



25th ANNUAL
WAYNE COUNTY ROTARY ~~SPELLING BEE~~
BEE-CATHLON
a literacy challenge event
2024



INTRODUCTION

As the long term effects of the COVID pandemic continue to impact education for children and families, literacy services are more vital than ever. Therefore, the Wayne County Rotary “Bee” committee has planned this year’s event, the ***Bee-Cathlon***, as a way to build awareness and raise funds for this important cause.

For the 25th year, all the Rotary Clubs of Wayne County will unite to address the issue of illiteracy on a local level. Over time our efforts have raised over \$100,000 to support the free programs of Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County.

You can make a difference! Your support of this fun event will help address the literacy needs of children and adults right here in our own community.

The ***Bee-Cathlon*** is a series of 8 literacy-related challenges. Activities will include internet research, quizzes, puzzles, and even some adventures that will take contestants out into their community. Teams earn points based on how correctly and completely each task is completed.

Each team will receive a *Bee-Cathlon Guidebook* in early April. Teams then have about 2 weeks to complete 7 of the tasks and submit their responses to the judges. The final challenge and wrap up celebration will be held **Saturday April 20th, 2024** at the Lyons Community Center, 9 Manhattan Street, Lyons, NY, at 10 am.

Choose from a variety of ways you, your club, and your company can participate in the *Bee-Cathlon*. **Teams, Sponsors, Advertisers, and Prize Donors** are all needed. Check out the enclosed pages for more details on how you can get involved.

For more than 100 years, Rotarians have joined together from all continents, cultures, and industries to take action in our communities and around the world. We believe that literacy is a vital factor in reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging economic development, and promoting peace.

We look forward to having you join us in making a difference right here in Wayne County.

- The Wayne County Rotary “Bee” Committee