



The Sulphur Smell

The newsletter of the Rotary Club of Clifton Springs, NY
Meeting alternate Tuesdays at noon at the Methodist Church Hall and virtually via Zoom.



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Clifton Springs Rotary Club

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



1) **Hear ye, Hear ye!!!!** After the first of the year our club will be going back to **meeting every Tuesday at noon** at the Methodist Church Grace Hall. We will still broadcast via zoom for anyone who cannot attend in person but who would like to be a part of the meeting virtually. The possibility of a catered lunch is being explored. In the meantime, feel free to bring your lunch either from home or from any local take-out service. Coffee is available.

RECAP OF 21 DECEMBER PROGRAM

Our friend and past CS Rotary President, **Paul Griswold**, brought us up to date with happenings at the Ontario and Trumansburg Telephone Company (OTTC). In April of this year OTTC announced that it was officially acquired by an entity of Oak Hill Capital (“Oak Hill”) to expand its Fiber-To-The-Home (“FTTH”) network across Upstate NY, bringing high-speed internet access to underserved markets across the region. This move has actually helped OTTC to grow and add new employees who join with those same, loyal, OTTC employees who have served our communities for many years. The company, which was founded in 1920—Paul is fifth generation—is not going anywhere. In fact OTTC has now expanded into the nearby communities of Waterloo, Seneca Falls, Newark, Shortsville, Manchester and others with its high-speed fiber optic service. Already a presence throughout the Southern Tier and Central New York the new acquisition will allow OTTC to rapidly expand in the Buffalo area. It was a great program and it was very nice to see Paul and hear how well the company is doing.



PLEASE join us on ZOOM on Tuesday, 28 Dec. as **County Administrator Chris DeBolt** brings us up to date with happenings in Ontario County. It promises to be a very informative and timely program. Mary Beer is program chair. A great turn-out would be very much appreciated.

DATE	PROGRAM CHAIR	TOPIC
28 December Zoom	Mary Beer	County Administrator Chris DeBolt
4 January 2022 Methodist Church	Kathy Barrick	House of John—Caring for the Community While the Community Cares for Us.
11 January Methodist Church	Phil “Nub” Allen	Past District Governor Mark Wyse of the Ontario -Walworth Rotary Club

December Birthdays	Club Anniversary	December Anniversary
12-11 Vivian Ryan	12-1-1976 Rod Goodman	12-11 Theresa Dorgan
12-14 John Galati	12-2-2003 Scott MacDonell	12-13 Christa Socha
12-24 Phil “Nub” Allen	See page 2 for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation’s Position Statement on COVID-19 Vaccination.	12-22 Jack Riley
		12-27 Doris Hunter
		12-31 Todd Frelove



Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation's Position Statement on COVID-19 Vaccination

Dear District Rotarians,

We see the decision to vaccinate as a civic and humanitarian imperative. Rotary is not a political or religious organization, it is a service organization and this is the lens through which we are advising you of our position.

Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic and the emergence of new variants. Rotary endorses and strongly encourages vaccination for all individuals including our members who are currently able to be vaccinated against COVID-19. In areas where COVID-19 is surging, communities are facing extreme challenges, health systems are overwhelmed, and contentious rhetoric is dividing us. It is critical that the virus be contained so that the world may begin to heal. To that end, the purpose of this statement is to reinforce Rotary's position.

Misinformation has become an "infodemic" that hinders the fight against COVID-19. In line with our Four-Way Test, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are committed to providing our members with science-based information.

Rotary International staff at One Rotary Center were required to be vaccinated by 10 October 2021, as a criterion for employment after that date. RI's employee vaccination rate stands at over 99 percent.

Globally, Rotary is actively engaged in assuring equity in vaccine access to all people. Our efforts have included advocacy with the G-20, and a proof-of-concept program with GAVI/COVAX to leverage our frontline experience with polio eradication to facilitate vaccine delivery in several low- and middle-income countries where Rotarians are active. While we know many clubs are already deeply involved in COVID-19 prevention, we are working on additional strategies to multiply our collective efforts. GAVI/COVAX is a partnership including WHO and UNICEF focused on global access and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.

Those children for whom vaccines are not currently available are at significant risk. Until vaccines are available for all children, the vaccination of adults is the best way to protect children who cannot be vaccinated. Pediatric admissions for COVID-19 are rising precipitously in areas of low vaccination. Rotary salutes health care workers everywhere as they continue to provide lifesaving services. Local recognition of these heroes by each of our clubs can help to encourage them to continue their important work. Rotary abhors any harassment and attacks on healthcare workers.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to

set good examples by being exemplary role models;

redouble their efforts to support COVID-19 treatment, prevention, and vaccination efforts.

Vaccines have proven to be one of the greatest advances of modern medicine. The World Health Organization estimates that vaccines save between 2 to 3 million children's lives each year, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative estimates the polio vaccine has saved more than 19 million children from paralysis. Vaccines are safe, effective and are responsible for eliminating or controlling many other vaccine-preventable diseases such as smallpox, measles, rubella, and Ebola. And now, there is the opportunity to end the COVID-19 pandemic through vaccines.

The eradication of polio remains a goal of the highest order for Rotary. We can apply the lessons we have learned in fighting polio to the efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regards,

Shekhar Mehta
President, Rotary International

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Chair, The Rotary Foundation