

Rotary District 7190 Centennial Foundation Event Thursday, November 17, 2016 Saratoga National Golf Club 458 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY

Dear Rotarians and Guests,

This Rotary year marks the 100th anniversary of our Rotary Foundation, which began with a humble donation of \$26.50. Since the start, and with the Foundation's first grant being made to help "crippled children", the Rotary Foundation has committed over \$3 billion in funds to serve mankind. And, with Charity Navigator's top rating of "100", it is easy to see that donations to the Rotary Foundation are making a huge and effective difference around the world.

All of Rotary is celebrating this centennial achievement with special events and recognition and an extra effort to raise funds marking this milestone. Please join us on Thursday evening, November 17, 2016 at Saratoga National Golf Club as we celebrate one hundred years of Rotary "doing good in the world."

We all know that our Clubs and members are doing good works throughout District 7190. Children are being fed, backpacks are being stuffed, parks are being fixed, scholarships are being given, and more. These projects are funded directly by the Clubs, and leveraged by the matching grants which come back from the Foundation to our District each year. Quite simply, when we give more, then more comes back. And, when more comes back from Rotary, we can fund even more of your projects.

This year, during this Centennial Celebration, we are asking you to join in with a substantial donation to the Rotary Foundation. We are kicking off this effort with the Centennial Foundation Event at the beautiful Saratoga National Golf Club. We invite you to become a member of the Honorary Committee by making a contribution at one of the various sponsor levels on the attached Honorary Committee form. In order to be included in our program book, please complete and return the attached form by November 1. If you prefer to make this Honorary Committee donation by credit card, you can access the online form by clicking here.

And, as we have done for several years, we also ask that you again contribute an extra \$25 that will be directed to our polio campaign, our number one Rotary Foundation priority.

Please note that dinner tickets must be purchase separately, with the exception of the Winner's Circle and Whitney Club. You may register and purchase your dinner tickets on our district website or by <u>clicking here</u>.

Please see the attached Honorary Committee Form for more details. We look forward to seeing you on November 17, 2016 as we all continue "doing good in the world."

Yours in Rotary Service,

Susan A. Austin, PDG – 2013-2014 Honorary Committee, Chair Foundation Event Co-Chair John Mucha District Governor 2016-17 Rotary District 7190 Maria Heise Assistant Governor Foundation Event Co-Chair