

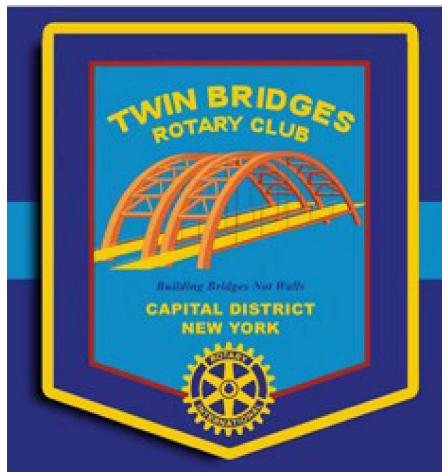


**TWIN BRIDGES
ROTARY CLUB**

*Bringing together
communities from
around the block
to across the globe*

**CAPITAL DISTRICT
NEW YORK**

*10th Anniversary Celebration
December 5, 2012*



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Clifton Park Hilton Garden Inn

6:00—9:00 pm

President

Tonia Kelley

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Melissa Ward (Twin Bridges)

Rotary Governor's Aide

Sandy McAlonie (Twin Bridges)

The Rotary Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- ◆ Is it the TRUTH?
- ◆ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ◆ Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- ◆ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Chapter Presidents Remember

Chuck Chera 2002-04

The first two years were not only challenging, but exciting and rewarding. Most of our members were new to Rotary with a few of us having had prior Rotary experience. The enthusiasm for Rotary didn't take long to manifest itself and for us to make a mark both here and throughout the Rotary community. Our speakers ranged from Jim McMann, Superintendent of the State Police, to celebrities like Dan Pellitier from the Texas Rangers and, of course, local politicians and community leaders as well as other Rotarians sharing the many Rotary programs and activities throughout the District.



While we encouraged participation in District programs and events, we were a very active club with our own programs. We committed to the youth and seniors in our area and because we were new with a limited Treasury most of that commitment was through active participation rather than cash donations. Some of these activities included a Golf Tournament for Jim Fitz's SAFE (Sports Are For Everyone) and Dr. Craig's program for "SIDS." A number of the members gave up a Saturday and worked at a children's camp in West Sand Lake, cleaning the grounds, painting the cabins, fixing the docks etc. We supported Cindy Schmehl's efforts in Zimbabwe, donated to "Chamber Angels," volunteered at the Senior Center, held raffles to benefit youth activities and on and on. These activities helped us grow and also earned the "President's Distinguished Service Citation for the Club."

Lynn McGuire 2004-05

I was honored to be the president of the club during the centennial anniversary of Rotary, 2004 -2005. The theme was "Celebrate Rotary." Several members of the Chapter attended the Centennial Convention in Chicago, where Chapters were encouraged to identify a special centennial project that would result in a lasting memorial for our community. Twin Bridges raised money to install a flagpole and memorial stone in the park at the corner of Moe and Clifton Park Center Roads.

That year also marked the Chapter's sponsorship of a mission trip to Chikandakubi Village in Zimbabwe with the Rotary Chapter of Victoria Falls. During 2004 the Chapter embarked on a long-term commitment to a school in Africa for 300 children: modernizing books, supplies, curriculum, equipment, and the building using a Foundation matching grant. The project, which included hands-on site work, has expanded to include issues including health, clothes, food and water. This project was chosen for First Place Recognition for District 7190 in the Zone Institute Centennial Honors Program. On a personal note, one of our members, Barbara Hofmann lost her battle with leukemia; her friendship and service to the Chapter were memorialized with the planting of a Rose of Sharon in the park where the flagpole was dedicated.



Carol North 2005-07



In my term we:

- Created a Twin Bridges Rotary song using the theme from Gilligan's Island.
- Refurbished a counseling room at the Mechanicville Community Center used primarily by women seeking assistance. A Chapter team replaced furniture, wall hangings and repainted.
- Teamed up with the Shenendehowa Rotary to begin an Interact Club for young people ages 12 to 18. The Southern Saratoga Interact Club was successfully formed with a full complement of officers and began to raise money with just their own work.

Melissa Ward 2007-08

Accomplishments included numerous donations:

- Red Cross \$250.
- Hospice \$100.
- Smoke detectors for the two deaf children \$342.
- Community Table \$2,500.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters \$185.
- Mechanicville Community Center \$181.
- Shelter Box \$100.
- Chamber Angels \$600.
- Gift of Life \$185.
- Karaoke grossed \$9193.



Dawn Vavala 2008-09

Highlights from my term::

- Laid the groundwork for our club to cook monthly dinners at the Ronald McDonald House—thanks to Don Weyand for getting this started.
- Obtained a district grant to buy painting supplies and furniture for the Clifton Park Senior Center. We also painted the inside of their community space. Thanks to Chuck Chera and Carol North for leading this charge.
- Toured Gilda's Club in Latham.
- Partnered with the Midway Fire Department to assist on their haunted house. Many of our members dressed up and succeeded in scaring the daylights out of many including our own Karen Bristol and her children.
- Jessica Petraccione chaired our annual Karoke contest where one of our winners sang with the Kermit the Frog. We donated most of our proceeds to Hannah's Hope.



Karen Bristol 2009-10

The biggest memory for me was the joint lunch meeting with several other chapters where we had polio survivor Christina Homer speak. Her words are still clear in my mind. Our accomplishments:



- Raised over \$7,500 at our annual Karaoke Contest fundraiser.
- Partnered with Ronald McDonald House to cook dinner bimonthly.
- Partnered with Salty's Restaurant to serve over 200 Thanksgiving Day dinners.
- Donated \$1000 to Juvenile Diabetes through our Hoffman Car Wash Event.
- Donated to Haiti Relief through the Glens Falls Rotary Radiothon and through "To Love a Child."
- Easter Bunny Breakfast served and entertained over 250 children and adults.

Jessica Petraccione 2010-11

Accomplishments in my term included:

- Raised over \$9,000 at our annual Karaoke Contest fundraiser.
- Hoffman Car Wash fundraisers netted \$1,580.
- Held our first "Bartending for a Cause" event at Bentley's and raised over \$1,000.
- Hosted bus trip to New York City raising \$800.
- Donated \$2,000 to Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services.
- Donated \$3,490 to Rotary Foundation with 100% club participation.



Tony DiLeva 2011-2012



Accomplishments during my term:

- Moved Karaoke event to the Edison Club.
- Instituted Invocation/Inspiration at TBR meetings.
- Focused on those guest speakers that assisted our volunteering commitment, and those that allowed us to grow in our business and personal life.
- "Hands Active" approach - S.A.F.E. and Quest for Grace Foundation.
- Installed 13 new Rotarians.

Club Roster 2012-2013

Jennifer Arvin

TB Rotarian Since: 12/01/2011

Lawrence Bailey

TB Rotarian Since: 12/15/2011

Carolyn Bailey

TB Rotarian Since: 12/15/2011

Perry Berkowitz

TB Rotarian Since: 10/10/2006^{PHF+1, PDG,}
MD

Bernardo Bigalli

TB Rotarian Since: 01/19/2012

Karen Bristol

TB Rotarian Since: 03/01/2004^{PH, PP}

William Canale

TB Rotarian Since: 05/05/2011

Eric Catricala

TB Charter Rotarian: 12/05/2002^{PH}

Kelly Catricala

TB Charter Rotarian: 12/05/2002^{PH}

Chuck Chera

TB Charter Rotarian: 12/05/2002^{PH, PP}

Kristen Church

TB Rotarian Since: 10/10/2006

Nathan Cintron

TB Rotarian Since: 09/20/2012

Christopher Dacey

TB Rotarian Since: 01/05/2012

Damian D'Arpino

TB Rotarian Since: 12/08/2011

Tony DiLeva

TB Charter Rotarian: 12/05/2002^{PH, PP}

Maureen Ginter

TB Rotarian Since: 02/02/2011

Daniel Glaser

TB Rotarian Since: 02/02/2009

Richard Griesche

TB Rotarian Since: 04/07/2009^{PH, RY}

Christine Harvey-Berry

TB Rotarian Since: 05/07/2004^{PH, RY}

Lynn Johnson

TB Rotarian Since: 02/09/2012

Kristyn Kamber

TB Rotarian Since: 11/03/2011

Tonia Kelley

TB Rotarian Since: 09/08/2009^{PH, RY}

Jessica Kennedy

TB Rotarian Since: 11/17/2011

Richard Landers

TB Rotarian Since: 11/15/2012

Mark Lawrie

TB Rotarian Since: 01/05/2012

Paul LeBlanc

TB Rotarian Since: 04/12/2010^{PH}

Howard Litwak

TB Rotarian Since: 06/12/2008

John Lofrumento

TB Rotarian Since: 10/15/2010

Sue Malinowski

TB Rotarian Since: 02/15/2011

Jean Maloney

TB Rotarian Since: 02/08/2010

Jillian Mayott

TB Rotarian Since: 08/02/2012

Sandy McAlonie

TB Rotarian Since: 03/17/2007^{PH+1, RY}

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Rotarians of the Year

2004—Cindy Schmehl

2007—Dawn Vavala

2008—Christine Harvey-Berry

2009—Sandy McAlonie

2010—Don Weyand

2011—Richard Griesche

2011—Tonia Kelley

2012—Christine Sheppard

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Lawrence McGann

TB Rotarian Since: 12/01/2011

Bill Mitchell

TB Rotarian Since: 02/02/2009

Jessica Petraccione

TB Rotarian Since: 11/01/2003^{PH, PP}

Sandy Rubino

TB Rotarian Since: 02/14/2008

Jim Salmon

TB Rotarian Since: 04/17/2008^{PH}

Cindy Schmehl

TB Charter Rotarian: 12/05/2002^{PH, RY}

Michele Seddon

TB Rotarian Since: 01/02/2009^{PH}

Lee Serino

TB Charter Rotarian: 12/05/2002

Christine Sheppard

TB Rotarian Since: 05/29/2008^{PH, RY}

Beverly Swimm

TB Rotarian Since: 02/23/2012

Brenda Tholin

TB Rotarian Since: 04/04/2006^{PH}

Dawn Vavala

TB Charter Rotarian: 12/05/2002^{PH, RY, PP}

Jennifer Vucetic

TB Rotarian Since: 08/26/2010

Melissa Ward

TB Charter Rotarian: 12/05/2002^{PH +1, PP, DG}

Craig Wehrenberg

TB Charter Rotarian: 12/05/2002^{PH}

Don Weyand

TB Rotarian Since: 01/02/2009^{RY}

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TBR
through
the years



Charter Rotarians

December 3, 2002

Donna Avery
Mary Ann Bennice
Richard Berkowitz
Eric Catricala
Kelly Catricala
Chuck Chera
Jim Crosby
Tony DiLeva
Jim Fitzgerald
Sandy Fleigelman
Kathy Gela
Carmelle Gerasia
Christine Greenaway
Michael Hendricks

Paula Kingra
Lynn McGuire
Patti Montgomery
Jane Morrison
Carol North
Liz Roggenbach
Cindy Schmehl
Lee Serino
Michael Smith
Shawn Spratt
Dawn Vavala
Melissa Ward
Craig Wehrenberg
Mary Weinerdi

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Rotary International

2012-13 RI Theme: 'Peace Through Service'

“Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary. Peace is not something that can only be achieved through agreements, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find and that we can achieve, every day and in many simple ways.”

—Sakuji Tanaka, Rotary Club of Yashio Saitama, Japan
RI President 2012-13



2012-13 District Governor: Melissa Ward

2002-03 RI President: Bhichai Rattakul, Thailand

District Governor: Fred Carvin *RI Theme: Sow the Seeds of Love*

2003-04 RI President: Jonathan Majiyagbe, Nigeria

District Governor: Hal Gerow *RI Theme: Lend a Hand*

2004-05 RI President: Glenn Estess Sr., USA rate Rotary

2005-06 RI President: Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Sweden

District Governor: Samuel Hall *RI Theme: Service Above Self*

2006-07 RI President: William Boyd, New Zealand

District Governor: Anne Cargile *RI Theme: Lead the Way*

2007-08 RI President: Wilfrid Wilkinson, Canada

District Governor: Harriet Noble *RI Theme: Rotary Shares*

2008-09 RI President: Dong Kurn Lee, Korea

District Governor: Michael Popolizio *RI Theme: Make Dreams Real*

2009-10 RI President: John Kenny, Scotland

District Governor: John Eaton *RI Theme: The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*

2010-11 RI President: Ray Klinginsmith, USA

District Governor: Daniel Stec *RI Theme: Building Communities -- Bridging Continents*

2011-12 RI President: Kalyan Banerjee, India

District Governor: William Nathan *RI Theme: Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*

District Governor's Message

As a Charter Member and Past President of Twin Bridges Rotary, I am especially proud to congratulate the membership on the Tenth Anniversary. Introduced to Rotary as a member of the Interact (Rotary for young people) in Manhasset, NY, I was given the opportunity to visit the first children that came into the United States as part of a program that is now The Gift of Life.

I have had many astounding experiences in Rotary, but the most extraordinary was being part of the first Zimbabwe Team in started by our club to help rebuild a school in Chakandakubi. The two weeks I spent in Zimbabwe were very powerful, actually life altering. The experience brought home the true power of Rotary.

Like many of you, I have served this club in a variety of different capacities. My hope is that each of you have the opportunity to experience Rotary as I have through the variety of service opportunities and events our club participates in. From conventions to projects to fund raisers to new generations programs, there are many ways our club has benefited the community, and will continue to do so long into the future.

I look forward to many more years of fellowship and good works from Twin Bridges Rotary.



Melissa Ward

President's Message

Although it is very early into my term as President, the membership has done great things already. They have "service above self" as their guiding light. So many are bubbling over with fresh new ideas and enthusiasm.



Tonia Kelley

Just prior to my year starting, I had the opportunity to attend the international convention in Bangkok, Thailand. This really is a part of my year because I was able to see the "big picture": the countries that were represented; the people from around the world with the same missions and goals; the wonderful Spirit of Peace. I sat next to a gentleman from Nigeria and we were both in awe of the situation we were in. No religion, politics or nationalities that interfered with the convention. We agreed that "if only the governments of the world lived this model" we would all be in peace.

This year I hope to bring many new ideas to Twin Bridges and expand on what others have done before me. Their accomplishments continue to guide us in our future endeavors. We have a great membership with so many talents and such a desire to give that it is truly amazing.

We will let the four-way test be our guide and we will continue to accomplish great things.