



July 1, 2018

Camillus Solvay Geddes Rotary Club

THE GUARD HAS BEEN CHANGED!

WELCOME TO 2018-2019

Hello!

My name is Brian Kesel, and as of today, I am the President of the Camillus-Solvay-Geddes Rotary Club.

It is truly an honor to assume this role. In my brief time as a Rotarian, the passion, dedication, and humility that our members display are humbling and inspiring.

We have so much to be thankful for as a Club. In just a few short years, we have increased our membership 48%. We currently have 34 members. I have set a target of adding 4 new members for 2018 - 2019, a modest and achievable goal.

ROTARY'S FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all

Another personal goal I have given myself as President is to conduct 4-6 Club Assemblies. Club Assemblies offer an opportunity to exchange ideas and share information about issues of importance to all members.

Our first Club Assembly will be July 24 at CopperTop. At this meeting, I want to discuss our goals for the year, brainstorm some potential service projects, and prepare for a visit from the Rotary Leadership Institute on August 7 at Twin Trees.

For those of you who don't know me and my background, I am entering my 28th year with the West Genesee Central School District. This year will be my twelfth as Assistant Superintendent.



Strategic Planning is my bread and butter. I don't do well flying by the seat of my pants. It is for this reason that I firmly believe Club Assemblies can help us determine what is the best path for our Club to meet our goals, the District's and Rotary International.

As I begin this journey as Club President, I would be remiss if I did not thank all those who have come before me. The vibrancy of our Club comes from members' willingness to put service above self.

This was quite evident when **George Mango, Steve Poli**, and I attended the District's Changing of the Guard ceremony on June 29. At this event, our club was recognized with several awards:

- **Rotary Foundation Recognition** for exceeding our 2017 - 2018 contribution to the Rotary Foundation
- **Membership Recognition** for exceeding our 2017 - 2018 new member target
- **Strategic Plan Recognition** for exceeding our 2017 - 2018 Plan goals
- **Gold Award** from Rotary International's Tree Planting Challenge for making an environmental impact by planting a tree for every member.

But the award we accepted for **Rotarian of Excellence** was well deserved. More on that in the next newsletter!

Yours in Rotary,



BRIAN KESEL

President

STAN CERLANEK

President-elect

JOHN ROHNER

Secretary

GEORGE MANGO

Immediate Past President

JULY 3, 2018

Twin Trees Too!

Milton Ave

6:00 PM

JULY 10, 2018

CopperTop

Fairmount

12:30 PM

JULY 17, 2018

CopperTop

Fairmount

12:30 PM

JULY 24, 2018

CLUB ASSEMBLY

CopperTop

12:30 PM



ROTARIANS AT PLAY

Lots of fun was had by lots of members at our Club's Changing of the Guard and Year-End Picnic at the Erie Canal Park. Special thanks to Steve Poli for all the wonderful food and to the Beebe's for an enjoyable boat ride.