District 7170 Newsletter





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Water and Sanitation March 2023

Governor's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Let's all take some time and welcome Spring. I might be a little early, but I will also remind you to turn your clocks ahead on Sunday the 12th. I don't want anyone to be late.

We have spent the last 8 months "Rediscovering Rotary" and I have seen a number of changes happening in our District. We have 3 NEW Rotaract Clubs (Cornell, Hartwick and SUNY Oneonta). This would not have happened without strong leadership in those local Rotary Clubs.

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I have seen a large number of meetings celebrating New Members and Paul Harris Fellowships. We are coming back together to celebrate and recognize those special milestones that are the foundation of our organization.

While we all push to change it is important to celebrate and recognize what made us this great organization to begin with. On February 23, 1905, Chicago attorney Paul Harris formed the Rotary Club of Chicago so that professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Being part of Rotary is very much the same that it was in 1905. Thank you.

In March, we turn our focus on clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. We as Rotarians continue to educate the basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life. When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

Please take some time to look at all the projects around the world where we are making a difference. Providing Clean Water | Rotary International

I just want to call your attention to a couple items:

- RLI training at the Johnson City High School, March 4th RLI NEA | Where people come to learn Rotary!
- Chat with the DG Track March 5th Zoom Chat with the DG Track | Rotary District 7170
- President Elect Training March 17-19, Syracuse NY Welcome | Rotary Empire MD PETS

- Global Grants Seminar April 1st, Zoom Global Grants Seminar | Rotary District 7170
- Our Joint District Conference Registration is May 5-7 https://rotary7150.org/page/conference-2023

Your District Governor Rocky Martinez Rediscover Rotary

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Worldwide News

Climate Action News

Reduce ... Reduce

Learn more

ESG investing can help save our world! So, what Is ESG Investing? Environmental, Social, & Governance. Investors are increasingly applying these *non-financial factors* as part of their analysis process to identify material risks and growth opportunities. ESG metrics are not commonly part of mandatory financial reporting, though companies are increasingly making disclosures in their annual report or in a standalone sustainability report. Numerous institutions, such as the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB), the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), and the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) are working to form standards and define materiality to facilitate incorporation of these factors into the investment process.

According to 'bank.green' \$4.6 trillion has been invested in the fossil fuel industry by the top banks in just the 6 years since the signing of the Paris Agreement. By moving funds, you can reduce capital available to many. Research by *Make My Money Matter*, a U.K. campaign asking people to green their investments, suggests that greening your investments can be one of the most powerful actions a person can take to help with climate change. In fact, 21x more powerful than avoiding air travel, becoming vegetarian and switching to a renewable energy provider. Combined.

Larry Fink, the CEO of BlackRock, a firm that manages \$10 trillion. In his annual letter to corporate executives, Fink argued that companies that adopt ESG principles are "performing better than their peers" and "enjoying a "sustainability premium." Rotarians, who generally have more means than most, are in a great position to redirect their investments as one way to help reduce the negative impacts of worsening climate change.

Actions to take:

Look into what your investments. Can they be greener? Invest in renewable power. Divest from fossil fuels.

Some references:

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- Evan Kurtz

Rotary Peace Fellowship

Applications for the 2024 Rotary Peace Fellowships are now available!

You can help promote peace in the world by encouraging peace and development leaders in your community to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship.

Each year, Rotary awards fully funded fellowships for peacebuilders from diverse backgrounds to study at one of our peace centers located at premier universities around the world. This year, we'll select 50 peace fellows to study in our master's degree programs and 40 fellows to earn a professional development certificate.

Rotary Peace Fellows use their training to amplify their work at the local, regional, or global level. Clubs and districts can partner with them on peacebuilding initiatives before, during, and after their fellowships.

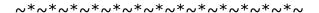
But we need your help finding candidates. Rotary and Rotaract members can get involved by:

- Taking the <u>All About the Rotary Peace Fellowship</u> course to learn about the qualification criteria, eligibility restrictions, the application process, and more
- Forwarding the <u>fellowship announcement</u> to your contacts and including it in club and district communications
- Using our <u>referral form</u> to tell us about potential candidates so we can contact them
- Sharing a PowerPoint presentation about the fellowships with your club members and community
- Following the Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page and sharing our posts

Candidates have until 15 May to <u>submit applications</u> to The Rotary Foundation.

Thanks to generous support from donors and the dedicated participation of Rotary members, the peace fellowship program has more than 1,600 alumni working to make positive change in more than 140 countries.

To learn more about how you can recruit the next generation of peace fellows, contact your district Rotary Peace Fellowship subcommittee chair or write to rotary.org.



District News

CNY Rotary Update

Town Halls, Transparency and More to Come in CNY Rotary

All the volunteers working to build CNY Rotary would like to thank the members who took the time to attend the recent Town Hall events. The three, one-hour zoom meetings brought up many great questions about what goes into a project like this and how our work is going to translate into action. Here are a few of the common questions we heard and addressed in the meetings:

(See the update in its entirety at the end of this newsletter.)

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Global Grants

Through Global Grants, our district has saved the lives of thousands of people around world. It has brought COVID 19 relief to desperately impoverished people in Madras Coromandel India, telemedicine to people in Ghana, sanitation to a hospital that serves refugees in Greece, addressed the opioid epidemic in our own community, purchased a much needed incinerator for a hospital in Haiti and helped provide clean water to the people in Costa Rica. And more

With this in mind, our district continues to play an important role in participating in the development of global grants. Our committee of 10 meets regularly to review suggestions and looks for projects that will benefit humanity throughout the world. We invite members of our district to suggest such projects.

Once a project is identified, there are requirements that need to be met in order to apply for the grant. One of these is to attend a Global Grants Seminar. This year the seminar will be held via Zoom on Saturday April 1st from 9:30am – 11:30am. We invite members of our district to attend to learn more about these grants and also to bring their suggestions and ideas for such a projects.

To sign up for the event, please visit https://rotarydistrict7170.org/event/global-grants-seminar-2/.

- Lana Rouff

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Rotary Builds with Habitat

It may be on April 1st, but this is no joke!

Rotarians from the seven clubs of Tompkins & Cortland counties will once again have an opportunity to support our Habitat for Humanity partners. Rotarians from other clubs are welcome but why not join with Habitat in your area!

Saturday, 01 April from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Sign up, there are only 10 slots so don't wait! https://app.helperhelper.com/opportunity/305020

We will be working on a new 3-bedroom, 1-bath home at the White Hawk Ecovillage in Danby in partnership with owner Sarah, Isabella and Cedar! Location: 30 White Hawk Lane Ithaca NY 14850.

Please park in the lot on the left as you come up the lane.

Questions or last-minute changes? Call or text Construction Manager Simon Gould at 607-261-2856 or IPDG Evan Kurtz, emkurtz56@gmail.com, 607-261-2856

- Evan Kurtz

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Club News

Bainbridge Rotary

District Grant Project Completed

The newly constructed Bainbridge Community Center has been a long-time project involving the Bainbridge Rotary Club. Built in the 1930s as a chicken coup, the "Scout House" managed to serve as a *de facto* community center for several decades, hosting groups such as 4-H, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and the Boy Scouts.

Over the years, the Bainbridge Rotary Club contributed both funds and labor to aid in the ongoing maintenance of the "Scout House." Members of the Bainbridge Rotary Club put siding on the building, stained the building, restored the bathroom, and installed a furnace. The Club continued to donate funds thereafter to assist the Scout House with fuel expenses.

Over time, the "Scout House," fell into disrepair. In the Fall of 2019, a group of community leaders formed a non-profit corporation to build a new 3,200-square-foot "Bainbridge Community Center." Now nearing completion, the Bainbridge Rotary Club, through generous support from a District Grant and additional funds raised by a Bike-a-Thon fundraising event, was able to purchase a new energy efficient refrigerator and electric range for the kitchen area of the new Community Center. The Bainbridge Community Center will serve a vital role as a community anchor where people of all ages and wide-ranging needs can congregate with civic pride.

- John Gliha



Binghamton Breakfast Rotary

On February 8, at a regular club meeting of the Binghamton Breakfast Rotary club, we honored a long-time member and his wife on attaining major donation status with the Rotary Foundation. They were gratefully presented with a Major Donor crystal, diamond pins, and a letter from the trustee chair by Club President Darrell Dennison.

Nikki and Bill Scheider made a Major Donation to the Rotary Foundation. The donation is essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. The Rotary Foundation recognizes donors and expressed gratitude for their commitment.

The Rotary Foundation Mission: The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

What impact will Bill's Major Donation have?

- -Disaster response
- -Basic education and literacy
- -Community economic development
- -Disease prevention and treatment

- -Maternal and child health
- -Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- -Water, sanitation, and hygiene

Any questions, please reach out to me, and I will be happy to provide additional information as needed.

Darlene R. Croston Club secretary 607-426-5981

- C. Denenavy

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Endicott Rotary



For 25 years, the Endicott Rotary Club has counted on her for almost anything.

Darlene Leonard, of Endicott, cleans up parking lots, hangs Christmas lights for a local nursing home and hands out dictionaries to third-grade pupils as a member of the Endicott Rotary Club.

"I like the principles they stand for: Service above self," she said of the Rotary Club and its motto.

To read more about Darlene, check out this article from Pressconnects: https://www.pressconnects.com/story/news/connections/giving-back/2023/01/31/endicott-rotary-club-volunteer-darlene-leonard-celebrates-25-years-service/69848866007/.



- Brian Steele

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Franklin Rotary

Spring 2023 Roadside Litter Pickup

Each year multiple clubs in our district participate in a roadside clean up. It would be a striking image if we could **collaborate across clubs to hold a multi-district road clean up event once per year** so that every club that does a clean up does it on the same day or during the same time in their respective areas.



The goal (besides protecting our wildlife and ecosystems from harm) would be to raise awareness of Rotary and our environmental efforts and to hopefully dissuade individuals from littering. The impact would be that no matter where someone drove in the district, they would see Rotary members picking up trash. A sight like that would be hard to ignore, especially if someone were to drive through multiple towns and see Rotary members in each one.

By having each club answer the questions on this <u>Google Form</u>, Franklin Rotary Club hopes to choose one day or time period to organize a district wide roadside litter pickup during the spring of 2023. Your response is appreciated.

- Amber Gray

Ithaca Rotary

Ithaca Rotary Club Ends Ukraine Fundraising Project with Benefit Concert

After six months of Rotary-related fundraising initiatives for Ukraine, an impressive combination of talent and compassion merged in Ithaca at a February concert for the ages. In many ways, it was Rotary at its creative, productive best, as world-class music was supplemented by an art auction.

The goal: Raise money to upgrade a school bomb shelter in Lviv, Ukraine. The strategy: Humanize this daily tragedy before and during the concert. This included a series of high-profile outreach initiatives



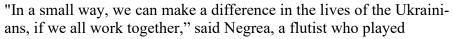
and an interview with a 23-year-old Lviv Rotary member Yuliya Bittner on an award-winning <u>radio show</u>, All Things Equal, produced by Gary Stewart, cochair of the Ithaca Rotary Club's communications committee.



Forty-one musicians, from high school students to senior citizens, performed a mix of Ukrainian and classical music to a standing-room-only crowd of nearly 300 people at a local Unitarian Church. The concert raised \$10,200 to reconstruct the bomb shelter at School #95 in Lviv, Ukraine. Last fall, the Ithaca Rotary Club had raised \$31,000 to upgrade a bomb shelter at a separate school in Lviv, a project funded by a \$25,000 disaster response grant from Rotary International.

"The Ithaca Rotary Club has long been committed to doing for others in need, whether across the world or down the street," said Mary Kane, the Ithaca Rotary President. She noted that 25 Rotarians, including members from two neighboring Rotary Clubs, volunteered at the concert to make the event a success.

Leading this event in Ithaca was Rotarian and club communications cochair Sherrie Negrea, whose family's roots are deeply planted in Ukrainian soil. Negrea led a committee that has worked with the Rotary Club of Lviv, which proposed the initiative to rebuild and furnish the bomb shelters at Lyceum #2, a high school, and at School #95, Lviv's flagship school for inclusive education.





Ukrainian music in two chamber ensembles at the concert. The event concluded with an art auction of paintings donated by 10 local artists, which brought in \$1,800 for the bomb shelter project.

The concert helped raise the profile of Ithaca Rotary Club in the community thanks to the press coverage of the event. Media coverage of the concert included a <u>story</u> published in The Cornell Daily Sun and an event <u>video</u> produced by IC students for their student paper, The Ithacan.

- Sherrie Negrea



Ithaca/Ithaca Sunrise Rotary

Spring Highway Cleanup!

<u>Date</u>: Saturday, April 22nd <u>Time</u>: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Meet: Tops Market, 2300 N. Triphammer Rd, Lansing; look for the people with hard hats and vests!

Provided: Personal safety equipment (vests, hard hats, gloves) and supplies for trash pickup

Volunteers should bring: sturdy shoes & water bottle; Volunteers may bring their own large bags (e.g., dog food,

garden soil), in place of the highway bags, if desired

Registration and questions: Mary-Lynn Cummings, mlcummings101@gmail.com, 607-227-5790

Note: There are several roles for volunteers who may not want to be involved in direct trash pickup, such as driving the support vehicle, and monitoring supplies and equipment at the gathering point. Please contact Mary-Lynn if you are interested in one of these roles.

- Mary-Lynn Cummings



Norwich Rotary

In January, Norwich Rotary Club presented Craig Lawson with an award for being a Rotarian for 50 years. Craig joined the New Berlin Rotary Club in 1973 and was the manager of the local branch of NBT Bank at that time. He served as President of the New Berlin Club for 2 years.



In 1987, NBT Bank transferred him to the Norwich branch, after which he became a member of the Norwich Rotary Club, where he also later served as President. Craig

is a very active Rotarian and is still on the RYLA District Committee, having also served as its Chair. He is also the Norwich Rotary Club's head chef – whenever we have an event that requires a cook, Craig is there. Craig is now retired from NBT Bank and lives in Norwich with his wife Joyce.

Many congratulations to Craig – he is a very valued member of our club and a wonderful example of "Service Above Self".

(Photo, from the left: Ann Smith (Norwich President), Craig Lawson, Rocky & Joanne Martinez, and seated is Craig's wife Joyce)

- Chris Smith



Oneonta Rotary

Mark your calendars for March 10th! Dine and dash with the great taste of Panera while helping the Oneonta Rotary Club! A tasty and convenient way to make a difference.

When: March 10, 4PM - 8PM

Where: Panera at the Southside Mall



What: 20% of proceeds from sales go to the Oneonta Rotary Club

THE CATCH: The code or flyer (at the end of this newsletter) must be presented at the time of purchase!

- Lynne Sessions

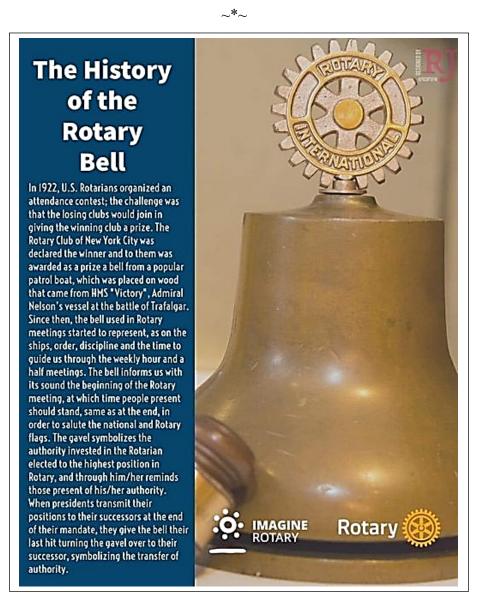
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Trumansburg Rotary

Friends, Rotarians and country people: Mark your calendars for this not-to-be-missed upcoming event! Our flam-boyant and irrepressible Rotarian extraordinaire, Peggy Haine, will perform May 6, 7pm at The Trumansburg Conservatory, 5 McLallen St. in Trumansburg. For the occasion she has assembled former members of The Lowdown Alligator Jass Band- how fun is that!

Ticket information and performance details will be forthcoming, so stay tuned; this is a notice to save the date. Remember, you missed Woodstock, you won't want to miss this one!

- Frank Zgola



The Last Page . . . for reference

Chat with the DG Track



Chat with the DG Track on the 5th of every —this month, Sunday, March 5th—at 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity for any Rotarian in District 7170 to ask questions and talk with members of our District leadership.

Visit the D7170 Events Calendar

for the Zoom link: Events | Rotary District 7170

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Getting club events on our District Calendar is easy!



If your club uses ClubRunner: While creating the event post for your club's calendar, look toward the bottom of the page and you will see a radio button labeled 'Show Event in District Calendar?'. Select 'Yes' to make your event visible on the District calendar! If your club does <u>not</u> use ClubRunner: Send an email with all the pertinent information to <u>7170Calendar@gmail.com</u>. Include title, date, times, location, costs, event description, and a point of contact. If a point of contact is not provided, the default will be the club

president. It may be several days before this gets seen and posted, so please allow time.

And remember Social Media!

Do you have a large collection of photos to share? Send an email to **Brian Steele** (<u>bzps@icloud.com</u>) to get them posted to the <u>D7170 website</u> and the <u>D7170 Facebook page</u> along with your story! Copy <u>7170newsletter@gmail.com</u> on the message to have it cross-referenced in the newsletter.

Submission and publication schedule - Mark your calendars!

Soft Deadline – Send content to 7170newsletter@gmail.com by the 15 th of the month if possible.	Hard deadline – <u>By noon</u> on the 3 rd to last day of the month to allow time for final editing.	Publication!
Wednesday, March 15	Wednesday, March 29	Saturday, April 1, 2023
Saturday, April 15	Friday, April 28	Monday, May 1, 2023
Monday, May 15	Monday, May 29	Thursday, June 1, 2023



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Are you a writer?

Do you like expressing yourself with the written word? Did you attend or participate in a club or district event, face-to-face or virtually? **TELL US ALL ABOUT IT!** Write up a report about it and send it to: 7170newsletter@gmail.com!

Here's what to include for a good story: Who is involved/invited? What is the event/activity? When did/will it happen? Where did/will the event/activity take place? Why did/will it happen? How did it happen? Other details? Other people to contact?

Remember to include **your name** and **your club** in the subject line! And attach **photos** if you got 'em!

MONTH	NEW ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME
July	Transition Month
August	Membership & Extension
September	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
November	The Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowships

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Supplement: Flyers, Forms, Reports, etc.





The Rotary Foundation has established two temporary funds to help people in Pakistan and Ukraine.



Dear [Fellow Rotarian],

As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary continually takes action to help communities in need. Because you are a dedicated leader in Rotary, we want you to be among the first to know that The Rotary Foundation has established two temporary funds to support immediate relief efforts in Pakistan and Ukraine. In Pakistan, a severe monsoon season has caused devastating floods and affected millions of people. In Ukraine, the ongoing war has led to a continued humanitarian crisis. We'll begin fundraising efforts soon to finance disaster response grants from these funds.

The Pakistan Flood Response Fund will help communities recover from the disaster that displaced people and destroyed crops. It will accept contributions, including District Designated Funds, until 31 December 2023 and distribute grants until 30 June 2024 or until the funds are spent. Any unused money will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund.

The Ukraine Response Fund will also accept contributions, including District Designated Funds, to support grants for districts affected by the war. It will operate on the same schedule as the Pakistan fund, accepting donations until 31 December 2023 and awarding grants until 30 June 2024 or until the money is spent. Any unused funds will also be transferred to the Disaster Response Fund.



Districts affected by the flooding in Pakistan or the war in Ukraine can apply for grants from the relevant fund to provide items such as water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing. To learn more and help these communities, you and your members can:

- <u>Donate</u> to the Pakistan Flood Response Fund or the Ukraine Response Fund
- 2. **Contribute** your District Designated Funds
- 3. <u>Learn</u> more about both funds and how to apply for disaster response grants
- 4. <u>Fundraise</u> among your colleagues, friends, and family using Raise for Rotary

We appreciate your assistance in supporting Rotary member-led projects to help these communities recover.

Sincerely,

lan H.S. Riseley 2022-23 Trustee Chair The Rotary Foundation



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March 10, 2023 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EST 5006 Highway 23



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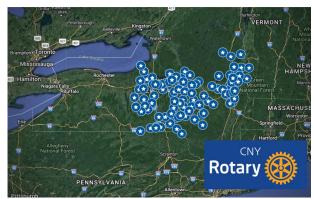
CNY Rotary Update

Town Halls, Transparency and More to Come in CNY Rotary

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Why are our districts coming together?

The short answer is due to declining membership numbers. The long answer is that Rotary wants to have districts be of a certain size in order to justify the costs associated with supporting each district. With our three districts just barely at or below that threshold, our leaders chose a proactive solution rather than having Rotary International decide for us.



In addition to answering questions, the CNY Rotary Steering Committee shared some visuals at the Town Hall meetings to help members understand the footprint of the new region. Here is a map that shows where all the clubs are currently located in CNY Rotary, giving you an idea of how much we cover in the central part of the state!

Will the President of CNY Rotary visit all the clubs like District Governors do?

Rest assured that everyone will get a chance to meet with the President of CNY Rotary. It will be more common that clubs come together for a visit, but we feel that this is a great opportunity for clubs to make new connections and establish new traditions.

CNY Rotary sounds like a really big district. Is that normal?

Broadly speaking, each of our districts currently have about 40 clubs and about 1,000 members. So becoming CNY Rotary with about 115 clubs and about 3,000 members sounds pretty big. Having a district that takes five hours in the car to connect its furthest corners is a new challenge for us, but none of this is new or unique in Rotary. Many districts cover regions far larger, like the entire state of Alaska. Some requiring boat or airplane travel. Many span multiple countries. There are leaders who must be bilingual in order to communicate with all of their members. And we are not talking about districts on the other side of the world either. You can find districts with these added travel and distance challenges right here in North America. CNY Rotary's leadership team will be built to serve this larger footprint and in-person gatherings will be adapted to be as accommodating as possible. Thankfully we are all adept at virtual meetings, which will make it even easier to stay connected in between our get-togethers!

How do these changes impact my everyday experience in Rotary?

This is a great question! The average member is not likely to notice anything change in their club experience as we transition to CNY Rotary. Clubs will continue to operate autonomously just as they do today. Club leaders who receive training, support and resources from the district will have new, expanded teams to work with.

There will be many more leadership roles on district committees, providing more members with rewarding opportunities to serve their fellow Rotarians. So, if you want to serve in new ways, it is great news for you!

CNY Rotary's events like District Conference will attract a much larger crowd, which helps us attract exciting speakers and presenters to inspire us with bigger and better ways to serve.

Speaking of the District Conference, you will get an opportunity to connect with members of the CNY Rotary Steering Committee and hear the latest news at our joint District Conference in Clayton, NY May 5-7, 2023. Get details and register at www.rotary7150.org!

There are more questions and answers from the Town Halls available on the FAQ's page at www.cnyrotary.org.

These three Town Hall meetings brought people up to speed on what work has been done so far, but there is still much more to be done. The Steering Committee will continue to provide updates like these in your district newsletters, post details to their social channels on Facebook and Instagram @cnyrotary, and update their web site with additional information as it becomes available. Please follow along to stay informed and reach out using the contact form at www.cnyrotary.org any time you can't find an answer to your question.

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