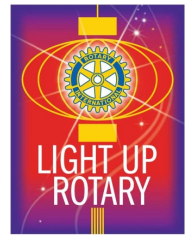




Governor Pat's District Notes



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

A group of 16 from District 7170 traveled to Sydney, Australia for the convention. Our group included Lana and Larry Rouff, Dave and Mary Flinn, Mel and Jane Richards, Doug and Renee Larison, Richard and Debbie Matsushima, Jean Cadwallader and her granddaughter Janet Horsager, Tom and Kathleen Overbaugh and Mark and Pat Kriebel.

People arrived at various times, depending on their travel schedule. DG Tom Overbaugh took these photos .



Down Under



Twin Sisters

I took this photo of Mark sitting in the "Hot Seat" in New Zealand. The rocks are made hot by steam underground.



Hot Seat

On Sat., Mark and I went to the trainer's reception.

On Sat. evening, some of us attended the Zone 28-29 "Saturday Night Live" event. Mark was asked to be a "Conehead" in a skit they put on.



Zone 28-29 Director Mary Beth Growney-Selene with incoming RI President Gary Huang and Corina.

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Rotarian of the Month



Dave Martin

The Ithaca Rotary Club is proud to nominate five-year member Dave Martin as August's Rotarian of the Month.

Dave joined Rotary in July 2009, has served on several committees, and is the club's "go-to man" for many initiatives.

"If we need anything, Dave takes care of it, no questions asked," says Membership Coordinator Rob Provus. "Dave has given of his time the past two years on our meeting set-up committee, and did the same for our District conference at the Turning Stone Casino last summer. Dave is creative and his quality of work is always top notch."

Many of his fellow club members agree that Dave works quietly and tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure excellence. As president of Eagle Envelope Company in Trumansburg, Dave also gives back to the community and to the Ithaca Rotary Club by donating much-needed printing services for the club's events and activities.

Dave Martin graduated from SUNY Oswego with a degree in industrial arts education, and took graduate level classes at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications. He taught industrial arts in the Syracuse City School District for three years.

Dave is a big ball fan, serving as a member of the Amateur Softball Association of America for 15 years, and as secretary of the Salt City chapter for ten years. He is also a former president of the Apple Valley Little League Association, and a coach for six years.

The Ithaca Rotary Club is fortunate to have Dave as an active member. He has worked on several events and projects, including Pancake Day, Share the Warmth, Books for the World, and Salvation Army bell-ringing at the holidays. Dave helps manage the club's membership reports to Rotary International, and his company prints publicity materials for Ithaca Rotary's annual Little Apple Fall Follies (LAFF) talent showcase at no cost to the club.

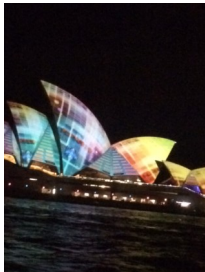
In addition to his full-time job and his work with the Ithaca Rotary Club, Dave's other community service activities include the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce, the State Theater, and Reasons2Smile. As President Larry Robinson says about Dave: "He's utterly reliable and terrific at what he does. Dave is in charge of meeting set-ups and makes my job as president much easier. On a personal level, he's friendly and easy to get along with. He exemplifies the professional service that is essential to Rotary."

The Ithaca Rotary Club is proud to announce August's Rotarian of the Month, Dave Martin.

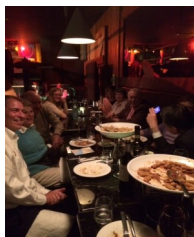


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Sunday was the exciting opening plenary session for the convention. About 18,000 people from all around the world attended the convention.



A district dinner was organized for Sunday evening at the Ventuno Italian restaurant on the harbor. A great time was had by all.



District Dinner

Monday we had a lunch for to celebrate Ron Burton's year as the Rotary International President. We also attended the Bequest Society reception. Tuesday was another lunch in honor of incoming Rotary International President Gary Huang.

Tuesday also found us at the Major Donors Dinner. We are pictured here with the Broadcaster and Paralympic Medalist, Ade Adepitan, originally from Nigeria and he moved to England as a child. He is wheelchair bound because of polio.



Ade Adepitan

On Wednesday, Mark presented a session on club assessment and club visioning along with 2 other Rotarians.

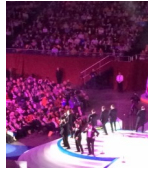


Club Visioning and Assessment

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Wed. was also the closing ceremony with an amazing concert with the 10 tenors and Marina Prior, a Broadway star in Australia.



10 tenors

We had a couple of days of sight-seeing and then traveled home.



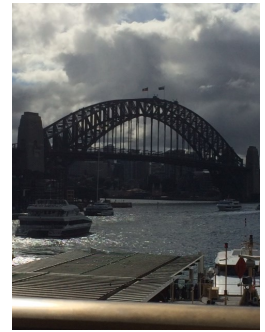
Sydney Opera House



Koala



Olympic Torch



Sydney Bridge

If you have never attended a Rotary International Convention, it definitely should be on your “Bucket List”. The conventions are amazing! You just can’t imagine the quality of the programs. The conference committee worked for 10 years to put on this wonderful convention. It was extremely well organized. The most important part of the experience is that you meet so many nice people from all over the world and share experiences and great fellowship. In 2015, the conference will be in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a very exciting part of the world. 2016 will be in Seoul, Korea AND in 2017- Atlanta, Georgia. This should be a MUST ATTEND for all of us. You will truly see the “International” in Rotary if you go to one of these conventions.

DG Pat

Are you in one of the clubs in the Binghamton area and are in need of a speaker???

Speakers that are in the Binghamton area

Sharon Y. Ball, Broome County Arts Council, Contact Info- 607-723-4620, e-mail: sball@broomearts.org, Topic- The impact of the arts in our area.

Dr. Jennifer Musa, Professor at SUNY Broome, Contact Info- 607-778-5088, e-mail: mu-sajm@sunybroome.edu, Topic- Health for Haiti, students travel to Haiti for humanitarian work.

Ann Bokal, President, Endwell League of Community Action (ELOCA), Contact Info- 607-748-3044, e-mail: abokal@stny.rr.com, Topic- Community work and projects in the Endwell area.

AG Vera Sosnowski's Report

Area 8 News: it's a pretty quiet summer for most clubs as vacations abound and club members enjoy fellowship and time to catch their breaths before events take off in the new year. Each club is anxiously awaiting DG, Pat's visits!

Richfield Springs has had a great year. President Vincent has taken over and they are off and running! **Community Day/Sidewalk Sales** is August 10...no rides but lots of good vendors and they're working on bouncy houses for the kids! One member of their club is the Local Food Bank coordinator and they provide a much needed service to the community. The club is looking forward to their exchange student from Japan arriving.

Milford has a returning President, Ken, so his ideas for fund raising are continuing. They gave out two scholarships in June—one for the High School (Monica Renwick), the other for BOCES (Ryan Winchester). Summer is easy and the first event for them is at **Goodyear Lake Days** on August 16. There will be lots of food, music, special events and fireworks all located on Lake Shore Drive South if anyone is interested in coming.

Schenevus-Worcester has been busy and President, Harry, is returning for another term. **Strawberry Festival/Worcester Days** was a success for the community. In August 23rd is the **Block Party** in Worcester—always a fun time of dancing and eating. Everyone is invited—you don't have to be from Worcester to play... They said goodbye to Nadine and are looking forward to their next exchange student from Poland.

Oneonta outgoing President, Larry, finished off the year with a great **Pass the Gavel dinner** and with new President, Rosalie, provided a good time for all. It's a quiet summer for the club, but Rosalie is gearing up to do great things. She's looking to raise more money, have more fun and raising membership, of course.

Morris is quiet for the summer too. The **Village-wide Garage Sales** were July 19th weekend and Rotary cooks great food at it. President Carolyn, is sure to make sure the fall will bring some rousing events and a warm welcome will be extended to the exchange student as they barrel their way into the new year.

Cooperstown Rotary is off to a good start with President, Diana. **Spring Fling** was a terrific success and I'm sure will be an event to continue for future years. In July, they hosted the **Lyn Edinger Memorial Golf Tournament**, which raises funds for the Rotary Foundation and members enjoyed a **Night at the Opera** and are looking forward to DG Pat's visit. After the July events, the club is looking forward to doing some fall fundraisers.

Edmeston is taking a breather this summer after all the events and fundraisers done in the spring. The club is working on fellowship activities while President, Meg, gets settled in and everyone gets a chance to renew their spirit!

2016 Council on Legislation

Have you ever believed we need to change how we do things in Rotary? Is there a modification of Rotary's policies, procedures, or bylaws that you and your Club feel would make Rotary more effective and relevant? Now is the time to propose a change; your next opportunity is not until **2017!**

Every 3 years, Rotarians representing each of Rotary's 535 Districts meet to consider legislation that governs how Rotary operates worldwide. This meeting is known as the "Council on Legislation". The next Council will take place in April, 2016, and I am honored to serve as your COL Representative.

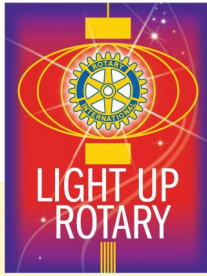
Even though 2016 seems a long way off, there is less than 6 months left to submit proposed legislation for the 2016 Council. RI must **receive** proposed legislation, along with its certification form signed by the District Governor and proposer's purpose and effect statement, no later than **31 December 2014**.

Because proposed legislation needs an endorsement of the District **prior to** submission to Rotary International, we request Clubs send the District Governor their proposed legislation by **30 November 2014**.

Additional information about the 2016 Council have been posted on the Council on Legislation section of the RI website (<http://www.rotary.org/col>). If you are considering the proposal of an item for the 2016 Council on Legislation and have questions or need assistance, contact me, PDG Mark Kriebel (607-727-2420) (markkriebel@prodigy.net). I will also be accompanying DG Pat on her official visits when I can answer specific questions and discuss assisting your Club in preparing legislation.

Mark Kriebel

Council on Legislation Representative



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Is your club holding an event?



Many clubs are holding special events and fund raisers. Some are aware they need to give a Certificate of Insurance to the property owner and have been using the Rotary International provided insurance to do this. Some clubs are not aware. If you are one of those clubs who have not been obtaining a Certificate of insurance it is easy to do on your own. RI has provided a “portal” for you to create your certificate.

Where to Go? Insurance Information Portal

For the certificate of insurance, insurance policies, summaries, forms, and loss control guidelines, it is highly encouraged to visit the *Insurance Information Portal*:

www.locktonportal.com/sites/rotary/resources

Username: Rotarian **Password:** Resources#1

Note: Username and password are case-sensitive. This portal is for U.S. Rotary club/district use only.

Need to Report Claims? Incident Reporting

Report all incidents that may lead to a claim or lawsuit to Risk Management at claims@rotary.org or by fax to (847) 556-2147. The Incident Report form is available on the *Insurance Information Portal*. If your district or a U.S. club in your district is served with a lawsuit, please contact Risk Management immediately.

Click here if you would like to register for the 2015 District Conference which will be in Alexandria Bay at the Bonnie Castle.

[2015 District Conference Registration](#)