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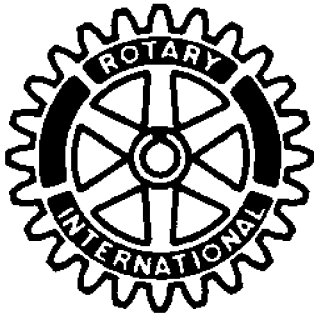


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WELCOME TO THE 2017 DEWITT ROTARY PANCAKE DAY!

Welcome to our 63rd annual DeWitt Rotary Pancake Day. Our event has become a spring tradition for DeWitt and CNY and we're so glad you joined us.

Thank you for supporting DeWitt Rotary. Our club is made up of 80 active members and 6 honorary members. We have men and women, people from different backgrounds and occupations and a wide range of ages from 30 on up. The group is vibrant and the members are real workers. We're a mix of personalities, skill sets, and lifestyles. It's definitely not your grandfather's Rotary.

But we all have something in common. We all want to give back to the community, do for others and carry out the mission of Rotary, which is "Service above Self". Pancake Day is our only annual fundraiser and every penny of the net proceeds earned at this fun event will be spent during our next Rotary year, which starts July 1.

Would you like to be a part of our group? Do you enjoy camaraderie, working on service projects throughout the year, and helping others? Try DeWitt Rotary. It may be for you. We meet every Monday noon at the beautifully renovated Traditions Restaurant. Each week, we offer a delicious lunch, an interesting speaker and a chance to socialize with a great group of people. We have volunteer opportunities for our members each month with something for everyone. And with our new relaxed attendance requirements, we can attract even the busiest person. Contact us through our website www.dewittrotary.org or use the form on the inside back cover of this "Flapjack Review".

Thank you again for your support.
Cheryl Matt
President, 2016-2017
Rotary Club of DeWitt



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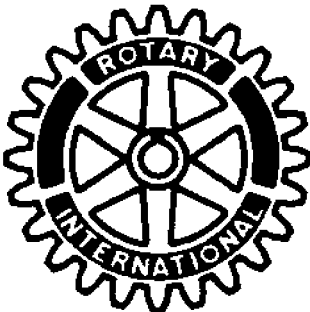
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THE BUTTERNUT CREEK TRAIL

We hope you can take some time to enjoy the Butternut Creek Trail. The area includes almost 70 acres of land with a wide paved pathway for walking, biking, and jogging. There is also an elevated boardwalk trail leading through the wetlands area to explore.

The trail has two access entrances. One starts just off Kinne Road between Cedar Bay Road and Butternut Drive. There is ample parking at this site. The other entrance starts at the Wegman’s Dewitt Parking lot with a new sign placement that is very visible near the I-481 North on-ramp.

The Rotary Club of Dewitt has collaborated with the Town of Dewitt on a combined commitment of more than \$50,000.00 toward the construction and maintenance of the Butternut Creek Recreation and Nature Area development.

On the trail you will see many benches dedicated to family and friends, as well as tree and shrub plantings maintained by Dewitt Rotarians.

The Town has expanded the elevated boardwalk and trails in the wetlands area. Visitors on the Butternut Creek trail can cross Kinne Road to continue on the Erie Canal trail.

Come visit and enjoy the Butternut Creek Trail. When you do, please feel free to let us know how you liked it. Park bench sponsorships and memorials are still available. Please contact us through www.Dewittrotary.org.

Regards,
Dr. Mike Cadin
Dewitt Rotarian




Dewitt Rotarians Mark Matt, left and Dr. Mike Cadin, right, cultivate the mulched bench areas each month before other members weed and rake.



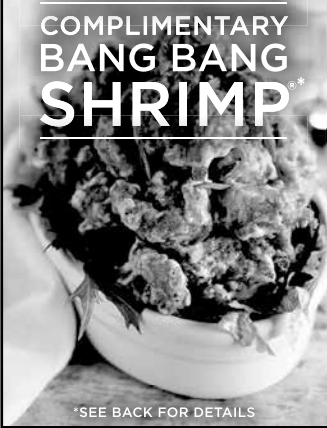
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DEWITT ROTARY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

I would like to take the opportunity, again, to thank all of our wonderful Keynote Speakers, who graciously gave their time to prepare and attend one of our Monday Luncheon Meetings this program year of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. They brought a wealth of information and enlightenment to our members through their expertise in each of their respective fields. Listed below are some of our speakers. Also many thanks to my committee, Linda Ervin, Mark Strodel and Holly Wallace.

We meet on Mondays at Noon at Traditions at the Links at Erie Village on Burdick Street in East Syracuse and we would love to have you attend as a Guest and perhaps consider becoming a member of our service organization. It's a great time of information from our Keynote Speaker as well as from our various committees while enjoying a fabulous lunch. (We will have you in and out within an hour for those of you who work). Contract us through our website www.dewittrotary.org for further information on our activities and speakers.

Program Chair,
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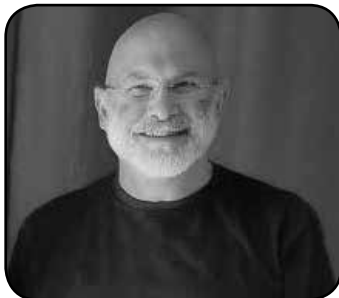
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Dr. Mike Cadin (below, left) of the Rotary Club of Dewitt, NY presented a generous donation to Clear Path for Veterans as well as a plaque in honor of the late Frank A. Gallucci of Cazenovia, a Dewitt Rotarian. Frank was a U.S. Army Veteran who served in Korea as a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division. Receiving the donation on behalf of Clear Path was Chief Executive Officer Melissa Spicer.





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PEACE SCHOLAR DESSA BERGEN-CICO

Dewitt Rotary President Cheryl Matt was very pleased to announce that Professor Dessa Bergen-Cico, of Syracuse University's Falk College, was chosen to participate in a Rotary Peace Fellowship in Thailand this summer. Dessa Bergen-Cico was interviewed by Dewitt Rotary President Cheryl Matt, recommended by Dewitt Rotary to Rotary District 7150 as a Peace Fellow nominee, interviewed by Rotary District 7150 as an applicant and ultimately chosen by the Rotary Foundation. Only 100 candidates are chosen each year worldwide. Professor Bergen-Cico has expertise and experience in the areas of peace and conflict resolution. We wish Dessa Bergen-Cico all the best and look forward to working with her and area Rotary Clubs in the future.





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The object of Rotary comes down to 4 areas: the development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service, high ethical standards in business and the professions with a recognition of the opportunity to serve society, the application of service to others as an ideal in each Rotarian's life, and the advancement of international understanding and peace thorough an international fellowship of people united in serving others.

Rotarians around the world are also guided by 4 principles by which they are asked to measure their conduct and their lives. These principles are called Rotary's "Four Way Test" of the things we think, say or do. It's simply this:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

So, what have Dewitt Rotary members done for the community since last year's Pancake Day?

Well, to mention just some of the deeds ..., Dewitt Rotarians purchased, prepared, and served food at the Samaritan Center six times this year. We funded a clothing allowance for six college freshmen through OnPoint for College, co-sponsored Red Cross Blood Drives with Dewitt Community Church and Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church. We gave out scholarships to students at JD High School and Nottingham High School student. We gave

scholarship money so that disadvantaged children could attend Camp Iroquois in Manlius and MDA Summer Camps. We provided the manpower for the Dewitt Fire Department's Breakfast with Santa. We supported the Jim & Juli Boeheim Foundation. We raised funds to purchase a ShelterBox to help with victims of natural disasters worldwide. We're selling syrup and raffle tickets at Pancake Day to help eradicate polio from the world. With the help of our Club-sponsored Interact Club at FMHS, we packed up and shipped used library books to South Africa through the Central New York Books for the World project. We held several clean-up days at our Dewitt Rotary sponsored Butternut Creek Trail where we raked, weeded, cultivated and mulched the memorial bench areas. We sold bundles of kindling wood to support Monarch Industries. We rang bells and manned the red kettles at two locations for the Salvation Army. In addition, we hawked papers for Old Newsboys and then went to the On Center and helped pack boxes of food for families to pick up at the Christmas Bureau giveaway. We gave financial support the JD Model UN group, the Onondaga Historical Society CNY History Day, and the new Dewitt Community Library being built. We continue to support Clear Path for Veterans. We helped two Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop #22 with their projects. And we sponsored a chess tournament at Jamesville Elementary School. Would you like to help make our community and the world a better place to live? Think about joining the Rotary Club of Dewitt. Visit us on the web at www.dewittrotary.org

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For 112 years Rotary has grown to be down the block and around the world. Rotary is a global network of service-minded individuals promoting integrity and honor in vocations. Rotarians are a community of neighbors, 1.2 million strong, who have the energy needed to making things better.

Rotary Club members meet to develop relationships. Rotarians capitalize on those relationships to gather the resources necessary to take action on sustainable service projects. Rotarians are never alone when they travel around the world, they can always feel at home at any other Rotary Club.

Ask a Rotarian why they joined Rotary and they will tell you they wanted to change things for the better. Rotarians learn about their communities and the world and how to apply their talents through service to better the world.

Rotary is founded on giving service through fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership. Rotarians share the responsibility to take action on the world's most persistent issues. Rotarians work together to: Promote Peace; Fight Disease; Provide Clean Water and Sanitation; Save Mothers and Children; Support Education; and Grow Local Economies. Rotary and its partners have made significant progress to reduce the disease Polio from infecting 1,000 people per day, to only 5 cases in the first three months of this year. Rotary has the dedication to continue this fight until Polio is completely eradicated.

I invite you to spend some time at Dewitt Pancake Day speaking with the Rotarians in the tent. Ask them why Rotary is their choice - and why you should make it yours - for creating positive change at home and around the world.

Yours in Rotary Service, Pete Cardamone

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From left, Anton Ninno of Syracuse Chess, accepts a donation from Dewitt Rotarians Kuki Haines, Tom Carafa, Cheryl Matt and Mark Strodel.





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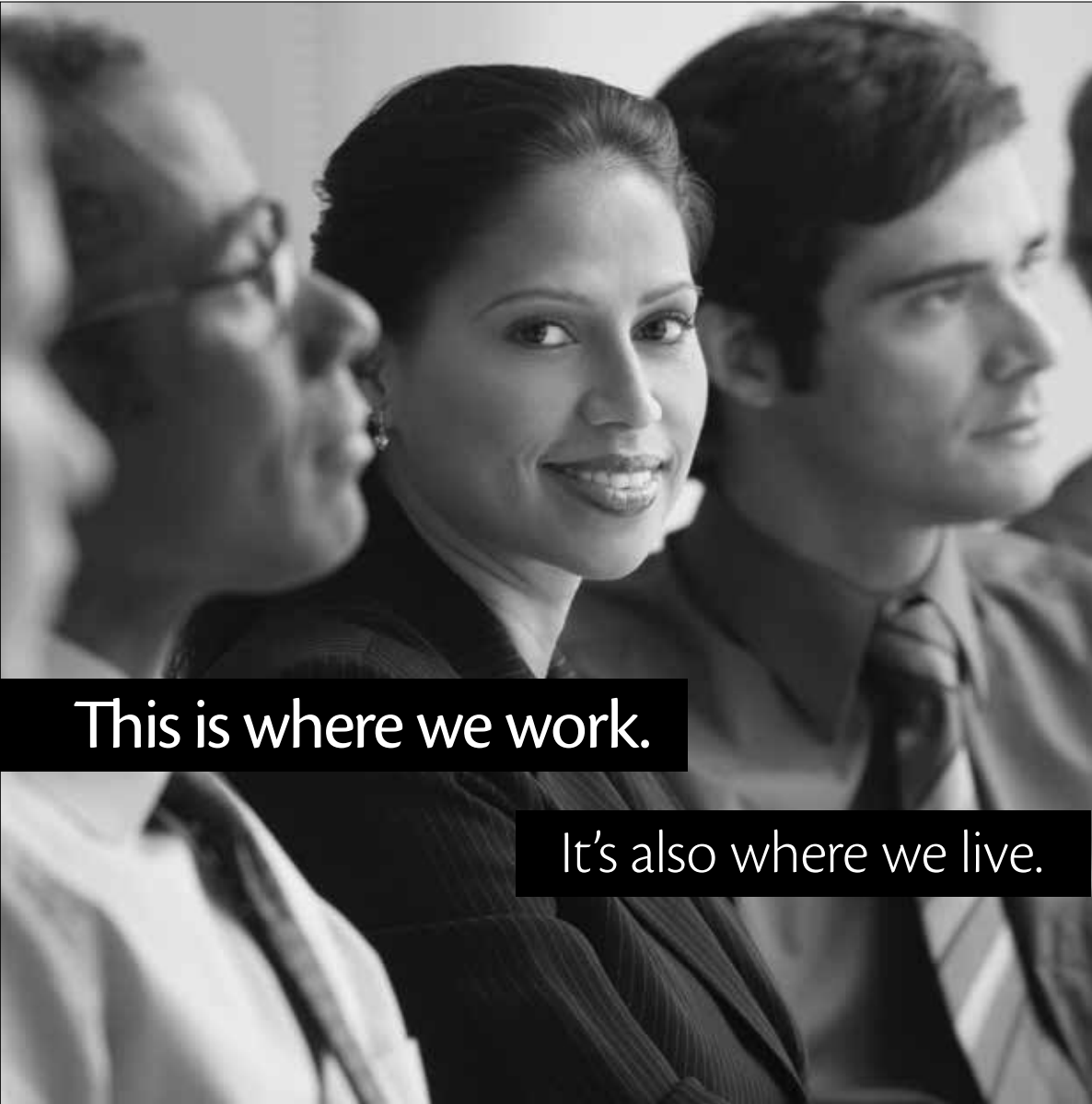
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Keith Robisch was inducted into membership this year. Here, Keith's sponsor, Dewitt Rotary President and Membership Chair Cheryl Matt, concludes his induction with the presentation of his certificate of membership and his pin.



From left: Joseph Schneider of the V.A., a driver for Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network; Debb Parker, Dewitt Rotarian and volunteer DAV driver; Sue Reisman, Dewitt Rotarian; and Bill Conole, Skaneateles Rotarian. Dewitt Rotary donated \$1444 and Skaneateles Rotary donated \$ 500 to purchase magnetic signs for the vans to generate awareness to veterans and to solicit volunteers. The DAV transport vans cover all of Central New York, Mohawk Valley and up north. Volunteer drivers are very much needed by DAV.



At the Club's annual family picnic in August, a \$500 donation was given to Dewitt Parks and Rec to help sponsor their annual Canal Days. Pictured from left are Dr. Mike Miller, Dewitt Rotary Board member, Linda Cleary, Past President, Karen Keast, Dewitt Parks & Rec, Randy Cooke, Club Youth Exchange Officer, Kuki Haines, Club Grants Chair, Mark Matt, Club & District Foundation Chair, Kathy Kotz, Club Programs Chair and Board member, and Tom Carafa, Dewitt Rotary Treasurer.




Dewitt Rotarian Mike Rigney sponsored his wife, Kerin as a new member of the Club. Here, Kerin proudly displays her certificate of membership and new Rotary pin. Kerin has helped with our projects in the past and decided to join us!



Karen Fink, left, and Kristin Lemaire, right, of the Muscular Dystrophy Association accept a generous donation from Dewitt Rotary President Cheryl Matt, center. The funds will cover summer camp scholarships for disabled children the MDA serves.



Former Dewitt Rotarian Tom Deuson,, now of Henderson Harbor, gave us a presentation on the ShelterBox USA program. An entire ShelterBox tent and set-up was erected at one of our lunch meetings. The display and program really caught the attention of the members. Dewitt Rotary collected donations from members and added some from the Club's Philanthropy account to purchase a Shelter Box in October.




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DEWITT ROTARY - SIX DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Celebrating its 63rd Anniversary, the Rotary Club of Dewitt was chartered April 26, 1954. Twenty Dewitt businessmen founded the Club and the first Pancake Day was held at Dewitt Community Church. Some highlights follow.....

In the **60's**, Dewitt Rotarians built a carousel, cabin and barbecue pit at Camp Goodwill in Chittenango, a program for disabled children. They sponsored a cerebral palsy clinic in Jamaica by bringing the clinic's teachers to S.U. to learn new treatment techniques. And the Club assisted with the Cedar Bay Park and Picnic Area as well as fundraising for the Dewitt Library.

During the **70's**, the Club purchased equipment and provided monthly birthday celebrations for those with cerebral palsy that were served by the clinic at Elmcrest Children's Center and JD Middle School received help from the Club in developing a fitness trail.

The **80's** start with our first annual kindling sale in 1980. All proceeds went to Monarch Industries as they do today. And the Club was already serving food at the Samaritan Center and ringing the bells for Salvation Army, as the Club does today. Also, the Supreme Court ruled in 1987 that Rotary could no longer be all-male, and the face of Rotary Clubs around the country changed.

In the **90's**, Dewitt Rotary erected the Dewitt Community Bulletin Board at Erie Boulevard and Genesee Street. They donated funds to the Dewitt Fire Department for an infra-red detection system and helped the Syracuse Children' Chorus make their first trip to perform in China.

The decade beginning with **2000** included the construction of picnic tables and grills at Elmcrest Children's Center, the sponsorship of J-D Little League, and participation in Habit for Humanity. The Club dedicated funds to the 911 memorial that stands in front of the Dewitt Town Hall. Dewitt Rotary also supplied volunteers to assist the women and children from several African countries who were staying in Syracuse as part of two international projects that provided medical care for children, Gift of Vision and Gift of Life. Our first female Club President, Ellie Peterson, was elected in 2001.

Over the past six decades, Dewitt Rotary has developed into a vibrant club of 80 active members covering a diverse range of ages, backgrounds and interests. Meetings are held on Mondays at noon at Traditions at the Links, 5900 North Burdick Street in East Syracuse. Quality programs are offered at each lunch meeting, including presentations from the local universities, businesses, community organizations, elected officials, the media, and subject experts. (Our fall luncheon with Coach Boeheim always draws a crowd.)

Our annual fundraiser is Pancake Day at Shoppingtown Dewitt, always held the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. This year, 2017, marks our 63rd event and it has truly become a community tradition. Dewitt Rotarians and other volunteers serve over 4000 meals of pancakes, sausage and all the fixings. The "Flapjack Review" newspaper is the official "morning paper" given to all attendees and all proceeds collected from ticket sales and "Flapjack" advertising goes right back to support community projects and non-profit organizations.

Dewitt Rotary's service projects address a wide variety of needs. Bundles of kindling wood made by the disabled workers at Monarch Industries are sold each fall and money collected is given back to Monarch Industries. Dewitt Rotarians go down to the OnCenter and help with the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau Give-away, sell newspapers for "Old Newsboys", and man the red kettles for Salvation Army. The Club supports the Samaritan Center soup kitchen in Syracuse by buying, preparing, and serving food to their guests several times a year and by donating toiletries and clothing items to the center. Dewitt Rotary continues to partner with the Dewitt Parks and Rec. Dept. to sponsor the Butternut Creek Trail walking trail along Butternut Creek from Kinne St. to Genesee St. Clear Path for Veterans has received support from Dewitt Rotary. And each year the Club supports new organizations and projects and becomes more involved in our own community and beyond.

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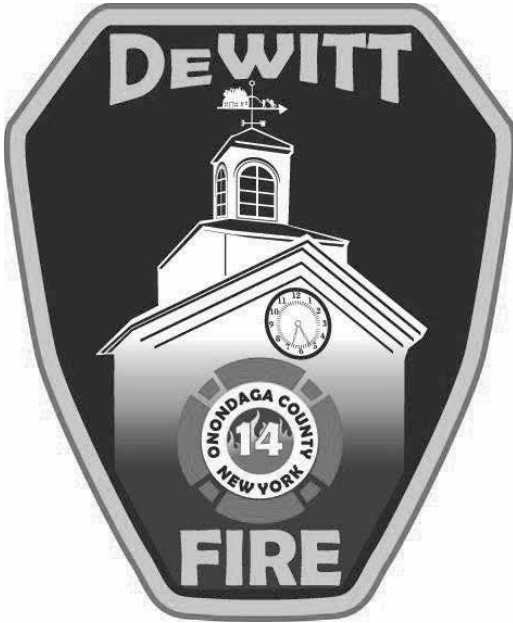
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THE RED KETTLE

Another year, another Pancake Day. I again have outlined below the origins of the RED KETTLE Campaign and its significance. But before preceding I wish to dedicate this article to our longtime fellow Rotarian and Salvation Army supporter Jim Robb. Jim passed away September 2016 at the age of 75 years and will be missed especially for his humor and being our bell ringing Rotary chair. Jim will be missed but his legacy will be carried on with our support and the cherished Jimmie Jars!

In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poor. The biggest hurdle was where would he find the funding?

He worried and thought for many days thinking how he could find the funds when he recalled his days as a sailor in England. He remembered a large, iron pot placed at the docks in Liverpool, England, that passers-by tossed a coin or two in to help the poor. So the next day he placed a pot at Oakland Ferry Crossing on Market Street with a sign reading "Keep the Pot Boiling". Soon he had enough money to buy food for the poor and a tradition was born.

Captain McFee's idea soon spread from the west coast to the Boston area and throughout the United States and today his idea has spread to many other countries. The Dewitt Rotary has helped to continue this tradition by supporting the Bell Ringing effort for over 40 years. Today we still ring bells on the Friday and Saturday, the weekend prior to Christmas. Please continue to support our efforts when you see our smiling faces whether it be at Shoppingtown, Wal-Mart, or wherever the Kettle takes us each year.

Thank you to all who continue to support the Salvation Army and their efforts to feed the needy!

Yours in Rotary,
David Ziemba – Dewitt Rotary

Salvation Army bell ringing has been a holiday tradition. DeWitt Rotary has volunteered to ring the bell for many years to help raise funds for the many programs at Salvation Army including the annual gift distribution in downtown Syracuse. (photo left to right Kerin and Mike Rigney) bell ringing at Walmart in Dewitt.



Dewitt Rotarians spent time over a 2 day span to ring the bells for the Salvation Army at Walmart and Shoppingtown. Another way the Club gives back to the local community. Here, from left, Mark and Cheryl Matt brave the cold while soliciting donations.





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So you still want to know why people join Rotary?

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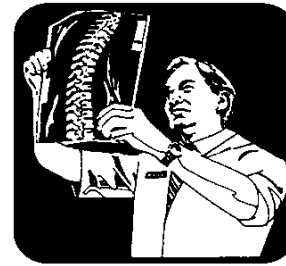
The Rotary Club of DeWitt sponsored JD High School student Michelle Pan to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) seminar last July.

RYLA is an international program designed to recognize and enhance leadership skills among selected young people. In Rotary District 7150, which covers Central New York, RYLA uses a weekend leadership seminar to focus on teens who have just completed their junior year in high school.

The seminar, which held at Cazenovia College, includes skilled presenters to offer keys to refining skills in and knowledge of leadership, decision-making, time management, ethics, goal-setting, responsibility, self-assurance, communication skills, service and teamwork.

The successful RYLA candidate, in embracing Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self," agrees to oversee the completion of a service project of their choice by the end of the year in which they attend RYLA. Michelle collected children's books for the iCan program at Hopeprint in Syracuse. iCAN is a tutoring program for the children of refugees.

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An important goal of the new library is to function as a community center. The new library, which will be named the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville, will feature meeting rooms, new computer equipment, a digital production lab, children's programming, and a café. Solar panels will be installed and an important design feature using skylights will bring in as much natural light as possible.

The Rotary Club of DeWitt made a generous contribution to the new building in the amount of \$5,000.

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DEWITT ROTARY SUPPORTS THE SAMARITAN CENTER IN SYRACUSE

Dewitt Rotary has a long working relationship with the Samaritan Center of Syracuse. Last year Dewitt Rotary, partnering with Marcellus Rotary, applied for a Rotary District 7150 Grant to provide the Samaritan Center with a reach-in freezer and a reach-in refrigerator. The equipment is necessary to the commercial kitchen at the Samaritan Center. They serve hot meals 365 days a year to the homeless and other food insecure people of Central New York. The two units replaced equipment that was 20 years old.

The Dewitt Rotary has several long term service projects, one of which is the Samaritan Center Soup Kitchen in downtown Syracuse. The Dewitt Rotary has been supporting the Samaritan Center financially and physically for over 2 decades. On six Saturday's throughout the year about 20 Dewitt rotarians show up at the Samaritan Center to prepare and serve a meal to a couple hundred men, women and children in need. The experience is one that you will never forget and many rotarians choose to participate every time we serve.

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Samaritan Center guests include both the young and the not so young, those who are well educated and those who are not, individuals and families, people whose lives are bound by the prison of substance abuse, people who are well and those who face the challenge of illness. Men, women and children who have in common their humanity, their poverty and their sincere gratitude for a place of safety and warmth and a nutritious meal offered every day of the year.

The Samaritan Center moved into it's beautiful new location on State Street last spring and is now more accessible to the handicapped and older guests. For more information or to learn about how you can support the Samaritan Center visit www.samcenter.org

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Jim is our guest speaker, updating us as to the happenings in the Syracuse University Basketball world and answering a myriad of questions from the audience. He always brings signed basketballs for us to auction off at the event.

Dewitt Rotary yearly donates to the Jim & Juli Boeheim Foundation with a generous check to support the wonderful work that they do, which we present to the Coach at this luncheon.

The event is a lot of fun and reasonably priced to include all who wish to attend. Think about coming next time and include your family and friends. Watch for our event announcement on our website at www.dewittrotary.org and in the media.

Program Chair,
Kathy Kotz



Dewitt Rotary President Cheryl Matt presents a \$ 1000 donation to Coach Jim Boeheim for the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation. Assisting is Dewitt Rotarian Leo Eisner.



The Sisters of St. Francis brought an entire table of enthusiastic fans to the luncheon. Many wore orange and blue. Coach Boeheim was happy to visit with the group.

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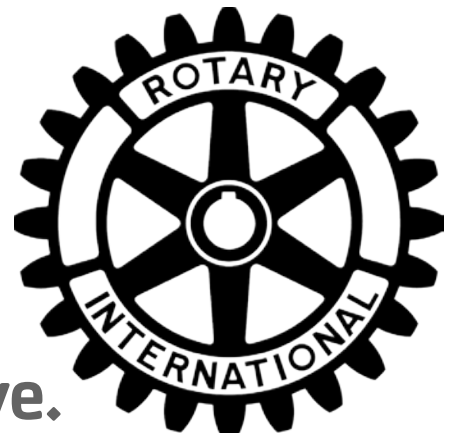
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The workshop is managed by Gary Fischer and currently employs about six workers with disabilities. who cut and band surveyor stakes and hardwood kindling for their support.

The Rotary Club of Dewitt holds an annual sale in late November, of the kindling, to further aid the workshop financially. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. and is well attended by our club members. We serve donuts, bagels, hot coffee, hot chocolate and cookies to the Rotarians and the Monarch staff. The weather is typically cold and windy but there is plenty of good-hearted fun and goodwill.

The event yields \$1,700 to \$2,000 in proceeds and the club usually adds another \$500 donation for Monarch. This event is our third largest fund raiser behind Pancake Day and Old Newsboys Sale.

Look for us at the 2017 wood sale at Dick's Sporting Goods front parking lot on Erie Blvd. East.

Chair, John Shepard, Dewitt Rotarian



Dewitt Rotarians were out in force at Dick's Plaza parking lot on Erie Blvd for another successful Kindling Wood Sale. 2016s was Dewitt Rotary's 35th Annual Wood Sale and almost 200 bundles were sold. All proceeds go right back to Monarch Industries, who make the bundles of hardwood kindling. From left: Don Pair, Richard Gingold, Dr. Mike Miller, Conrad Janke, Ed Glassberg, John Shepard, Bob Retchless, Mel Rubenstein, Mark Matt, Cheryl Matt, Ed Shepard



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Dewitt Rotary has about 80 active members that cover a wide range of ages, interests and businesses. We have one annual fundraising event a year, our Dewitt Rotary Pancake Day in Shoppingtown. This year is our 63rd. The rest of the year we spend on various projects helping area organizations and groups to make CNY a better place in which to live and do business. We support international projects as well. Dewitt Rotary meets every Monday (except holidays) at noon for lunch at Traditions at The Links at 5900 N. Burdick Street in the town of Dewitt.

Rotary is an international organization, found in almost every country. Service efforts of Rotary are directed toward the following areas of focus: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution; Disease prevention and treatment; Water and Sanitation; Maternal and child health; Basic education and literacy; and Economic and community development.

Throughout Rotary's rich history, Rotarians have strived to achieve the ideal of Service Above Self. Rotary's Avenues of Service form the foundation on which all club activity is based.

- Through Club Service, we have fun, build lasting friendships, and make sure that our club functions well.
- Through Vocational Service, we volunteer our professional skills to serve others and promote integrity in everything we do.
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Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet members of their community. Participation is defined as a combination of being present at lunch meetings, engaging in Rotary activities or Rotary volunteer opportunities, attending another club's meeting, or any Rotary activity outside of the club meetings that promote the goals of Rotary. To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian also shares the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring a guest to a club meeting. To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring a guest to a club meeting.

Once you become a member, there are lots of ways to get involved in Dewitt Rotary. In addition to attendance at weekly meetings, there are many opportunities for learning about Rotary and becoming involved in club activities. Join a Rotary committee like Philanthropy, Membership, Public Relations, Special Projects, Youth Exchange, or Foundation. Participate in Club Activities, such as Pancake Day, Old Newsboys, Kindling Wood Sale, Samaritan Center meal serving, Butternut Creek Trail Clean Up, Salvation Army bell ringing or the Christmas Bureau Give-Away. Introduce a prospective member to Dewitt Rotary. Do a family event or excursion with an exchange student. Suggest a program guest speaker. Attend a Dewitt Rotary board meeting. Attend a District event or attend a Rotary International event. What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it.

To become a member, you will need a current Rotarian to sponsor you. After you complete an application form, your name and application information will be circulated to the Board of Directors for their approval of your continuance in the membership process. Once the Board approves, we schedule you for a short Rotary orientation with the Club Membership Chair, scheduled at your convenience. This also allows you, the prospective member, an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about Dewitt Rotary or Rotary in general. Once the orientation is completed, your name is published to the entire membership by the President for 7 days. If no objections are received, we will go ahead and schedule your member induction. The whole process takes a couple short weeks.

In the meantime, you are welcome to attend our lunch meetings on Mondays at noon at Traditions and join us in any of our volunteer opportunities.

We invite you to check out our website www.dewittrotary.org as well as our Facebook page "Rotary Club of Dewitt" to get a better idea of what Dewitt Rotary is all about.

Cheryl Matt
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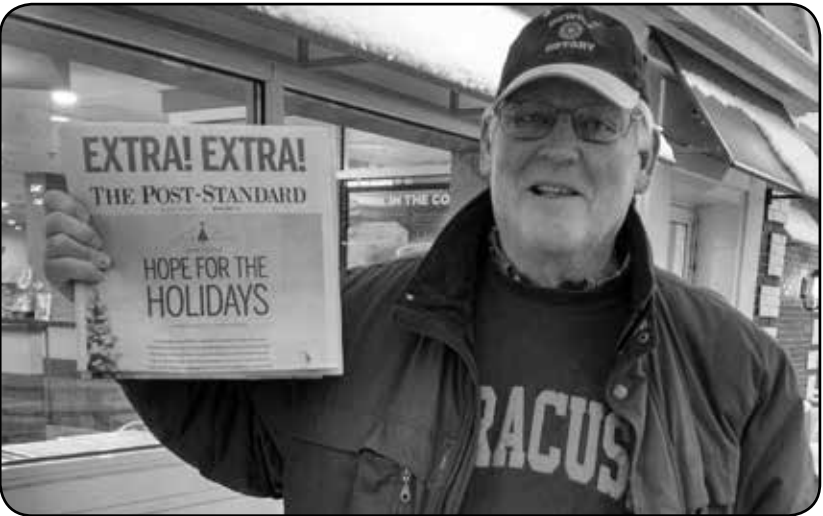
Old Newsboys and The Christmas Bureau has its roots in the Depression of the 1930's and was initiated by 3 businessmen in the Syracuse, NY area.

The Christmas Bureau that DeWitt Rotary supports is a collaboration of The Salvation Army, United Way, The Post Standard, and numerous community groups.

DeWitt Rotarians have been involved in this annual holiday event for over 30 years. Last year DeWitt Rotary raised \$4790.00 all of which went to purchase Christmas gifts, food, and books for needy children and their families.

Overall the organizations involved raised \$50,000.00 for this event and the distribution of the food, gifts, and books takes place annually in December at The Oncenter in downtown Syracuse.

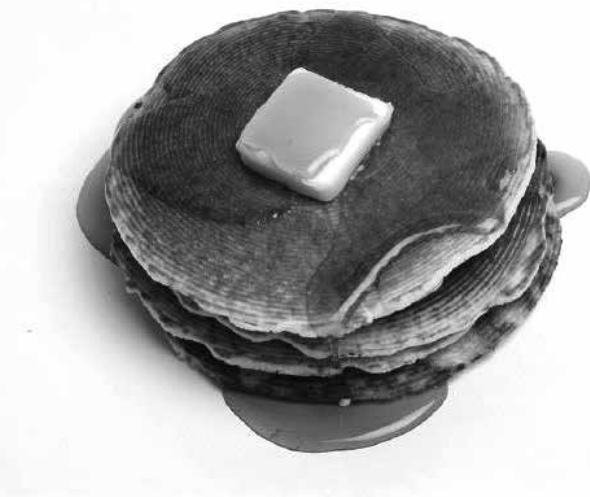
Mark Strodel – Dewitt Rotarian – Old Newsboys Project Chair



Dewitt Rotarian Mark Strodel coordinates the Club members to sell newspapers in several locations in CNY.




Dewitt Rotarian MaryAnn Stark sells her papers at the Fayetteville Dunkin Donuts.



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GROWTH - In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals. When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.



EVOLUTION OF PROGRAMS-

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

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HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE SALVATION ARMY

Dewitt Rotary does not confine charitable activities to Pancake Day in the warm month of May. We keep busy all year round. One of the most gratifying events we participate in is the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau distribution day. And it's fun, too!

For the past 4 years, right before Christmas, Dewitt Rotary joins forces with the Salvation Army and over 1000 eager volunteers to create holiday magic for low-income families at the Oncenter. On this special day, 2500 eligible low-income families with over 7000 children receive books, toys and stocking stuffers for each child in their family. In addition, each family receives a holiday food basket that contains a turkey and all the fixings for a holiday dinner plus extra food to help them feed their children during the school break.

Throughout the year, the Salvation Army and volunteer organizations raise money and collect food and toys for the big day. How do they do this? Through Community Food and Toy Drives at local schools and companies, the Salvation Army's Annual Turkey Drive, the Teddy Toss at a Syracuse Crunch Game, and corporate support. Each year the Dewitt Rotary also helps to raise funds for the big day by ringing bells for the Red Kettle Campaign and hawking newspapers for the Old Newsboys Christmas Fund Newspaper Sale. It's our tradition – but that's another story.

Several weeks in advance of the event, we sign up with the Salvation Army for a specific time slot and to get our assignments. We've fulfilled many roles from helping families to make their gift selections, to packing the food boxes, and as general stock runners. It can be hard and tiring work, but seeing the look on the kids' faces as they choose their gifts and pick up their Christmas dinners makes it all worthwhile.

This is one of the best organized events on the planet. Logistics, traffic, and a horde of volunteers from many local businesses and organizations; the Salvation Army has it all down to a "T".

It is truly amazing to see the looks on the kids' faces as they enter the Oncenter and see all the toys. Some club members take the families through the maze of tables piled high with gifts, while others man the tables and assist families with their choices. Some of the families speak little or no English, but communication never seems to be a problem. Those kids seem to find a way to politely communicate their desires.

Rotary Club members get as much out of the distribution day as the families do. We find the opportunity to volunteer at this event extremely gratifying and fulfilling. It helps us to reflect and to understand who we really are, how fortunate we are, and how wonderful our community can be. As we Rotarians like to say Service Above Self. Won't you join us next year?

- Mark Hansen , Dewitt Rotarian – Christmas Bureau Project Chair



Dewitt Rotarian Mark Hansen coordinates about 24 members of the Club each year who work at the Christmas Bureau giveaway.




Dewitt Rotarians Kathy Kotz and Randy Cooke help sort vegetables into food baskets for each family.

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DEWITT ROTARY PHILANTHROPY

The Oxford English Dictionary defines philanthropy as; the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes. The origin of the word is from the Greek philanthrōpia, from philanthrōpos 'man-loving'. Rotarians firmly believe in Service Above Self, and we demonstrate this philosophy through our philanthropic work.

All of the net proceeds from today's Pancake Day are distributed by the Dewitt Rotary to local, national, and international charities. Charitable donations may range from the small – helping a Scout finance an Eagle project that benefits the community; to the larger - support of the Samaritan Center; to the huge - Polio Plus; the Rotary International's effort to wipe out polio once and for all. Some donations may be one time funding for a specific need of an organization. Other donations are provided to some groups year after year.

The Dewitt Rotary Philanthropy Committee, made up of 5 Dewitt Rotarians, reviews requests received from non-profit organizations, and advises the club Board of Directors with their recommendations. The Committee evaluates the merits of each request and conducts the research necessary to perform a fair and equitable evaluation. The Board makes the final decision on each request.

The Board periodically polls the club members to get feedback on the ultimate charitable goals members feel are important. Some of our guiding principles include:

1. Support of non-profit organizations with far-reaching impact, diverse populations, and a local focus such as the Samaritan Center, Clear Path for Veterans, Honor Flight, and the Dewitt Community Library.
2. Participation in and support of international programs such as Polio Plus (Rotary's \$1.6 billion project to wipe out polio), ShelterBox USA (delivering lifesaving aid to families affected by disaster), and Clean Water projects in the third world.
3. Budget sufficient funds each year to support organizations with which the club has partnered on projects such as the Dewitt Fire Department, Monarch Industries, On Point for College, Old Newsboys, and more.
4. Participate in District Rotary Grant Projects.
5. Support non-profit organizations that impact local schools and neighborhoods in Dewitt, Syracuse, and FM.
6. Support youth through sponsorship of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and the Rotary International Youth Exchange programs.
7. Focus on an organization's "needs" instead of "wants".

Our philanthropy is not limited to merely donating funds to worthy organizations. We also get down into the trenches to "git'er done". Take a walk along the Butternut Creek Trail in Dewitt to see the beautiful trail and plantings. Yup, our Rotarians are there planting, rototilling, and maintaining the trail. Visit the Samaritan Center in downtown Syracuse on a Saturday afternoon. There you will find our Rotarians preparing, serving, and cleaning up after a meal. Drive down Erie Blvd. in November. You will see Rotarians at their annual kindling sale supporting Monarch Industries. Look around as you enjoy your pancakes today. This site did not set itself up! Rotarians did it.

Today's pancake breakfast is our major fundraising event of the year. We spend almost an entire year planning this event. An event of this magnitude requires countless hours of work and planning by every Dewitt Rotarian. But it is worth all the effort because every penny earned today will be donated to a worthy cause. So, the members of our club would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your attendance. You are making a difference.

If you are involved with a charity and would like to be considered for a donation of money or if you need volunteers for your fundraising event, please visit our website at www.dewittrotary.org and navigate to our Partnering Request form. Follow the instructions for completing and submitting your request, and we'll give it consideration. Now, sit back and enjoy your pancakes!

Mark Hansen – Dewitt Rotarian – Philanthropy Chair

Dewitt Rotary Philanthropy Committee

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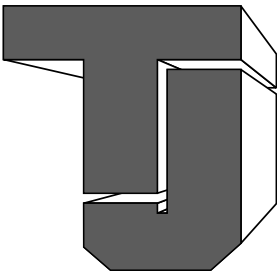


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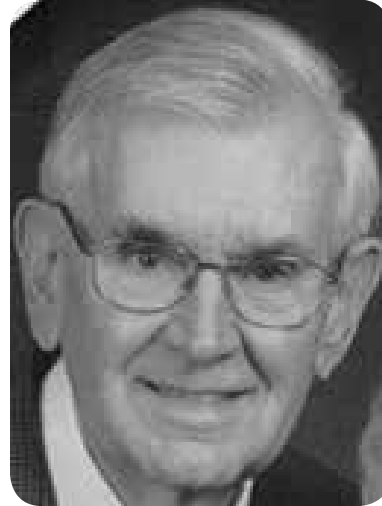
James A Robb Jr.



Jim was a proud immigrant to the United States at age 15 from the "Old Country" of Glasgow, Scotland. After coming to America, he was a lifelong resident of Dewitt, NY, except for brief times away for college, service in the US Air Force and work. Jim was a graduate of Jamesville Dewitt High School, where he met the love of his life, his wife Katherine (Trina), who pre-deceased him but was always in his thoughts. He is survived by his daughter, Laurie Anne, as well as two sisters Ann Gonyea and Eileen Robb. Jim is also survived by a sister-in law, brother-in law, several nieces and nephews, as well as grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He will also be missed by many friends who recognized him as compassionate, funny and generous.

Jim was an insurance claims adjuster for his entire career, but more importantly he was committed to volunteering his time in support of numerous community organizations. He was a past president of Dewitt Rotary, as well as supporter of the Salvation Army and the Samaritan Center. He was also a nearly 50 year member of Park Central Presbyterian Church, where he served in a number of volunteer capacities.

Frederick Bates Talbot, Sr.



Frederick Bates Talbot, Sr., passed away surrounded by family on November 29 at the age of 97. Born in Beacon NY, he graduated from Beacon High School in 1938. He served in the Army's 14th Armored Division during WWII for two and a half years where he earned the ETO ribbon with three battle stars, one North African ribbon for duty in Southern France and a New York State Medal of Merit. He left the service after being wounded in 1945.

He was awarded certification from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1941, where he met and wed his lifetime partner of 73 years, Jane Ruth Zogg Talbot. He later earned a BA in Architecture at Syracuse University in 1949. He began his career as a Registered Architect in partnership with Jack Robertson, but spent most of 33 working years in private practice where he designed churches, banks and many homes in the Syracuse area. He served in DeWitt Rotary for over 50 years and was a Paul Harris fellow.


Throughout his life, he had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and loved family camping, boating and hunting. During his retirement, he enjoyed poetry, writing short stories and painting. His poem "Our Sworn Duty" is displayed in the lobby of the Syracuse VA Medical Center. Besides his wife, Jane, Fred is also survived by one daughter, Janis; one son, Frederick Jr. (and wife Marilyn); four grandchildren, Michael, Matthew, Andrew, and Kristen; and three great grandchildren, Jack, Kate, and Greyson.



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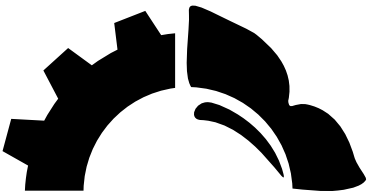
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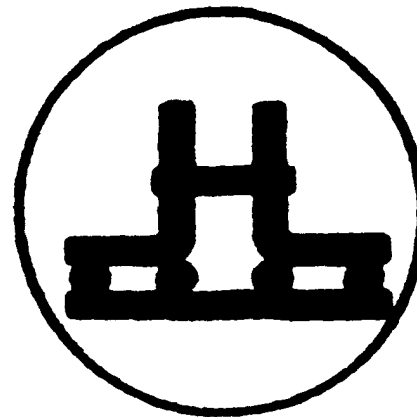
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In partnership with New York State Council of the Arts and City Lore, the Town of DeWitt is beginning vibrant discussions with community stakeholders about the potential for connecting the Erie Canalway Trail's infamous "gap" spanning Central New York from DeWitt to Camillus. As part of this adventure, we are collaborating with the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum to host two Tuesdays on the Towpath bike rides this summer! Tuesdays on the Towpath are a series of guided recreation bike rides, averaging 8 and 10 miles in length and stopping to talk about Canal features or historic sites. Most of these rides are family friendly.

Spanning the Gap
June 20th, Tuesday
Meet at the Erie Canalway Trail Head on
Butternut Drive adjacent to DeWitt Town Hall



This ride is not for the faint of heart. While not a vigorous ride, it will be all on-road focusing on the challenges faced by cyclists commuting between DeWitt and Camillus. The ride is roughly 15 miles travelling through Syracuse's historic downtown. Upon arriving at the Erie Canal Park, a trip into the Sims Store Museum is a must. After visiting the museum, we will gather at Krabby Kirks BBQ before heading back home. This particular ride is a Special Edition of the Tuesdays on the Towpath rides and is catered to more experienced cyclists. If it fits your comfort level, this will be an engaging ride and an opportunity to learn about efforts underway to close the gap in this section of the Erie Canalway Trail. At the end of the experience, complimentary shuttle service back to DeWitt will be provided by Erie Canal Bike Shuttle leaving Camillus at 8:00pm. Of course, you are welcome to arrange your own transportation as well. This is a group ride and best suited to those comfortable riding on busier roads. This ride is not suitable for young children. Bike helmets are required to participate. Please register for this free event with cmanchester@townofdewitt.com

Elevating Erie Ride
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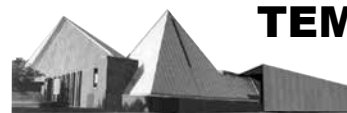
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On a cold Saturday in February, about 20 DeWitt Rotarians and others spent the afternoon prepping food and serving a hot delicious meal to 170 guests at the Samaritan Center. Washing dishes and sweeping floors is all part of the day. Here, from left, Dewitt Rotarian Tom Heister, volunteer Margie Gilbert, and Dewitt Rotarian Mark Matt wash dishes, pots and trays during the meal.



In November, Dewitt Rotarians were out in force at Dick's Plaza parking lot on Erie Blvd for another successful Kindling Wood Sale. This was Dewitt Rotary's 35th Annual Wood Sale and almost 200 bundles were sold. All proceeds go right back to Monarch Industries, who make the bundles of hardwood kindling.



Rotarian Andy Bax of New Zealand comes to visit one of our members, John Storey, every year. He always joins us for a meeting and here President Cheryl Matt gives him a Club banner to take back to his Club. There are over 33,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide.



Getting ready for our 63rd annual Pancake Day was a lot of hard work and coordination. Here our Pancake Day Co-Chair and Club Publicity Chair Mark Strodel offers yard signs to members to "rent". In the background is our club "thermometer" that Mark kept updated with ongoing ticket sales and "Flapjack Review" ad sales. All net proceeds from our event go right back into our Rotary service projects and donations to area charitable groups.



Dewitt Rotary had another very successful luncheon in October with Syracuse University Basketball Coach Jim Boeheim as our guest speaker. The annual event is open to the public and patrons pay for their lunch. In order to raise money for the Jim & Juli Boeheim Foundation, two basketballs were auctioned off through a silent auction. Dave Bauer, left, President of the Sauquoit Rotary Club, won the ball signed by Coach Boeheim and Traditions Manager Rick Bocola left, won the team ball signed by all the SU basketball players. Between the auction and the sales of signed and unsigned team posters, \$ 2000 was raised. In addition, Dewitt Rotary donated \$ 1000 to the Foundation.

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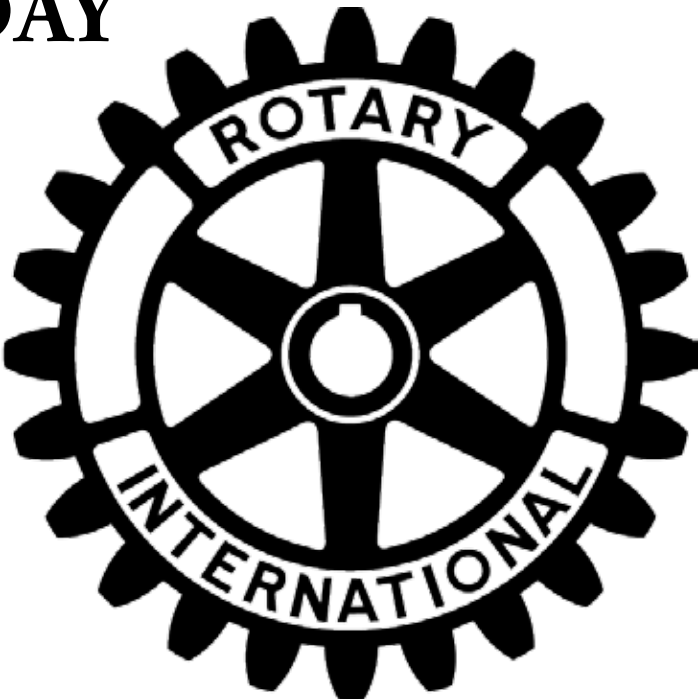
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That is why, on November 14, 2016, Dewitt Rotary held a special Appreciation Dinner to honor those members with 30 + years of membership. The event was held at Traditions restaurant at the Links at Erie Village. Each of the honorees received a special invitation to the event that was attended by 33 other members and guests.

A social hour included music by piano artist and composer Arthur Lemos, followed by a sumptuous dinner. And, for sure, there was a lot of reminiscing and story telling going on.

After dinner Cheryl Matt, club president, gave a stirring speech and presented each honoree with a rotary tie and certificate of appreciation.

-Mel Rubenstein – Event Chair

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Richard Humpleby	1958	Fred Talbot	1959 *
Richard Gingold	1964	Joseph McCarthy	1968
Sam Mitchell	1968	Paul Garrett	1973
Jack Schultz	1976	Don Burns	1977
Carmen Davoli	1977	Dr.Michael Cadin	1979
Dr. Paul Nozynski	1980	Leonard Goldberg	1980
Pat Testa	1981	Don Pair	1981
Dave Schneckenburger	1982	John Shepard	1982
Leo Eisner	1983	Larry Schunck	1987

*(Fred Talbot passed away in December)



Rear Row: Dick Humpleby, Jack Schultz, Michael Cadin, Leo Eisner, Don Burns, Dave Schneckenberger, Larry Schunck Front Row: Paul Garrett, Richard Gingold, Carmen Davoli, Joe McCarthy, John Shepard

2017 - PANCAKE DAY RECYCLING

2009 marked the year The Rotary Club of DeWitt began its recycling effort at Pancake Day. The purpose was to recycle and compost not only the paper products such as plates, cups and napkins, but milk cartons, empty sugar packets and all the discarded food refuse. We knew that some products like plastic wrapping and utensils couldn't go into this waste stream—those we collected separately.

With the help of OCRRA (Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency), Art Diamond of Property Restoration and the support of a dedicated group of volunteers, the waste from Pancake Day was reduced to little more than a couple of 30-gallon garbage bags while everything else was either recycled or composted.

Last year DeWitt Rotary was able to achieve similar success and expects to reach the same objective for 2017. Composting and recycling are not just passing fads because, at the time, it seems like a neat thing to do. Recycling is much more. It represents a long term collective responsibility, through leadership, as to what can be done in the community to help the environment. It is Rotary's duty to show that small steps can have a larger impact. Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" lends support to programs such as Pancake Day Recycling which will have a benefit to Central New York, our students, and the charities we serve. a benefit to Central New York, our students, and the charities we serve.

HELP MAKE THE 63rd ANNUAL PANCAKE DAY A RECYCLING SUCCESS. PLEASE SEPARATE AND RECYCLE YOUR TRASH WHEN YOU LEAVE THE TENT.

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From left, Rotarian Mark Strodel, OCRRA's Ann Fordock, and Rotarian Dr. Mike Miller are in charge of supervising the recycling efforts at the annual Pancake Day.



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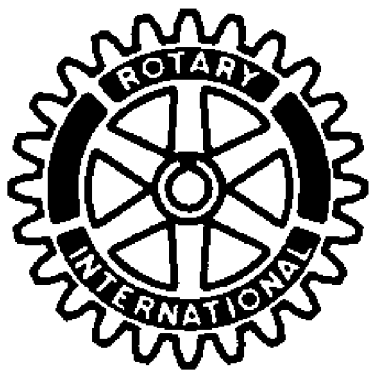


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