Saratoga Springs Rotary inducts new members, including mayor

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SARATOGA SPRINGS — The Saratoga Springs Rotary recently inducted five new members into its 85-member club that serves the greater Saratoga region.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional people who provide humanitarian service both locally and internationally.

The new members pledging their time and talents to the Rotary Club's activities are:

- William Harrison, a retired businessman and resident of Saratoga Springs
- Saratoga Springs Mayor Scott Johnson, a retired attorney and resident of Saratoga Springs
- Gina Michelin, the director of development at the Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs, co-owner of Harvest & Hearth restaurant and resident of Ballston Spa
- Charles Wait Jr., a vice president at The Adirondack Trust Co. and resident of Gansevoort
- Charles Wheeler, the manager of planning and community relations for the New York Racing Association and resident of Saratoga Springs.

The Saratoga Springs Rotary Club provides funding and people-power for community service activities for local organizations and youth scholarships. The club supports many community projects and encourages local non-profit organizations to submit applications for funding according to the guidelines at www.saratogarotary.com.

The club also sets aside a portion of its annual budget to support humanitarian, educational and peace-building efforts around the world, carrying out the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

The annual Saratoga Rotary Home and Garden Show, to be held Feb. 26 to 28 at Saratoga Springs City Center, is the major source of funds for local support and projects. The show offers more than 100 exhibitors with a wide range of home and garden products and services, as well as seminars and prizes.

The Saratoga Springs Rotary Club meets every Wednesday from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. at Longfellows for fellowship, lunch and an informational program.