



## **The Sunrise Rotary Club Supports the Local Community in many ways.**

**Food Pantry/Skaneateles Outreach** - We support the Skaneateles Food Pantry and Skaneateles Outreach both financially and by helping pack and deliver food to many senior citizens living at the Village Landing and Gateway Apartments in Skaneateles.

**RYLA** - We work together with the Skaneateles (evening) Rotary Club to sponsor youth for Leadership training. This Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program (RYLA) emphasizes leadership, citizenship and personal growth and aims to: demonstrate Rotary's respect for youth, provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders, encourage leadership of youth by youth, and recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

**Youth Service Club** - We initiated Early Act. This is an elementary-school level program that provides young students the opportunity to gain an increased awareness and knowledge of the community and the world through the coordination of local, national and/or international service projects. Working with a teacher within the school, the students created a winter carnival (offered during our annual Winterfest), which raised money to provide clean water to schools in Haiti and fluoride tablets for children in El Salvador.

**Scouts** - We initiated Sea Scouts in the community. It is named Skaneateles Sea Scout Ship 23 chartered by Hiawatha Seaway Council BSA. Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary Club serves as a Chartered Organization / sponsor. SSS 23 capitalizes on Skaneateles Lake's unique area maritime resources. Sea Scouts emphasizes maritime safety and training and facilitates getting out on the water under sound leadership and guidance.

**Community** - We participate in Make a Difference Day. We work with the Skaneateles Conservation Committee to maintain and improve various nature trails including the Charlie Major Trail and the Skaneateles Conservation Area. This year we helped clear brush for a parking area at the western terminus of the Conservation Area trails along Gully Road.

**Youth Exchange** - We support the Skaneateles Rotary Youth Exchange via approximately 1/3 of our budget. Through this program Rotary arranges international exchanges for Skaneateles students to travel to one of 82 countries throughout the world either for an entire year or on a short-term basis from three weeks to three months. Rotary also arranges to host students from across the globe for both the long-term and short-term exchanges. The primary goal of this program is to foster world understanding by way of intercultural exchange.

**Eradicate Polio** - We have been raising funds through our "Pennies for Polio" campaign to raise funds necessary to eradicate polio from the world. Polio is a crippling and often fatal disease that is no longer present in the United States. Through the efforts of Rotary, in conjunction with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and many other international health and human services organizations, Polio has been eradicated in all but four countries across the globe.