

Reporting HYBRID Meeting of Aug 9, 2021

Calendar of Events

This Week: 8/9 District Gov. Bruce McConnolee
Next Week: 8/16 No Meeting
Coming Up: 8/18 Informal Social @ 5pm at Galway Rock Winery
8/26 Multi Club Social, details to come
8/30 TBA
9/9 Multi-Club Service Project, details to come
9/22 Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser, details to come

Note: Regular ZOOM Meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 pm.
Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer ZOOM ID# and Password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower and Dan Stec.

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Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves

WELCOME NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR, BRUCE McCONNOLEE

President Dan introduced Loraine McConnolee who enthusiastically introduced her husband, our new District Governor, Bruce McConnolee. An obvious proponent of challenging Rotary projects, Bruce shared stories of helping restore and relocate an historic Whipple bridge and a few years later, constructing a bridge across Indian Kill Creek during a "Rotary Day of Service".

Focusing on projects served to introduce the 2021-2022 Rotary district theme: "**Service to Change Lives – Build Bigger Projects**".

Bruce outlined a plan that will fulfill the new Rotary "Build Bigger" Theme. "Come up with a new project that will have great community impact. It must be done this year. Work with two or three other clubs, other service organizations, and future Rotarians. Keep an open mind. Ask, how can we do that project? Learn from our past. Learn from other clubs. Expand on it. Look at new ways of doing things."

"To be one, bring one" is another plank in the new Rotary year plan. "Look at your membership. If it is 33, make it 66 by the end of the Rotary year. Get the word out. Know what Rotary is and be able to explain it to a neighbor. Invite friends to take part in your Rotary projects."

WELLNESS, HAPPINESS, LOVE

(District theme for 2001 - 2022)

Bruce told us about three new Rotary Clubs in our district:

Patriots for Veterans Club (in the Glenville Club) – a "cause based" club
Heartbeat Club – an E-based Niskayuna family club
Bringing back the Troy Rotary Club which is over 100 years old

Bruce noted that next year the Ballston Spa Club will celebrate its 100th anniversary. He went on to say, "This year is about making it FUN." He urged our club to let Loraine and Bruce know our plans. They will be there to help.

Along the theme of FUN, Loraine introduced the district fundraiser...a new Rotary shirt imprinted with "a Rotarian at Work, making it Fun." It is available in all sizes and in several styles. An order blank will be in your in-box soon.



Bruce announced several dates to remember:

- Nov. 18 Foundation Dinner @Glen Sanders Mansion where the theme will be "Roaring Twenties"
- April 29, 30, May 1 and the District Conference to be held at the Crown Plaza in Lake Placid

Following DG Bruce's talk, Pres. Dan presented Paul Harris pins to Gregg Schorr – a new Paul Harris Fellow
Paul Harris plus 3 to Ken Crotty.
CONGRATULATIONS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mary Anderson reports, "TIB continues with *over 60 donors to date!*"
- Aug 11 - The Seeds For Peace Concert at Linda's BYOB, bring chairs, masks.
- Sept 20 - GIFT OF LIFE GOLF *participants badly needed!*
- Oct 2 potential date for the Apple Run (details to follow).
- Oct. 9 our Club's Annual Golf Tournament
- Sept 16 (Thursday) Dutch Apple Three Hour Dessert Cruise a great opportunity to introduce a friend to the fun of Rotary. (See flyer).
- Oct 9 Our Annual Club Golf Tournament! (More to come from Steve Caine)
- **OPERATION HUNGER – NEEDS POTATOES AND ONIONS!**

Congratulations to those hard-working Rotarians who made our first hybrid meeting possible! Well done and thank you!!!!

Reported by Gini