP



Tech4Health and IEEE Make in India Entrepreneurship Boot Camp 2017 Class 1 was held from 19th to 29th July 2017 in Bangalore as an intense training curated to give the tools and tactics to capitalize on social impact challenges and to shape them into a successful startup. A first of its kind Bootcamp in India based on the rigorous Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Global Entrepreneurship Bootcamp curriculum costing \$6000 was offered for free to motivated participants passionate about making a difference. 30 finalists were shortlisted from several hundred applicants after multiple rounds of interviews. The BootCamp was conceptualized and chaired by RTN. Dr Dayaprasad G Kulkarni (RC Syracuse, New York) - Founder of AarogyaSeva and Tech4Health and

co-chaired by Abhishek Appaji - Alumni and winner

of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Global Entrepreneurship Bootcamp. There were a range of experienced faculties from different parts of the world, successful Startup players, investors, representatives from Consulates and the Income Tax commissioner.

At the end of 10 days there were 6 teams presenting very impressive solutions to some of the most pressing challenges. The winning team came up with an app for sign language interpretation. A team working on sanitary napkin disposal and generating energy out of it got an honorable mention. The other challenges included a mobile cancer registry, simplifying hospice care, a mobile app for first responders and a real time IOT solution for farmers to plan crops.



## **CLUB EVENTS pg 8**



PRIZES | REFRESHMENTS | SWAG

Run or walk a new course through our beautiful community and help raise money for the local food pantry.

ADVANCED ENTRY: \$30/ADULT & \$20/STUDENT

RACE DAY REGISTRATION \$40/ADULT 6 \$25/STUDENT

FIRST 150 TO REGISTER GET NEW FINISHER MEDALS!

REGISTER

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#BVILLEROTARY5K



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All proceeds benefit the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry and Baldwinsville Rotary Club



PURCHASE A FLAG TO HONOR OR THANK: VETERANS, SOLDIERS, POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER, or SOMEONE THAT DOES COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Purchased flags are dedicated to those who, through Service Above Self, have made America and the World a better and safer place to live.

Flags will be flown in front of, WEGMANS on Route 57 in Liverpool, from October 28, 2017 to November 12, 2017. A special flag dedication ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 5th at 10AM in front of the flag display.

Flags are \$30.00 each

and includes your flag being flown in the field and a flag card. If you have purchased a flag from us in the past, it will be \$15.00 to re-fly your flag in the field.

To purchase a flag or to re-fly, please go to our website at www.onondaganorthrotary.com

## SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

Get your club's news to the editor by the 25th of each month! Email to Lizzy Flinn-Brown at ebrown@advancemediany.com

Oswego Rotary's

## ITALIAN FEAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 | 4pm-7:30pm AT THE AMERICAN FOUNDRY

TICKETS \$13/adult | \$7/kids under 12 | FREE for kids under 5

#### **MENU:**

Lasagna, Italian Bread, Salad & Tiramisu

Wine Basket Raffle & Lottery Board Raffle

Cash Bar

Take Out Available

Tickets available at The Palladium-Times, DuFore's, The American Foundry or from any Oswego Rotary Member

Oswego Rotary's ITALIAN FEAST is a fundraiser for the Oswego Rotary Club and the proceeds go toward the many services the club provides during the year, including scholarships, the annual Top 100 Student Dinner, the annual regional final of the Scripp's National Spelling Bee and more!

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE pg 9

## DEWITT GIVES BACK WITH MONEY & HARD WORK

Recently a donation was given to Hope for Heather at one of DeWitt Rotary's weekly meetings. The funds will help the organization



provide educational materials on ovarian cancer at their booth at the NY State Fair. Photo left to right- Frieda Weeks, president "Hope for Heather"; Mark Hansen, Dewitt Rotary Philanthropy Chair, and James Wright, President Dewitt Rotary.

This summer DeWitt Rotary has been cultivating, weeding, and raking at Dewitt Rotary's sponsored Butternut Creek Trail in Dewitt. During the week of August 14th all of the areas around the flower beds and benches were prepped and the Dewitt Parks Dept dropped loads of

mulch which were spread thanks to a number of DeWitt Rotary members including Dr Mike Cadin, Mark Strodel, Mel Rubinstein, Mark Hansen, Kerin Rigney, Don Burns, Keith Robisch, Ben Wallace (son of Rotarian Holly Wallace), and volunteer Mike Atkinson. It was a real team effort and the results are truly wonderful. You may want to take some time to walk the trail and the boardwalk over the wetlands. The Butternut Creek trail goes from Kinne Rd to the rear of Wegman's on E. Genesee St.



Photo left to right- Rotarians Don Burns, Mark Strodel, volunteer Mike Atkinson, and Rotarian Dr. Mike Cadin finish mulching the gardens on Friday morning August 18th.

### **B'VILLE PINS TWO NEW PHF+1**



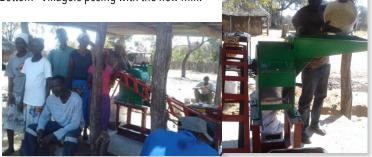
The club took advantage of having DG Phyllis at their August 2nd meeting to have the District Governor present two Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) awards. Members Bruce Stebbins and Janet Joslyn both received a PHF+1 pin. Congratulations to them both and thanks to them for their dedication to Service Above Self!

## **B'VILLE DONATES MILL**

In the early spring of 2017, Rotarian Joan Patchett presented an idea to the Baldwinsville Rotary Club board to donate a corn grinding mill to a village in Zimbabwe at a cost of \$3,500. Before the end of summer, the project is already complete! Joan met Themba while on a trip to Africa years ago and has kept in touch with him and his family. For years, his village has had to haul their corn to a nearby village to have it milled, so he asked if Joan could help with a donation that would benefit his entire community. After club-wide discussion, it was agreed we would support this project right away. After some careful work to transfer the funds wisely, and help from the local Bulawayo Rotary Club to receive and disperse the funds, the corn mill has been purchased and installed. Thanks to Joan for bringing us the opportunity to do an international project that allowed us to positively impact the community of Ngamo, Zimbabwe! In the photos:

Right- Pouring corn into the mill.

Bottom - Villagers posing with the new mill.



### FULTON NOON ROTARY PINS PHF & DELIVERS GRANT

Fulton Rotary Club Foundation recently honored immediate past President Helen Hoefer, making a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation in recognition of her many contributions to Rotary and the Fulton and Oswego County community. Ms. Hoefer, Community Services Director for



Oswego County Catholic Charities, has served the Fulton community for several years. As a member of Fulton Rotary for several years and President in 2016-2017, she spearheaded many community projects that meet the organization's mission of service. Shown from left are Fulton Rotary Secretary Judy Young, President Jerry Seguin, Ms. Hoefer, and District Governor Phyllis Danks.



The Fulton Rotary Club presented a grant to the Friends of Great Bear to provide an entrance sign and interpretive signs for the Great Bear Recreational Area on Route 57 south of Fulton. Rotary District 7150 presented the organization with

\$750, while the Fulton club contributed another \$1,000. The local club also contributed to the Friends of Great Bear fundraising campaign to purchase property at the north end of the park. Shown from left are Friends of Great Bear members Dick Drosse, Margaret Bocsor, and Naneen Drosse, District Governor Phyllis Danks, and Fulton club Grants Chairman Lori Greeney.

## ROTARY YOUTH pg 10

### KUYAHOORA ROTARY YOUTH AWARDS

#### **Poland Central School**

Three outstanding seniors at Poland Central School won awards from the Kuyahoora Valley Rotary Club based on essays and high school activities. Sarah Braunlich won the \$1000 academic award. She plans to attend SUNY New Paltz and



major in biology. Her future plans include training as an oncologist. David Watrous won the \$500 award for his volunteer work while in high school. He plans on attending St. John Fisher and majoring in political science and pre-law. His eventual goal is to become a lawyer. Shiane Irwin won the \$500 effort award and plans to attend St. John Fisher to the Master's level were she will become a nurse-practitioner. She is also one of the best athletes to come from Poland Central School. Pictured from left to right are David Watrous, Tom Lindsay (Club President), Shiane Irwin, and Sarah Braunlich.

#### **West Canada Valley Central School**



Three outstanding seniors at West Canada Valley Central School won awards from the Kuyahoora Valley Rotary Club, based on their essays and high school activities. David Krouse won the \$1000 academic award and plans to attend SUNY POLY. He will major in mechanical engineering and technology. Jenna Yager received a

\$500 award for her volunteer work during her high school years. She plans to attend MVCC and become a nurse. Lastly, Sierra Rowe won the \$500 effort award and plans to attend the Albany College of Pharmacy for the next six years where she will receive her Doctorate in Pharmacy. Pictured from left to right are Jenna Yager, David Krouse, Tom Lindsay (Club President) and Sierra Rowe.

## FULTON NOON SCHOLARSHIP & PROGRAM RECOGNITION

The Fulton Rotary Club presented scholarships in honor of Sandy and Sylvia Squires to G. Ray Bodley High School graduates in the top 26 percent of their class who excelled in athletics. Long-time Rotarian Sandy Squires and his wife Sylvia bequest funds for the scholarship to Rotary, which provides \$500 a year for four years to recipients. Above, Rotarian and Squires Scholarship Chairman William Rasbeck, right, and Fulton Schools Athletic Director Christopher Ells present a check to Madden Rowlee, a junior

at Clarkson University. 2016 recipient Austin Wilde is attending Nazareth College. Julia Ludington, a 2014 graduate, is attending Villanova University. This year's recipient, Megan Nicholson, will be attending Colgate University.





Rotarian William Rasbeck thanks Fulton City School District Athletic Department Secretary Helen Speck for her 15 years of assistance in the Rotary Club's Sandy and Sylvia Squires Scholarship program. Mrs. Speck, who has been with the

district almost 39 years, was presented with a certificate and gift by Fulton Rotary President Jerry Seguin at a recent meeting.

### **WELCOMING INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS TO CNY!**

