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**The Rotary Club of New Hartford**

**IN-GEAR**

"Serve to Change Lives"

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We have been listing August 23<sup>rd</sup> in the last several issues of the IN-GEAR as an important date in our club's history. The document shown above is the reason why. Our club received its official charter on August 23, 1961, 60 years ago. At the time of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, original charter member, Past President and club historian, Don Urbanke, wrote the following: "During the summer of 1961, a man visited a clothing store in the New Hartford Shopping Center and asked to speak to the owner, Herman Abrams. He introduced himself to 'Hy' as Henry Brown, a member of the Utica Rotary Club. Henry knew that 'Hy' Abrams was the President of the Shopping Center Tenant's Association and would be a good leader in discussing the formation of a Rotary Club in New Hartford. 'Hy' was invited to attend a meeting of the Utica Rotary club the following week where he met District Governor Bob MacFarland. An evening meeting was arranged at the

home of Utica Rotarian Roger Williams and eight prospective New Hartford Rotarians attended. A movie on the history of Rotary was shown and the possibility of forming a club in New Hartford was discussed. Under the leadership of Governor Bob, Governor's representative Henry Brown and Dick Morgan, President of Utica Rotary, rapid progress was made and more men became interested. Eight of the 23 charter members were businessmen from the New Hartford Shopping Center. A provisional club was formed early in September and the charter night was scheduled to be held at Trinkaus Manor on Wednesday, October 18, 1961."

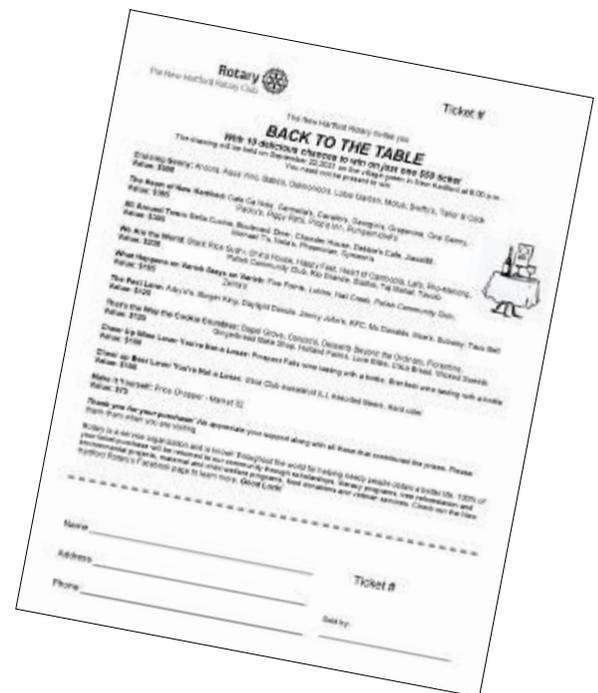
August 23<sup>rd</sup> is fast approaching and due to the uncertainty of what COVID has in store for us, we have not been able to plan a special event to celebrate our club's anniversary. However, as you can see by Don Urbanke's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary remarks, another important date will be upon us in a few months- the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charter Night, October 18, 2021, which this year is a Monday night. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope that COVID does not rear its ugly head and we can plan a special celebration this fall.

Jim

## They're Here!!

Sandy Jones has just received the tickets for our **BACK TO THE TABLE** fundraiser. As you can see, the ticket not only describes the organizations participating in the event, but also shows the value of each of the 10 groups that individuals who buy a ticket can win. Every group but one is more than double the price of a ticket. And based on our math, if we are only selling 200 tickets, that equates to a one-in-twenty chance of winning one of the prizes. The bottom of the ticket has been perforated so you can easily tear off the bottom portion which we keep for the drawing and the larger section stays with the purchaser as a remainder of the drawing. If you want to get an early start, call President Jim today to arrange to pick up your tickets. Otherwise, please plan to attend our next meeting to pick up your supply. We are giving 10 tickets to each member to start with and if you need more, let President Jim know.

**Ladies and Gentlemen:** If we are able to sell all 200 tickets, this will hopefully be our only major fund raiser for the year that will give us the funds needed to do the important work we do for our community.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

### Rotary Membership Thoughts from Jim Hi!

Retaining new members is one of the most difficult parts of membership. Without a positive and assertive plan, new members walk out the door as fast as they walk in and when asked why, they generally say, "no one invited me to be involved!". It is everyone's responsibility to engage and inform new members, but the sponsor who is a mentor for the new member has an even greater role.

**Remember to keep our new members (and our veterans too!) active and informed so he or she can become a better Rotarian.**

**Speaker:**

There was no noon meeting this week and therefore no speaker. Instead, we held a social hour at **Palm Springs Mini-Golf** in Marcy, NY, arranged by Sandy Jones. Jim and Anita, George and Susan, Ziggy, Sandy and Jim C. gathered for a great time of socializing, good eats and miniature golf. **Voss'** is located on site that afforded the opportunity for those who wanted to dive into one of their famous chili dogs and get a cold drink. And the cold drinks were definitely a necessity as the temperatures and humidity were hovering near 90 that night! Sue Carpenter was the golfer supreme even though some of us tried to increase our winning odds by bringing our own putter!!

*\*\*\*No clubs or golf balls were harmed during this outing but it was tempting. — JH*



Get your ball into the clown's mouth and win a free game!!  
(The 18th hole was a doozey.)



Cooling off after a "hot" round!!

**BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE AN ACTION IT NEEDS TO BE AN ATTITUDE!**

Rotary  
PEOPLE OF ACTION



## Up Coming Events:

August 18: George Carpenter: Bonsai

August 25: 60th Anniversary Special

## We are now scheduling September and far beyond!

*Tell us about your passion, that makes great programs and we learn more about each other.*

**Birthdays:** Would you believe that, like July, we have no birthdays to celebrate in August. We should all lose some weight for the lack of birthday cake we'll be eating!!

**Ace of Spades:** There is \$41.00 in the pot and 42 cards left in the deck and the drawing will continue next week. **Gotta Be In It To Win It!!**



If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in Delta Airlines one year ago, you would have \$49.00 today! If you purchased \$1,000 of shares in AIG, you would have \$33.00. If you purchased \$1,000 of shares in Lehman Brothers, you would have \$0.00 today. But, if you purchased \$1,000 worth of beer, drank all the beer, turned in the aluminum cans for recycling, you would have \$214.00. Therefore the best current investment plan is to drink heavily & recycle. It is called the 401-Keg Plan.

You will never find another me. Not sure if that's a good thing or a bad thing, but it's the truth.



## The Rotary 4-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

*(It is assumed that if you follow this test, YOU will have fun.)*