



**District Convention**  
 Liverpool, NY  
 October 30, 2021  
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**The Rotary Club of New Hartford**

# IN-GEAR

"Serve to Change Lives"

**2022 RI Convention**  
 Houston, Texas  
 June 4-8, 2022  
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*The Corner:*



**We can do this!**  
 Let's get this one done!

**New Hartford Rotary Club & Sauquoit Rotary Club  
 Two Club Member Growth/Participation Challenge**  
 September 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Three areas of Membership Growth and Member Participation will be used to determine which Club wins this challenge!

1. Percentage(%) new member gain from September 1 to December 31. (New members must be registered with D7150 and with R.I. by 31 December)
2. Percentage(%) of members for "Each One Bring One"\* participation. (It is up to all Club members to make each "guest" feel motivated to accept the "gift of Rotary" membership.)
3. Percentage (%) of members who attend the October 30 District Conference (if in-person attendance does happen), or percentage of members who attend virtual sessions (if conference has to go virtual, not in-person.)

The Club with the "Best Two out of Three Percentage Areas" wins the Challenge.

"The Prize" for the winning the Two Club Challenge is a Dinner for All, paid for by the second place Club.

\* Each Club Secretary will keep a count of how many guests attend a meeting or project, who invited the guest, and how many of those guests become members during this challenge. (Sorry Jim!)

**The Other Jim ??**

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# 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.



## Each one, Bring one! (Please!)

*Rotary Membership Thoughts from Jim Hi!*

**Are you on the Membership Committee?** Yes, each club should have a Membership Chair and a formal committee. But the truth is that all Rotarians are on the committee. All of us must be on the lookout for that prospective member, the local franchise owner, the librarian, business acquaintance or the golfer you played your last game with.

**Be an active Membership Committee member. Propose a member.**

Today President Jim told us about a **Membership Challenge with the Sauquoit Rotary**. We both need to grow for sure. If we don't we could be stuck with the same president or secretary or treasurer for years! Even worse, we could be voting to return our charter! I don't believe that should be an option after we have achieved 60 years of service to the New Hartford and surrounding communities.

Think of some of the things we would miss. Things like the FUN we have hosting a Youth Exchange student. How about the FUN we have during our Veteran's Park Clean-ups. Maybe you might be thinking about the FUN we have cooking or what ever we do during our Pancake Breakfasts. Speaking of cooking, what about the FUN we have at the Citizens Band Concerts. What about donating food to those that truly need our services to survive.

Yes, we may not always plan to have fun but it does seem to follow us around whenever we are together, whether it be doing a service project or just when we take a break and have a social just for ourselves.

**Wouldn't you like to share this with someone? Who?**

Please introduce them to Rotary — *especially New Hartford Rotary*



## Speaker:

Today's speaker was George Carpenter. As Jim Cook has always said, Rotarians make the best speakers and today was no exception. George's hobby is bonsai, something he has been "playing" with for some 30 years!

So what exactly is bonsai? It's the Japanese are of "Tray Planting" which is the Japanese version of the original traditional Chinese art *penzai*.

To find out a little more about this art form, I interviewed some of George's bonsai trees. Here's what was said: *"Have you ever had one of those life changing experiences? Well, I did. I was sitting out in the hot sun feeling neglected. At Lowes or Home Depot, I really forget which. It was late in the season and I figured I'd end up in the trash. Then this nice man came along and actually bought me! I don't know why. I really was in bad shape like I said. At his home he began to water and feed me and I began to feel a whole lot better. I started to grow and my leaves came back, I was feeling really good! He must have thought I was one of his kids because it was then he started to train me. He cut off a leaf or two here to make me grow some branches — I didn't need any more, I was good the way I was and wanted to stay that way but what the heck, a tree has to survive so, I grew the branches. Then he cut off some branches...Come on guy, make up your mind! Do you want me to have them or not? He also cut off some leaves. To make me pretty he said. Yep, he talks to the trees. Must have seen the Broadway musical "Paint your wagon" too many times. Oh, I forgot to tell you he cut off most of my roots and wired me to the container he "planted" me in. I'm not sure why he wired me to the pot, must have thought I would run away. Have YOU ever seen a tree do that? Me neither. He continued to snip, wire and make me grow in ways I didn't imagine I could. I guess he just wants me to look old and gnarly like my father was. He grew up on the coast of Maine. Life isn't bad though, I get special food and soil that keeps me going and growing. It is a good life to be a part of Bonsai.*





## Up Coming Events:

August 25: 60th Anniversary Special

September 1

September 8

September 15

September 22: Restaurant Raffle Drawing – At the New Hartford Village Park

September 29: Joan Shkane, Munson-Williams (Yahundasis)

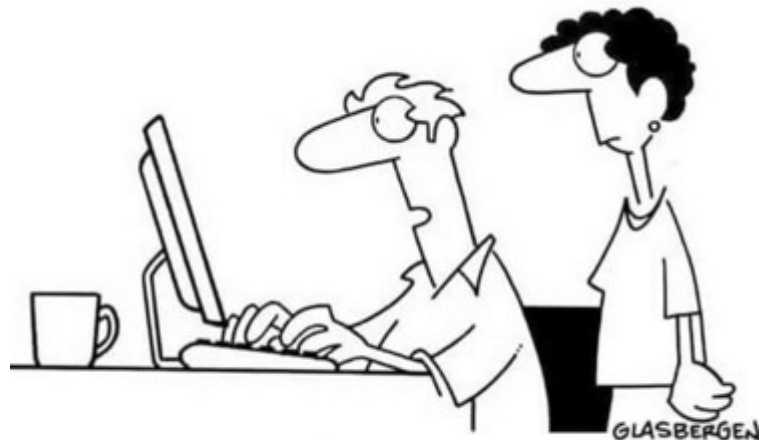
## We are now scheduling September and far beyond!

*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 \$48.00 in the pot and 40 cards left in the deck and the drawing will continue next week. **Gotta Be In It To Win It!!**

## BADA-BOOM! Parting Thoughts



"I'm writing about all the things I ought to do before I die. It's my oughtobiography."



## 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.)*