

December 2019

Dave Hannan, District Governor

Issue 6



Dave & Pam Hannan

GIVE ROTARY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and Friends of Rotary,

In November I met with the following clubs: Gananda, Caledonia-Mumford, Gorham, and Webster. We held our monthly Governor's Tract meeting in Canandaigua, and I attended the Rotary Leadership Institute at the RIT Inn and Conference Center, the District Conference Committee meeting at the Niagara Falls Convention Center, the Youth Exchange Outbound Candidate Interviews at Sunshine Campus in Rush, the ROC City Rotary Art Auction at the Historic German House, the District Nominating Committee meeting in Victor, and the Rochester Rotary Eastern Cities Dinner Planning Committee meeting at Locust Hill Country Club.

At the Geneva Rotary weekly meeting on November 20, I

was among Rotarians from 4 clubs who heard a presentation by Mark Rokow. Mark is a former Geneva High Interactor who went on to American University, where he led the effort to charter a Rotaract Club with 100 of his classmates. His efforts were recognized by Rotary International and he was one of only five Rotaractors invited to speak at the Governor-Elect Training Seminar in San Diego last January.

It was a privilege for me to announce at the Bloomfield Rotary Club meeting on November 18 that their Past President and current Assistant Governor, Ralph Brandt, has been selected by the District Nominating Committee for the position of District Governor Nominee Designate. He will serve as our District Governor in 2022-2023! I am also pleased that Irondequoit Rotarian Kenn VanDieren and East Rochester Rotarian JoAnn Terry have accepted appointments as Assistant Governors for Areas 13 and 10, respectively.

Now the holiday season is upon us! Are you still debating about the perfect gift for a special someone? Give the gift of Rotary! Here are some thoughts:

1. **GIVE ROTARY MEMBERSHIP:** Donate a one-year Rotary Club membership, either Active or Honorary, to a deserving person in your community. If you cannot identify that person, donate to your club and let the membership committee or the board make the decision.
2. **GIVE ROTARY RECOGNITION:** Transfer some of your Rotary Foundation "points" to another member's account so they can receive a Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Your club's Foundation Chair can help you do this! It costs you nothing, it can be done anonymously or not, and the "good will" is contagious.
3. **GIVE ROTARY GLOBALLY:** Make an individual pledge in support of one of the Global Grants being developed by some of the clubs in our district, in partnership with districts overseas. You help get the project going, but you don't send money until the grant is approved. Your club's Foundation Chair can help with this, too.
4. **GIVE ROTARY AWARENESS:** Share with your children, grandchildren, and friends the good work that your club is doing in your community and in the world. Talk about the eradication of polio.
5. **GIVE ROTARY ETHOS:** Live by The Four-Way Test, to the best of your ability every day, to inspire others to do likewise.

May you and your families experience a peaceful and loving holiday season!

DG Dave Hannan

**DECEMBER IS**

**DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH**

*Photo by Joseph Tan Meng Ery, © Rotary Club of Miri. Design by Joseph Tan.*

*Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.*

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join a Project



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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## Rotary Archive

December 1922

“As a harbinger of business ethics, Rotary sends its message around the world that true service means personal responsibility for ‘peace on earth and goodwill toward men.’” — Bethlehem — and Twenty Centuries, THE ROTARIAN, December 1922



## What is ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE (RFE)?

It's a program that allows participants to host one another throughout the Rotary world. You travel safer and much less expensively by staying with Rotarians.

You learn through your host about a region's people, food, languages, culture, customs, and history. You have fun, promote peace and build enduring friendships. Some members have commented, "Participating in the exchange is the best decision I've made as a Rotarian". "It's Rotary's best kept secret." "Thank you so much this wonderful opportunity."

Our RFE program has been active on all six major continents. We had a trip to England earlier this year and a visit from Brazil in October with 16 of the hosts planning travel to Brazil in February/March 2020.

### HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

Our D7120 will be hosting South Africa D9350 between April 17 and 29, 2020. Four couples and two women will be participating in the exchange. We are requesting hosts for one of the three planned four night sessions. Hosts have priority for future outbound exchanges.

If you can host one of the three sessions, Contact RFE Chair Carl Grovanz, [CGROVANZ@ROCHESTER.RR.COM](mailto:CGROVANZ@ROCHESTER.RR.COM)

We are also accepting requests to participate as a team member in an exchange to Australia D9650 from May 22 to June 5th, 2020. The current "Travel + Leisure" magazine indicated Australia as the 2020 destination of the year.

Additional RFEs are being planned with Albuquerque (July and September 2020), California, France, and Taiwan.

Contact Carl Grovanz, [CGROVANZ@ROCHESTER.RR.COM](mailto:CGROVANZ@ROCHESTER.RR.COM) by December 15 with questions or interest in hosting South Africa and or travel to Australia.

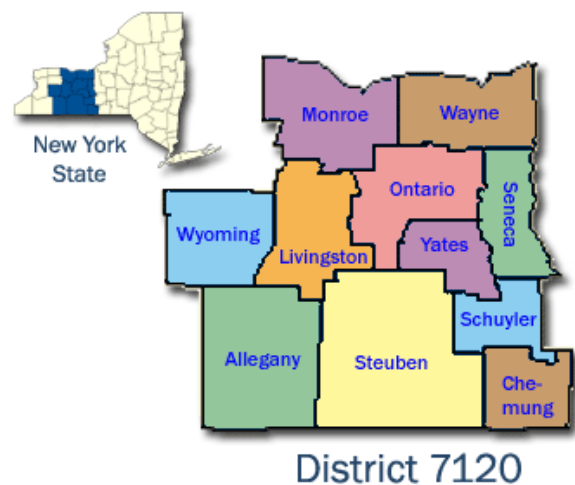
The District Membership Development Committee is pleased to welcome and congratulate the following new members/transfers for November 2019:

Christopher Norris & Edward O'Connor	Canandaigua
Kristie Crossley	Chemung County Sunrise
Douglas Lauf	Fairport
Jacquie Dobbartin	Honeoye Lake
Andrew Beigel & Marianna Beigel	Naples
Neal Gorman	Penfield
Angela Benson	Rochester Southwest

Please note that the above is based on reports found on the District 7120 website.

**THANK YOU DISTRICT ROTARIANS FOR MAKING A "BIG" DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS BOTH LOCALLY AND BEYOND AND ROTARY DOES "CONNECT THE WORLD"**

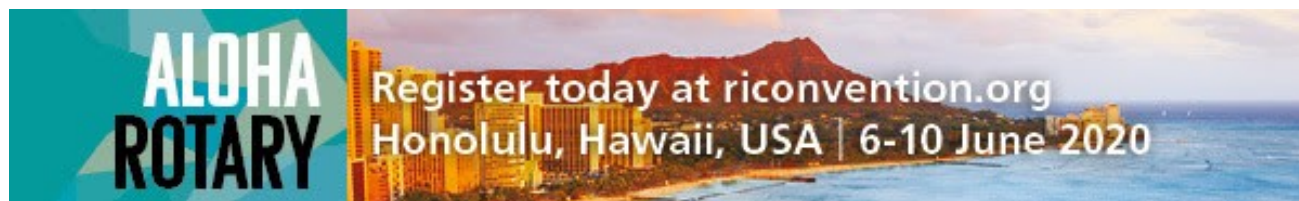
Submitted by Gary Reilly



District 7120

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE  
2020 District Training Assembly**

**Saturday, April 4, 2020, 7:30 AM to 12:45 PM**  
**[Canandaigua Academy](#)**



**15 December 2019:** Last day for early-registration

All Convention events are currently scheduled to take place at the Hawaii Convention Center (HCC) or Hilton Hawaiian

**Program Highlights**

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu/program-highlights>

**Travel and Accommodations**

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu/travel-and-accommodations>

**Register**

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu/register>



## Looking For A Foundation Program?

PDG Jeff Krans

Our Foundation subcommittee on the endowment has been active this spring making presentations on Rotary's endowment to six clubs and answering questions from more. Our purpose is strictly educational. Clubs are surprised when we visit and the first thing we do is congratulate them on their overall historical giving to the Foundation with a tag line: And no one is asking you to dig into your wallet today!

It has been interesting to field questions as we make our presentations. People are asking about grants, Paul Harris recognition for endowment gifts, options for steering an endowment commitment to one or another of the areas of focus for grants or polio eradication, using an IRA to make a tax free gift, and many other subjects. One person said, somewhat facetiously, "wish *I could get a \$1,000 plus return for a \$25,000 investment*" and was **surprised** to learn Rotary could do that for him with a Charitable Gift Annuity!

At any rate, our presentation turns out to be a good introduction to the Rotary Foundation in general and many members appreciated the opportunity to get some questions answered! Any club interested in a presentation can contact someone on our committee and we will be happy to oblige! The members and their contact information is as follows:

Beth Cross, Rochester Rotary,  
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Jeff Krans, Penn Yan Rotary,  
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Jim Barletta, Rush Henrietta Rotary,  
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Nancy Loughlin, Watkins Montour Rotary,  
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Pete Winnett, Corning Rotary,  
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## District Competitions, Awards & Contests

This is a listing of all the competitions, awards, and contests for District 7120.

Oratorical Contest -  
**Deadline December 1, 2019**

Club Bulletin / Newsletters -  
**Deadline February 1, 2020**

Club Achievement Award -  
**Deadline March 28, 2020**

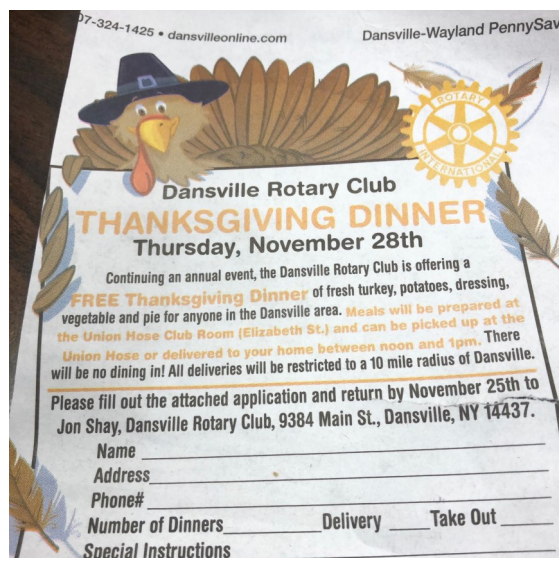
Club Website Contest -  
**Deadline April 9, 2020**

Club Facebook Page Contest -  
**Deadline April 9, 2020**

Rotary Citation 2019-2020 -  
**Deadline August 15, 2020**

**(For Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, & Interact Clubs)**





Dansville Rotary's Application for Their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

## Dansville Rotary Prepares Thanksgiving Dinners

Rotarians and Community Volunteers (100+ ) preparing to distribute over 450 Thanksgiving meals. 380 were delivered and the remainder picked up. These dinners are part of the Dansville Rotary Club's annual program. The club has provided these meals free of charge to the community for over 20 years.

Meals are prepared by Kent Rounselle with help from the Rotarians. It is truly a Community project.

(Submitted by Jon Shay)



## Spencerport Rotary Interact Club

The Spencerport Rotary Interact Club had a fun day and at the same time raised some funds for their club. The club sold delicious Apple Crisp at the recent Christmas on the Canal celebration.

And during another holiday event, PDG Roger Ressman posed as a very convincing St. Nick!

(Submitted by Colleen Farley)

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## Red Jacket Paul Harris Awards

At Red Jacket Rotary's annual Holiday Party on December 10<sup>th</sup>, past President Vern Hecker, second from the right, presented Don Collins, left, with his Paul Harris +7 and club President Tom Neary, right, with his Paul Harris +3. Don's wife Linda, also a Rotarian, looks on with pride.

The contributions to our Club from these two gentlemen is beyond measure. They certainly exemplify the concept of "Service Above Self". Congratulations to both of them.

(Submitted by Dick Stearns)



## FAIRPORT ROTARY UPDATE



In support of the club's mission to promote literacy, Fairport Rotarians began in early November to distribute dictionaries to third-graders and their teachers in the Fairport Central Schools. Over 450 dictionaries in total will be given to students who attend Brooks Hill, Jefferson Avenue and Northside Elementary Schools.

Fairport Rotarians Maureen Hall, Connie Borkhuis, Ruth Cronkwright and Cindy Hunt (pictured here, left to right) organized the dictionaries and added Rotary nameplates to their inside covers prior to distribution.

Commander Jon Allen, USCG (Retired) was the keynote speaker on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, during our club's rescheduled celebration of Veterans Day. Commander Allen shared his first-hand account of his tour as commanding officer on Iwo Jima, and relayed how he planned and executed the 30th anniversary celebration of U.S.'s victory on this Japanese island.

Pictured here is Fairport Rotary President, Becky Wilson, with our speaker and a few of the military veterans in our club, namely

(left to right) Ron Roberts, John Hall, Sam Space, Bob Linder and Doug Whitney.

(Submitted by Tom Wolanski and Kareen Zeitounzian)





## Geneva Rotary

Geneva Rotarians annually raise a lot of money and give it away, but club members also take part in various volunteer projects throughout the city.

Twice a year, Rotarians clean up a portion of Route 14 south of Geneva. Helping recently were (left to right) Jim Dickson, Bill Flood, Bob McFadden, Scott "Scooter" Avedisian and Stephanie Hamlin Hessler.

(Submitted by Phil Beckley)

## Perry Rotary

PP John McClurg on left presents a check for \$1000 to Pres. Denis Berwanger on behalf of the NY State dealers association. John has been Chairman and can pick who will receive the large donation.

Thank you John and the NY State Dealers Assoc.  
(Submitted by Daryl Heiby)



## Newark Interact Club Runs Meeting



The Newark club's very active Interact Club stepped up to run the November 21 meeting from start to finish.

Rotarian Alicia Vazquez is the club advisor to Interact.

(Submitted by John Zornow)



### Gates-Chili Rotary



Kathy Collins, Club Treasurer, making distribution of dictionaries to the Churchville one of 3 schools second grade class.

We have distributed over 650 dictionaries to the Gates-Chili, Churchville-Chili Schools and Rochester School 43. (Submitted by Ralph Squire)



President, Robert Renehan (right) welcoming new members Warren Miller and Sharon Perry

### Rotary Club of Rochester SouthWest Induction Ceremony

December 5, 2019

The **Rotary Club of Rochester SouthWest** held an Induction Ceremony on December 5th, 2019 to honor members who have joined Rotary Southwest within the last year. New members include:

**Angela Benton**, a past University of Rochester Rotaract President who has been experiencing and appreciating Rotary life since she was 16 years old.

**Lentory Johnson**, a member of the United Christian Leadership Ministry and Founder of Light the Way, a gun violence initiative she founded after the shooting death of her son in August of 2015;

**Rashid Owens**, a graduate of Catholic Family Center's YouthBuild construction program, which is a corporate member of Rotary Southwest; and

**John Boutet**, Chair of the SouthWest Common Council Education Committee focused on improving the quality of public schools in the SW Quadrant school and advocating for community schools. John was unable to attend the event at the last minute due to a family emergency.

**Dave Hannan**, District Governor, attended and was able to provide words of encouragement as well as point out the connection we have to 1.2 million other Rotarians around the world.

We're excited about the energy our new inductees bring to the table and looking forward to a new year of service and connection.

left to right: Lisa Norwood (Asst. District Governor), Lentory Johnson (Inductee), Eleanor Coleman (President), Angela Bensen (Inductee), Rashid Owens (Inductee), Dave Hannan (District Governor)



## Newark Rotary Community Garden Closes Season

Just in time for an early snowfall, volunteers for the Newark Community Garden held a cleanup day at the site, located on the edge of Perkins Park behind Perkins School.



Seven families participated in the garden for 2019 raising vegetables for themselves and to share with several Newark distribution outlets. Over 605 pounds of zucchini, cucumbers, green beans, squash, spinach, tomatoes, and cucumbers was shared with the community through the Food Pantry, Library, FLACRA, Rose Garden Apts., and Catholic Charities.

The Newark Community garden is a project of the Newark Rotary Club. (Submitted by John Zornow)

L-R Harmon Ranney, Karen Vanderbrook, John Piconti, Alicia Vazquez, Rich VanLaeken

## Canandaigua Rotary Inducts New Member

The Canandaigua Rotary Club inducted new member Chris Norris. He moved here from North Carolina and has been married for twenty years. He works for and became a partner of Interstate Heating and Air Conditioning.

They have a daughter who is attending Wells College.

Pictured are Rotary Club President Dan Kelley, Chris Norris, and sponsor Ken Poole.

(Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



## ROTARY GIVING TREE PROJECT



For over thirty years the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club has sponsored the Rotary Giving Tree, a project to provide gifts to the elderly, shut-ins and low-income recipients during the Christmas season. The goal of the project is to make certain that no one is forgotten. The tree provides local residents an opportunity to participate in making the holiday season a joyous experience for those less fortunate in the community.

In mid-November Rotarians set up the 2019 tree at Tops Market on Route 96 in Farmington. In 2018, the Giving Tree resulted in approximately 1,600 gifts being distributed to needy recipients. The tree provides a central location for community residents to select a card for someone in the community who might otherwise be forgotten during the holiday season. (Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)

L to R – V-F Rotarians Judy Luitweiler – Solitaire (and husband Patrick) Murphy, Galen Powers and President Jim Crane



## VICTOR-FARMINGTON ROTARY AWARDS DINNER

The Victor - Farmington Rotary Club held its annual "Service Above Self" awards dinner in late November. The club annually recognizes two members of the community for their dedication and contributions to serving others.

This year's recipients were Dawn Santiago-Marullo, the recently retired Superintendent of the Victor Central School District, and Lorene Benson, founder and Executive Director of the Cobblestone Arts Center in Farmington.

Santiago-Marullo recently retired as Superintendent of Victor Central Schools. She was the recipient of the "Jordan Pappas Service Above Self Award". This award is bestowed annually on a member of the community who in the course of their vocational activities demonstrates a sincere and meaningful commitment to serving others.

Lorene "Lori" Benson of Farmington was honored with the "Betty Powers Service Above Self Award". Rotarian Galen Powers, husband of the late Betty Powers, made the presentation.

The Betty Powers Award recognizes a member of the community who continuously strives to make a positive contribution to improve everyone's quality of life. For many years Betty Powers, despite being confined to a wheelchair, was a driving force in supporting many of the Rotary club's service projects to remember the less fortunate at Christmas and during the holiday season.

Galen made note of Lori's many contributions. She founded the Cobblestone Arts Center in 1983. The Center was dedicated to bringing the benefits of involvement with the arts to the local community, including those with developmental disabilities, seniors and young people who may not have meaningful accessibility to the arts.

L to R – Thomas Pappas, Tom Marullo, Supt. Dawn Santiago-Marullo, President Jim Crane, Lorene Benson, Scott Benson, Karen Parkhurst, Galen Powers.



Both award recipients were honored as Paul Harris Fellows. (Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)

## Geneseo Rotary Presents Ray Sherman Community Service Award



Left to Right: Ray Sherman Committee members PP Carol Carey, Margie Wallin, Chairman PP Art Hatton. Club President Mike Kolberg and Betsy Matthews. (Photo by PP Tim Hayes, submitted by Marilyn Lyon)

Geneseo Rotary presented Betsy Matthews with its Ray Sherman Community Service Award at their December 2nd meeting.

Betsy has been a volunteer at the Geneseo Groveland food pantry since 2001. Since c. 2015 she took over as the Coordinator.

Betsy has also been one of the coordinators of the holiday food baskets which Geneseo Rotary helps to deliver.

The award is named after 1983 Club President Ray Sherman and recognizes persons in our community who have given of themselves for the benefit of all. Along with the recognition given by Geneseo Rotary, a \$500 cash donation is given in honor of the recipient to that organization that benefited from the honoree's activity. These people, not necessarily members of Rotary, have exhibited the true spirit of the Rotary International motto of **"Service Above Self"**

## Rush Henrietta Rotary

The Rush Henrietta Rotary visited the St John's Home to do some caroling for the residents.  
(Submitted by Stephen Synesael)



## AVON'S MEMBERS REACH MILESTONES



Bruce Amey

During the month of November we focused time during our weekly meetings to talk about the Rotary Foundation. On two of those occasions, Bruce Amey and Tom Vonglis were presented a Paul Harris plus pin for their ongoing generosity in support of the Foundation. Bruce is now a +4 and Tom is now a +3. Congratulations on reaching these milestones gentlemen. – Submitted by Laurie Vonglis



Tom Vonglis

## AVON'S DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT

A presentation on the club's Migrant Literacy Project took place at a recent meeting. Kirk Vanderbilt began by sharing how the club's recent award of a District Simplified Grant has supported this initiative. The purpose of the project is to provide literacy support for the adults within migrant families of students in the Avon Central School District. The project compliments the services offered by the school to the migrant students by creating an English Literacy Program for the parents of the students. The studies on the challenges of migrant children show that the lack of parental homework support and conversation within the home are a major factor in impeding students' growth with learning the English language.

The project was launched in September, and includes twice weekly, free English classes for the parents of migrant children. The classes are taking place each week from 6-7:30 pm, in collaboration with the Avon Free Library. Karenina Quintero and Kaitlyn Altamura, trained Avon English Language Learners (ELL) teachers, are instructing the seventeen students that are currently enrolled.

Two recent studies on the challenges of migrant education have highlighted the importance of supporting the needs of the adult family members. The two key barriers to the participation of parents in English Literacy programs are transportation and child care. Dom Lalisie mentioned this during the presentation. He said, "It was important to our success that we offer childcare and transportation to those who were interested. We didn't want these needs to prevent an adult student from attending." The support of migrant children is a growing need for the community of Avon. The Avon Central School District, in accordance with Education Law, provides support services to identified students through their English Language Learners (ELL) program. Rob Lupisella shared, "The number of students serviced in this program has increased dramatically over the past five years. The District has gone from one part-time teacher, to now having two full-time teachers."



L-R Kirk Vanderbilt, Karenina Quintero, Dom Lalisie, Rob Lupisella

Teacher Karenina Quintero shared words of appreciation from her students, "Thanks for the opportunity that Rotary is giving me to learn English" and "Thank you for allowing me to learn something new that is helping me and lifting up my life." - Rob Lupisella

## Red Jacket Rotary News.



Members of Red Jacket Rotary gathered at St. Dominic's parish hall in Shortsville to distribute 57 Thanksgiving baskets to the needy on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. The Thanksgiving and Christmas basket programs are administered by a committee of 4 people who coordinate the Twin Cities Holiday Basket program. They are: myself, Andrea Record, Lori Ryan (HS Guidance Counselor), Sarah Huber (Elementary School Nurse) and my daughter, Amanda MacNamara (School Board Vice-President and School Volunteer). And of course, there is the support of the entire community- the food cupboard, all 4 churches, Red Jacket Rotary, the Lions Club, Girl & Boy Scouts, individual families, etc.. (Submitted by Dick Stearns)



## BATH-HAVERLING CENTRAL SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB MAKES CARDS FOR OUR VETERANS

The members of the Bath-Haverling Central School Interact Club, sponsored by the Bath Rotary Club, recently made Thanksgiving cards for the veterans at the Veterans Administration Center in Bath.



*Members of the Bath-Haverling Interact Club made homemade Thanksgiving cards for the residents at the Veterans Administration Center in Bath. Clockwise left to right are: Jordan Walters, Abby Spiess, Tony Orfanidis, Spencer Dickson, Sofia Orfanidis, Sam Arnts, Taylor Edwards, and Angela Beyler. Standing in the back is Angela Mattoon who will be inducted into the Bath Rotary Club in early January; she will be assisting Cheryl Muller, Bath Rotary Club Advisor to the Interact Club.*

The students wanted to honor those who had served our country throughout the years. They were certain that the veterans would enjoy receiving handmade cards from students in the area. The 2019 – 2020 officers for this student-oriented, service organization are: Sofia Orfanidis, President; Angela Beyler, Vice-President; Taylor Edwards, Secretary; Raegan Faulkner, Treasurer. Cheryl Muller serves as the Bath Rotary Club's Advisor to this student organization; she is being assisted by Amanda Chafee, who is a Bath Rotarian, and Angela Mattoon, who will be inducted into the Bath Rotary Club in early January.

The Bath Rotary Club, the Bath-Haverling Central School, the community of Bath, and the members' families can be most proud of these fine young men and women who display the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self" at this time of the year as well as throughout the entire year. Written by Elaine Tears  
Photo by Cheryl Muller

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## Newark Club Inducts Two New Members



Pictured are insurance agent Clayton DePew of Palmyra, sponsored by John Tickner and Ryan Silver of Newark, sponsored by Kimberlee Meeks. The club currently has 103 members. (Submitted by John Zornow)

**Photo- Top Clayton DePew  
Right- Ryan Silver**

At the December 6, Newark Rotary Club meeting two new members were inducted. A proud Dr. David Hannan, District 7120 Governor and a Newark Rotarian presided over the induction ceremony.

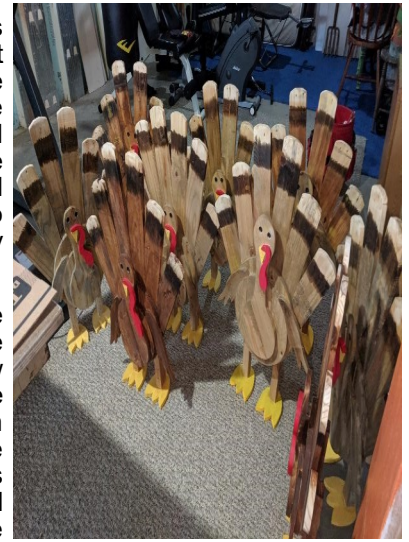


## Honeoye Lake Rotary



On November 17<sup>th</sup>, HLRC Crazy Crafters congregated at Sandy Hubble's for a last minute but much needed workshop to complete the items that were part of the sale at the weekend craft show at Bloomfield High School on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Snowmen were painted and decorated, turkeys were stained and eyes painted on, pumpkins were ready to go. (All these items were handcrafted by Andy Evenski, Dick Hamele and Gary Hubble.)

Jacquie Dobbertin, Linda Evenski, Jeanne Hamele, Sandy Hubble, and prospective member Teresa Choromanski worked for a few hours to be sure all was set for the sale. At the event, our table was set up in the main gym area and sales went pretty well. We sold all the turkeys and snowmen and a few pumpkins along with other handmade items – knitted and crocheted hats and scarves, painted wine bottle lamps and a few other odds and ends.



Thanks to Sandy Hubble, Linda Evenski, Allison Brundage, Linda Zukaitis, Elaine Ackroyd-Kelly and Keith Stumbo for "manning" the table and unloading and loading the cars. This was a good fundraiser for our cub and once again we got our name out there so the public can see who we are!

While the girls were working inside nice and warm, the boys were tackling completion of our kiosks in the chilly outdoors. Our DSG for this year enabled the HLRC to construct two kiosks for the trails at Sandy Bottom Beach. Our large one is on East Lake Rd where the main trail is while our smaller one is just off Main St. in town. Thanks go out to Gary Hubble and Dick Hamele who managed to organize the work schedule, gather needed supplies as well as donated goods and services, and dedicate at least ten days of hard labor to the job. They along with Mike Dobbertin, Andy Evenski, and Kyle Hubble were able to build the kiosks for a super community service project. Flyers and maps which will be available at the kiosks will guide hikers and cross country skiers along the trails. (Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)



## Geneva Rotary Santa Train

The video was shot by Chris Lavin, a Geneva Rotarian who leads the Geneva Boys and Girls Club.

<https://video214.com/play/VzzPq3m8UpFqIIotBscAhQ/s/dark>

Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving. Geneva Rotary has presented the Santa Train for 18 years in cooperation with Finger Lakes Railroad. Five trains, each with 185 on board, go all day on a one hour train ride and all the kids get to sit with Santa. The biggest smiles are often on the faces of parents and grandparents.

(Submitted by Phil Beckley)

## Penn Yan Rotary Club

### "StarShine, Christmas in the Village"

The Penn Yan Rotary Club participated in "StarShine, Christmas in the Village" of Penn Yan as the community joined together to celebrate the upcoming holiday. This popular event attracts families from throughout the Finger Lakes Region, as local businesses and organizations work together to offer local shopping, live music, colorful lights, horse drawn carriage rides, crafts and activities, the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the crowning of Miss Penn Yan.

The Penn Yan Rotary Club had activities set up in the Community Bank branch on Main Street, where children could write letters to Santa, choose some books to take home for reading later on when nestled snug in their beds, and the Interact Club made just about anything the children could imagine out of balloons.

As always, we were glad and grateful to be part of such a wonderful event and share in the holiday spirit of giving with the members of our community! (Submitted by Laura Henderson)



### Happy Holidays!



## Rochester Northwest Rotary

Newest member of Rochester Northwest Rotary Club - Roseann Lackey. With apologies to RNWRC Charter member Scott Benjamin, CEO of Charles Settlement House, Roseann really runs the place! Home of our weekly meetings.

Pictured with President Dan Hoffman. (Submitted by Paul Minor)



## Roc City Rotary

### Masquerade Ball & Art Auction

Thank you to everyone who supported our first big fundraiser! It was a huge success and funds from this event will help to support our year round initiatives.

### Community Involvement

**November 8th:** We volunteered at our third Veterans Outreach Stars and Stripes Gala which supports the Veterans Outreach Center.

**November 15th:** We supported Bright Star Communities Inc. in their Bright Night Cocktail Reception fundraiser. Bright Star is a nonprofit organization in Rochester which partners with women survivors of sex trafficking, abuse and addiction.

**November 16th:** We had a Black Button social event because an important part of Rotary is fun and socializing!

### Rotary Relations

**November 3rd:** We visited our Irondequoit Rotary Friends at their Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

RCR is looking to work more closely with other clubs in the district in the upcoming year. If you have any events coming up please contact Julie Zink at [partnerships@roccityrotary.org](mailto:partnerships@roccityrotary.org).

(Submitted by Julie Zink)



## Penn Yan Rotary Club

### *Student of the Month*

The Penn Yan Rotary Club was pleased to honor two Students of the Month on Tuesday, November 12th, at their lunch meeting at Top of the Lake in Penn Yan. For every month of each school year the club honors an outstanding Penn Yan Middle School student and Penn Yan Academy student who demonstrate The Rotary Four Way Test, which values truth, fairness, and beneficial actions which build goodwill and friendships.

The November awardees, Emma Hamm of Penn Yan Middle School and Ellie Cromheecke of Penn Yan Academy, are hard-working, successful, and caring students who impress students and teachers alike.



Jared, Emma, and Crystal Hamm

Emma Hamm was presented by her ELA teacher, Ms. Sara Pragle, and school counselor, Ms. Meghan Trombley. They report that Emma is a leader and great role-model as she is always kind, polite, and ready to help. Emma is supportive of her classmates and leads them in projects that support others in our community. She organized a bake sale that raised money to buy flowers for others, and she helped start a group that made gifts and projects for the local Cancer Support Group which meets at the Living Well. They created care packages and inspiring holiday ornaments. Emma's parents, Jared and Crystal Hamm, were with Emma at the awards lunch to share their support and pride.



Jeremiah Chaffee, Ellie Cromheecke, and Lorena Inscho

Ellie Cromheecke was presented by her ELA, College English teacher, Mr. Jeremiah Chaffee, who introduced her as "a thinker" who doesn't shy away from tough concepts and ideas. Ellie has been a member of academic contest teams at the middle school and high school, and she is a member of the PYA Art Club and the Yates County Historical Society. Ellie has been accepted at Alfred State University and, as an IT enthusiast, looks forward to majoring in Web Development. Ellie's mother, Lorena Inscho, was pleased to join her daughter for the recognition luncheon.

Emma and Ellie each received a framed Student of the Month certificate and a \$25 gift card from Long's Cards and Books. This Student of the Month program is presented and sponsored by the Penn Yan Rotary Club and made possible with the support of Community Bank, Five Star Bank, Bank of the Fingerlakes, and Lyons National Bank.

(written by Deb Scharf, submitted by Laura Henderson)

## Geneva Rotary

Members of the Geneva Rotary Club often volunteer at various places in the city. Recently Rotarians worked at the Community Lunch Program run by Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes at First United Methodist Church.

From left to right are Club President Mary Lawthers, Stephanie Hamlin Hessler, Linda Beckley, Assistant Governor Jim Dickson, Rich Kasulke and Bill Flood.



Members of the Geneva Rotary Interact Club at Geneva High School posed for a group photo after helping pack Thanksgiving boxes. Our Lady of Peace Parish sponsors the project and the boxes go all over Geneva to needy families. This year, 179 boxes were filled with potatoes, vegetables, gravy, apples, cranberry sauce, a dessert and a frozen turkey.

More than 100 Geneva High students belong to the club. Club members volunteer throughout the city during the school year and earn purple t-shirts for participation in club projects. (Submitted by Phil Beckley)



## Rochester Deaf Rotary Club's Annual Pancake Breakfast



The Rochester Deaf Rotary held their annual Pancake Breakfast, with Deaf Santa, on Saturday, December 7. A good time was had by all, with crafts, bake sale, cookie decorating, and of course...pancakes! Waving hands and Happy Holidays to all!

*Article written by Michele Randal and Photos/Article submitted by Bob Green*

## New Fairport Rotary Corporate Member



Fairport Rotary President, Becky Wilson, and member, Cindy Hunt, welcomed Fairport Central School (FCS) representative, Doug Lauf, to our Club in November 2019.

FCS was inducted as the club's second corporate member.

*(Submitted by Tom Wolanski and Kareen Zeitounzian)*

## Rochester Rotary 25th Annual RPO Holiday Gala Pops Concert

Thursday, December 19th 7:30pm Kodak Hall Eastman Theater  
Tickets at [www.rochesterrotary.org/event/rpo-holiday-gala-pops/](http://www.rochesterrotary.org/event/rpo-holiday-gala-pops/)



**DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM**

There are two ways to get your club event onto the District Calendar.

1) If your club is using Club Runner use this link:

<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/article/1044-how-do-i-create-an-event-in-event-planner>

for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

2) If your club does not use Club Runner, go to the District Home Page: <https://rotary7120.org/>

And under Calendar, chose

Pubs & Reports ▾

Calendar ▾

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**Submit Event ( docx)**

**Download** the form, complete it and submit it to the District Calendar Coordinator.

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## Rochester Deaf Rotary Club Needs Your HELP ASAP!

We need your help to reach our goal and now we are 60% close to our goal! We need the remaining 40% goal to accomplish our goal for our global grants project for DEAAF-an deaf school in Zambia (Africa).

We are asking each club in our district to donate \$100 for DEAAF global grants and please make check payable to: Rochester Deaf Rotary Club (global grants). We appreciate your contributions with our thanks and please help us reach our goal! As a token of our appreciation, we will send you 5 District Maps by mail that will be useful for your club! (Submitted by Bob Green)

Thank you! Please mail the check to our address below:

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club  
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PO Box 18465  
Rochester, NY 14618

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!  
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**GOAL:  
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**NOW:  
@ 60%  
- need 40%  
to reach  
our goal**



**Rochester Deaf Rotary Club**



## Spencerport Rotary

*Courtney Converse, a long term Spencerport Rotarian suffered a massive heart attack recently. You may know Courtney from the Camp Haccamo board or from visiting Sullivan's Charbroil on W. Ridge Rd. in Greece.*



*Anyone wishing to make a donation to help Courtney and his family during his long recovery can send a donation to Spencerport Rotary, PO Box 274, Spencerport, NY 14559. Mark as "Courtney Converse" on your check. 100% of the donations will be given to the family.*

*For more information, contact Colleen Farley, Spencerport Rotary Club President, 585-489-0333. Thank you in advance for any support you can give.*

*(Submitted by Colleen Farley)*



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*Refreshments sold by Rotary Interact Club*

**Advance Tickets: Adults - \$12, Under 18 - \$10**  
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### **Ticket Outlets**

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# Rush Henrietta Rotary & R - H High School Rotary Interact



## Our 25th Annual Pasta Dinner



Sunday March 8, 2020  
12 Noon to 6:00 PM  
At Rush Henrietta High School  
1799 Lehigh Station Road  
Donation Only \$8.00  
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## Upcoming DISTRICT Events

**Check the District  
Calendar for additions and  
changes**



### ⚙ April 2020

April 4 District Training Assembly, Canandaigua Academy

April 30 Thursday 8:00am  
2020 District Conference - D7120 - Niagara Falls, NY

## Upcoming CLUB Events

### ⚙ December 2019

December 13 Spencerport Rotary, Mambo Kings Concert  
Spencerport High School 7:00 pm

December 19th Thursday, Rochester Rotary 25th Annual  
RPO Holiday Gala Pops Concert 7:30pm Kodak Hall  
Eastman Theater

### ⚙ January 2020

January 18th The Rotary Clubs of Sodus, Clyde, Red  
Creek & Wolcott - Winterfest at Sodus Point, 10am to 4pm

January 26th Greece Rotary Italian Festa Dinner,  
Diplomat Party House, 11:30am-4:30PM

### ⚙ February 2020

February 8 Sunshine Kids Gala

### ⚙ March 2020

March 1st Fairport Rotary Savor the Flavor of Fairport,  
Eagle Vale Golf Club, tickets are \$40

March 8 Rush Henrietta Rotary Pasta Dinner, noon to  
6pm



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