

Rotary Club of Jamestown Community Service Fund

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Summary

The RCJCSF board of directors scheduled meetings for 2023-24 are on the following Tuesdays: July, 11, 2023, October 24, 2023; January 16, 2024; and April 16, 2024. Traditionally, the RCJCSF meets, at a minimum, to approve a budget and vote on projects approved by the Rotary Club of Jamestown's Vision Committee.

The 2023-24 budget addressed (1) how much RCJCSF wants to keep in reserves? (2) a standard allocation method for the Vision Committee's budget and (3) how much RCJCSF should invest to take advantage of higher interest rates on Certificates of Deposit. On July 11, the board voted to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the RCJCSF savings account into a 24-month CD at Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union (SCFCU) with the caveat that no penalty would be charged for early withdrawal.

On July 24, the RCJCSF board met and approved its 2023-24 budget. [FINAL RCJCSF BUDGET 2023-24. 7.24.23](#) The board's approval of the budget included the following actions:

- Reserving \$20,000 for any large, unexpected community project the Club may want to help fund
 - Annually allocating the balance of reserved funds in the checking account to new projects for the Vision Committee budget. The Vision Committee budget shall include funding:
 - New local and international projects
 - Inbound/Outbound youth exchange
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- RYLA and RYLA, Jr. scholarships
 - Revenue from the annual payout for the Johnson Endowment Fund held at CRCF
 - Investing \$20,000 in a 24-month CD at 5% interest at the SCFCU

On October 24, 2023, the Board approved a Conflict of Interest policy [Rotary Club of Jamestown Community Service Fund Conflict-of-Interest Policy \(1\)](#) in compliance with the Consolidated Laws of New York CHAPTER 35 Not-for-Profit Corporation ARTICLE 7 Directors and Officers Section 715-B. The board also discussed a proposed revision to the RCJCSF Mission Statement. A new mission statement is expected to be voted on at the January 3, 2024 board of directors meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Beckerink
RCJCSF Board Chair

Rotary Auction Update

Dec 13, 2023

1. Event Overview: Saturday, May 18th, Moonbrook CC:
 - A. 5:30 PM Cash bar, cocktail snacks, Bid on silent auction baskets & preview live items
 - B. 6:30 PM: Food stations open, Video item previews, Auction item lists on tables
 - C. 7:15 PM: Heads and Tales contest and 50-50-drawing
 - D. 7:30: Chuck Ludwig & son begin live auction.
 - E. 9:30: Kathy Burch manages Cash out-conclusion
2. Room set-up
 - A. Tables of 4; 6; 8
 - B. Silent Auction Tables-Against far room windows. (\$100 value)
 - C. Live Auction items locations? Value (\$200-\$250)
 - D. Podium Location near entrance to Dining Room:
3. Sponsorships:
 - A. Diamond: \$2000 (Table of 8+ Naming rites) UBS + North W. Bank
 - B. Platinum: \$1000 (Table of 8 +++); UPMC; CCSFed Credit union
 - C. Gold: \$750 (Table of 6 ++)
 - D. Silver: \$500 (Table of 4 +)
4. Publicity: Chris, Sue, Becky:
5. Tickets: Chris, Joelle
6. Solicitation Form: Sue & Joelle (Updated) (See attached
7. Dinner and Events: Tory, Steve & Pat Sanberg
8. Table sponsors:
 - UPMC (Megan Barone)
 - SCC Fed Credit Union. (John Felton)
 - UBS (Tim Edborg)
 - NW Bank (Mike Roberts)
9. Attendees (Bidders need to pre-registered)
 - Rotarians: \$50 per person
10. Cash-out logistics-Rotarian support

11. Open discussion about club member involvement (Volunteers; Bidders and Items)

12. Sponsorship – Donation Contact list.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Committee Contact</u>	<u>Result (# bidders)</u>
Arthur R. Gren Co.:	Max	
Chautauqua Patrons:	Max	
Dawson Metal:	Max	
Ellison Bronze		
Evan's Discount Liquor		
Green Mountain Electric Supply		
Jamestown Awning		
Jamestown Electroplating		
Jamestown Rubber Stamp		
Lakeshore Savings		
Lynn Development		
National Fuel		
Phoenix Metal		
Monofrax		
Truck Lite		
Rand Precision		
NuWood Creations		
R Patti		
Chautauqua Harbor Hotel		
Ready About Sailing – good for a donation of a sailboat ride		
Stormer Mechanical		
Dahlstrom Roll Form		
M&T Bank	Vince	
CCB	Tory	
Shults Auto	Mike	
Ahlstrom Schaeffer	Mike/Dave P	
Tim Hortons	Mike	
Spectrum Eye	Greg J/Mike	
Hope's Windows	Mike	
Kwik Fill	Mike	
Artone	Mike Tim	Yes on furniture + sponsorship
Chautauqua Institution	Tim E	
Dahlstrom Rollform	Mike	
Fanchier Chair	Mike	
Webber Knapp	Mike	

TJ Heating	Mike/Dewey	
Blackstone Innovation	Mike	
JMI	Mike	
Fredonia CDJR/ Ford	Mike	
Cummins Engine	Vince	
UPMC Chautauqua	Megan B.	\$1000 (8)
S. Chautauqua Credit Union	John Felton	\$1000 (8)
UBS	Tim E.	\$2000 (8)

13. Item Donations

- 2 weeks in Puerto Vallarta (1 week 1 bdrm; 1 week 2 bdrm) G. S. Jones
- Balloon Ride Diana Meckley
- Mattress Set: Kristen-Tim
- Outdoor Furniture set (Falconer Vac) : Kristin
- Dinner for 2 and overnight stay: Batavia Downs: Vince
- Holiday Valley weekend vacay Kristen
- Galene's Jewelry Vince
- NWSB Ice Arena: 1 hour bumper cars: Mike R.

14. Rotary Club Auction volunteers:

Pat Kinney-Auction
 Kristen Melville-Donations
 Steve and Pat Sanberg-Dinner event-Auction
 Becky Robbins-PR
 Joelle Washer-Tickets, etc.
 Lisa Goodell- Basket silent auction

15. Cash-out: Kathy Burch.

16. Next Meeting Date: January 24th 12 Noon, Labyrinth

Rotary Literacy Committee Mid-Year Summary – July through December 2023

Literacy Committee Members: Chris Anderson, Marion Beckerink, Sharon Hamilton, Deb Kathman, Paulette Kline, Sally Martinez, Diana Meckley, Steve Sandberg, Mary Schiller, David Troxell, and Lynne Gruel.

Following is a bulleted summary of our accomplishments:

- **Mary Grow family donation of books**
July -Steve Sandberg (along with his wife Pat) sorted, boxed, and delivered approximately 1000 donated books into storage at Allied Alarm for distribution through our Laundromat Libraries. Mike Roberts generously donates storage space for surplus donated books.
- **Partnership with DEI Committee**
July – along with members of the DEI Committee, attended Chautauqua Day at Chautauqua Institution to hear a lecture by Linda Villarosa, author of *Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation*.
- **JPS Summer LEAP (Learning Enrichment and Academic Progress) Program**
July/August - 12 volunteers provided 24 hours reading books to students at Love Elementary School.
- **Implementation of our Early Literacy Initiative, Read to Me, Book and Bib Project**
Project Goal - to support and promote the importance of early literacy. Reading to babies builds language, literacy, and social-emotional skills that last a lifetime.
August
Delivery of a two year supply of a bilingual book (Goodnight Moon) and baby bib inscribed “Read to Me” along with the Rotary logo received and placed in the Rotary Office at Allied Alarm.
Delivery of other materials in preparation for assembling gift bags, including:
Gift bags, Rotary bookplates, Bag labels, Bilingual congratulatory letter, Library Card applications, and Bookmarks providing information on Story Hour at the Prendergast library.
Rotary Club Social held on 8/21/2023 to begin assembly of Book and Bib Gift Bags.
September – Rotary Literacy Month
Successful implementation of the Book and Bib Project at UPMC Chautauqua Maternity.
October – Notified of a grant opportunity through NorthWest Bank. A grant request was submitted for the purchase of a gift incentive when a library Card application is turned in to the Prendergast Library. A response to the grant request has not be received.
Since implementation 608 Book and Bib Gift Bags have been assembled and 162 gift bags delivered to UPMC Chautauqua.
- **Laundromat Libraries - providing free books to the community**
Utilizing attractive book shelves (designed, built, and installed by David Troxell), we continue to meet a genuine need providing free books to community members. Each book includes a Rotary bookplate.
July through December – 676 books (300 adult/376 child); averaging 113 books/month

Youth Services Report YTD 2023

The Clubs Youth Services committee had a busy "rebuilding" year in 2023. We had a great year with Joah Molhom from Denmark. He was an exemplary inbound and many of the club members spent time with him. He will be returning to Jamestown with his family in the summer. Thanks to his host families, the Cama's, the Anderson's and the Kidder's.

Unfortunately the club did not sponsor an outbound student of our own this year, as there was no interest during recruitment last fall. Luckily the Brantford, Canada club had an "extra" applicant last year, which allowed us to host an inbound here in Jamestown! Esme Germann Hind and her Club's YEO Aad Vermeyden joined us via Zoom last spring to say hello and thanks! Esme is currently studying in Denmark - hopefully she has had a chance to reconnect with Joah!

In August we welcomed Joaquin Lyra from Brazil. Joaquin is off to a great start with his involvement in the Southwestern Varsity Soccer program and now with Soccer at the YMCA. Joaquin has participated in a number of Rotary activities already! Joaquin stayed with Jay and Lisa Yaggie until just before Thanksgiving and is now living with Emily and Jim Cama and their family. He will finish out his exchange in the spring staying with Kelly and Keith Martin. Fun fact - Joaquin's mother, Aline was an inbound exchange student to District 7090's Albion club in 2000, and will be visiting us in the spring!

Our club hosted a very successful overnight with the 10 current inbound students in November - the first time that District 7090 Youth Exchange has paid a visit to our area since 2019! Joaquin was a great host to his counterparts and we really enjoyed having them. Thanks to the Youth Service committee members who participated, the host families, Nelson Garifi of the National Comedy Center and Keith and Kelly Martin from the Northwest Arena for their hospitality.

We are excited to be presenting a new prospective outbound - Stavros Singleton, son of Alexis and Todd Singleton - to District 7090 for his final in January! The Singletons have agreed to be hosts while Stavros is abroad, and we will be looking for two additional host families in the Jamestown School District. Please contact Cheri if you or anyone you know is interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheri Maytum-Krull
Youth Services Chair