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Dave Hannan, District Governor

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YOUTH EXCHANGE: THE FUTURE OF ROTARY

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

In December I completed my official club presentations by meeting with the Sodus and Livonia Rotary Clubs. That completed 69 Rotary Clubs in just over 5 months, and it was a most enjoyable experience to see the variation among clubs and communities while recognizing the similarities within the mission of "Service Above Self." It was also my pleasure to attend holiday parties with Livonia, Sodus, and a joint event with Ontario-Walworth and Gananda; new member induction ceremonies at Rochester Southwest and Newark; Paul Harris Fellow recognition ceremonies in Greece, Newark, Ontario-Walworth, and Gananda; fundraising events for Canandaigua

and Rochester, both involving the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra; and district meetings of the Governors Tract and the Milt Matthews District Governor-Elect Hospitality Program.

On February 23 we will mark the 115th anniversary of Rotary's founding by Paul Harris in Chicago. Could he even remotely envision then where we would be today? However, he did live to see Rotary become an international service organization that was growing exponentially. We can all wonder where Rotary will evolve in our lifetimes and those of our children and grandchildren.

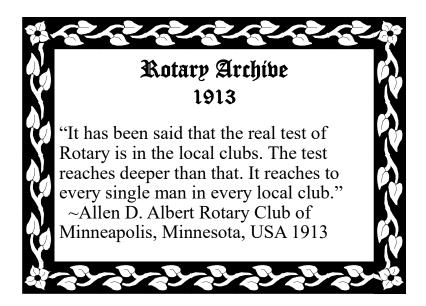
In that regard, one of the greatest opportunities before us is the ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM. The beneficiaries of this program are not just the students, but the host families, the host Rotary clubs, the school districts, the communities, and peacebuilding in the world at large. I refer you to page 39 of the January 2020 issue of The Rotarian. In the annual section, "What It's Like To...," there is an article titled, "Host Two Generations of Youth Exchange Students," by my friends 7150 District Governor Randy Wilson and Sauquoit Rotarian Janet Wilson. Years ago, they hosted an exchange student from India, and then years later they hosted his daughter. It is a remarkable story, which they close saying, "If you agree to host a student from a foreign country for several months in your home, you will host them in your heart for the rest of your lives."

I ask each of you Rotarians to market this program within your communities and your school districts. We need students from our district to apply to go outbound for a year, and we need families in our communities to host inbound students. I hope every club will adopt this program part of their strategic plan. This is not a simple project, but the rewards are lifelong. If this will be new for your Rotary club, let's get started now! District 7120 has devoted Youth Exchange Committee members willing to meet with you.

DG Dave Hannan









ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Toastmasters and Rotary partner to help members grow professionally and make a difference in their communities.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Jan. 7, 2020 — Members of Toastmasters and Rotary will enhance their skills, broaden their networks and increase their positive impact in communities through a new collaboration.

The ongoing relationship between the two organizations will begin at the grassroots level with local club members learning and working together. Additionally, Toastmasters will create a set of eight structured communication and leadership development courses for Rotary with a phased rollout that will be available in English in 2020, and in more languages in 2021.

"The strategic alliance with Rotary is exciting and allows both organizations to leverage our unique and similar strengths," says Deepak Menon, Toastmasters' 2019-20 International President. "We look forward to providing our current and prospective members with ongoing additional offerings that meet their evolving needs."

With its first unofficial meeting held in Bloomington, Ill., in March 1905, Toastmasters is a global nonprofit organization with more than 16,800 clubs in 143 countries. Its members attend club meetings where they learn how to be more confident speakers, communicators and leaders. Toastmasters' vision for the ongoing collaboration with Rotary is to change more lives for the better, and positively impact communities around the world.

"Collaborating with Toastmasters will provide our members with even more opportunities to develop and improve their leadership and communication skills," said John Hewko, general secretary and CEO of Rotary International. "In turn, members of Toastmasters can connect with more people, take advantage of new speaking and learning opportunities, and make a difference in their communities.

Complete story at https://www.rotary.org/en/toastmasters-and-rotary-partner-help-members-grow



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

December

Todd Strong Corning
Ken Hartman & Mary Lou Hartman Elmira Heights
Grace Norcott, Ryan Silver &
Jon Verkey Newark

Deborah Baran, Evie Everdyke, Kelly Putnam, Bridget Robbins Missy Robbins, Shaylin Rumsey & Christine Smallwood

Prattsburgh

Please note that the above is based on reports found on the District 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"

A Very Happy & Blessed New Year to you and your families!!!!!!!!!!

(Submitted by Gary Reilly)



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, bcross@songbirdresearch.com, 585-737-0579

Chuck Turner, Brighton Rotary, chamarturner@rochester.rr.com, 585-271-8597

Jeff Krans, Penn Yan Rotary, jkrans228@gmail.com, 315-536-7180

Jim Barletta, Rush Henrietta Rotary, jfb@leglergroup.com, 585-455-6506

Nancy Loughlin, Watkins Montour Rotary, nkloughlin@gmail.com, 607-425-4530

Pete Winnett, Corning Rotary, winnettp@jgua.com, 607-936-3785

District Competitions, Awards & Contests

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

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

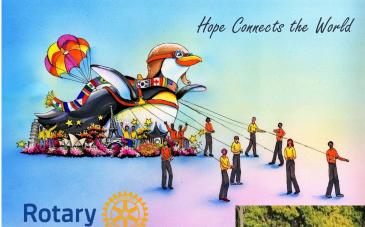
(For Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, & Interact Clubs)



Rotary's Float, "Hope Connects the World" Wins Award For Most Outstanding Floral Presentation of Rose Parade Theme Among Floats 35 Feet and Under in Length











coats, hats, gloves and warm clothing to be donated as well.

Spencerport Rotary

The Spencerport Rotary Club frequently volunteers to buy groceries and then make breakfast at the Open Door Mission. Recent chefs pictured here included Courtney Converse, Steve Enos, Past President Dave DeMers and President Elect Kosmos Mihalitsas.

With the winter months upon us, the need for warm overnight accommodations for the homeless increases. Word came from the Open Door Mission of their critical shortage of bedding. Hearing of the need, Past President Kathy Magin coordinated a club monetary donation, which she used to purchase 8 blankets and 8 sets of sheets and pillow cases. Past President Anne Forberg and Rotarian Cynthia Harding also made a visit to the Hilton Baptist Church's Clothes Closet, choosing a number of

If another clubs would like to drop off a donation, they can be dropped off at 156 N. Plymouth Ave Rochester, any time from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. For any special arrangements or further questions please call the Open Door Mission at 585-325-3257. (Submitted by Colleen Farley)



Spencerport Rotary

The local Ogden Farmers' Library has a large display case used by local community groups, with a new display featured every month. Spencerport Club President Colleen Farley approached the Ogden Farmer's Library about her club being featured in the display case for the month of January.

Rotarians often hear..."I know the name Rotary but I don't know what it's all about." And

Rotary Clubs are always seeking new members. The goal of the display was to answer the question "What is Rotary?" and hopefully attract individuals to join us as club members or volunteers.

A committee consisting of President Elect Kosmos Mihalitsas, Past President Dave DeMers, Past President Anne Forberg and Membership Chair

Michele Mihalitsas worked for a few weeks, gathering items for the display.

Items included a club banner to really draw attention, posters with dozens of pictures of Rotarians at fundraising events and performing community service, information on our fundraisers, community service projects, Polio Plus campaign and the Four Way Test, information on the Teike / Bernabi Wrestling Tournament, Rotary apparel, (including a Rotary hat generously donated by Kos), information on our Literacy Projects, a variety of Rotary pins, a Paul Harris coin, a Rotary Dictionary. We even fit in a bicycle from the "Bicycles and Flowers" beautification project.



It took only about an hour to organize and fill the case, after which Colleen commented "The case is so large, I really thought we would have space left over and no idea what else to feature, but it all fits perfectly!" (Submitted by Colleen Farley)



Fairport Rotary



Fairport's Mayor, Julie Domaratz, joined our club in November to speak about energy initiatives and activities in the Village, even with the challenges of the bridge reconstruction.

The Mayor discussed the Village's theme of "Fairport On The Rise," ushering a new era for Fairport as the "it" place to live, work and visit. This campaign is providing a platform to showcase Fairport as preserving its charming

and historic past, while becoming a rising, hip destination for: Living/Housing, Dining, Arts, Homegrown Beer & Spirits, Unique Retail & Businesses, Recreation, First-Class Entertainment and Events. (Submitted by Kareen Zeitounzian)



New member sort of - for the Clifton Springs Rotary Club

DAVID HAMILTON recently rejoined the Clifton Springs Rotary Club. Dave was a member from 2012 to 2016 before moving to Cortland where he was also a Rotarian. Dave recently moved back to Clifton Springs with his wife Jean and looks forward to being an active Rotarian. He plays a great piano!

Pictured with Dave is club president Vivian Ryan. (Submitted by PDG Scott MacDonell)

Photo by Debby Emerson)

Geneseo Rotary

On December 17 Geneseo Rotarians gathered at the Riviera Theater to wrap gifts and assemble Christmas stockings for 53 at-risk youth. The Club's Literacy Committee worked on this project with Catholic Charities.

Debby Emerson coordinated the event and selected the books and Don Livingston hosted it. (Submitted by Marilyn Lyon)



Photo by PP Angela Ellis



Annual Charity Auction - Perry Rotary Club

The final tally from our auction showed that we had raised \$1285. in the 35 minutes that the Fitch Bros. auctioned off the goods made or purchased by our members. This money will go to the Caring About Perry Family Food Pantry.

(Submitted by Daryl Heiby)

Great job everyone. Merry Christmas







BATH INTERACT AND ROTARY ELVES AT DORMANN LIBRARY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Katelyn Mascherino, Bath-Haverling Interact Club member, and Joyce House, Literacy Coordinator at the Dormann Library, help the children attending the library's Christmas Party with holiday, craft activities.

Katelyn Mascherino, a member of the Bath-Haverling Interact Club, and Angela Mattoon, who will be officially inducted into the Bath Rotary Club in early January, served as two of Santa's elves at the December 12th Dormann Library Christmas Party, which was open to the public. They both helped the children, who attended the party, with holiday, craft activities.

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 Mattoon and Amanda Chafee, a Bath Rotarian.

(Written by Elaine Tears, Photo by Angela Mattoon)



Rush Henrietta Rotary

It was another successful Day of delivering gift cards and poinsettias to area seniors. Every year the RH Rotary helps give back during the holiday season. (Submitted by Stephen Synesael)







Canandaigua Rotary Club Inducts Ed O'Connor



At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Ed O'Connor was inducted.

He moved to Canandaigua about six years ago from Fairport where he was also a Rotarian. Past District Governor Tom Rogers was his sponsor.

Mr. O'Connor was instrumental in the design of police radio infrastructures. Pictured is Mr. O'Connor. (Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



Elmira Heights Rotary Inducts New Members

On December 5th. 2019, Elmira Heights Rotary Club inducted two new members. Mary Lou Hartman and Kenneth Hartman were inducted in the Rotary family by President William Brewer.

We expect these new members will start helping us in Rotary projects immediately. We need their help as we have lately lost several members who left the area.

We welcome the Hartmans with open arms.

(Submitted by Mahendra Shah)





BATH ROTARY CLUB ENJOYS CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY HAVERLING CHAMBER CHOIR

Written by Elaine Tears Photo by Al Johnson



The Haverling Chamber Choir under the directions of Neil J. Bryson entertained the Bath Rotary Club with a holiday concert during the club's weekly, luncheon meeting on December 12 at the Dormann Library.

The Bath Rotary Club was entertained at its December 12^{th} weekly, luncheon meeting by the Haverling Chamber Choir. The choir is a select ensemble, comprised of $9^{th}-12^{th}$ grade students at the local school who are selected through a competitive audition. The group is directed by Neil J. Bryson, Music Department Chair and vocal music teacher at the Bath-Haverling Central School District.

The choir performs regularly scheduled concerts every year at the local school and also sings at various community functions throughout the year, including at the Dormann Library Christmas Party that evening. Over the years, including this year, many of the students in this ensemble have been selected for various honor choirs, sponsored by the Steuben County Music Teachers' Association and the New York State School Music Association.

The group sang several holiday songs as well as

"Shallow" from the movie A Star is Born, which was one of the choir members' favorite song from their Pop Concert.

Bryson remarked that in addition to their dedication to the choir many of the members are also academic scholars, gifted athletes, and active participants in various school clubs and community service projects and activities. He stated "It is a joy to work with these young people and showcase their talents to the community."

At the end of the performance, which library patrons and employees also enjoyed, Jane Russell, President of the Bath Rotary Club, thanked Bryson and the choir for filling the library with the beautiful songs of the season and for providing concerts throughout the year for the entire community to enjoy. She also remarked how pleased she and the other Rotarians present were to learn that many of the choir members participate in community service activities since Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business, professional, and community leaders who humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the World.

Rotary Bee Hive Project

On a recent Friday afternoon a few of the Canandaigua Rotary Club members assembled twenty gift bags at the Bee Hive. The bags contained items such as cake mix, frosting, baking pan, candles, and a few other items for a small party. The bags were later delivered to Gleaners kitchen to offer to any of their guests.

Pictured around the gift bags are: Mike Schiller, Tim Reed, Gloria Dancause (in front), Sandy Reed, Janet Tenreiro, Donna Cator, Karen Sprentall, Marty Potter, Beverly Cartwright, Jodi



Kaufman (in front), Chris Norris, George Herren, and Dan Kelley. (Submitted by Jack Kellogg)





Honeoye Lake Rotary STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Grace Hall, a junior at HCS, is the recipient of the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club's September Student of the Month recognition. Grace and her parents, Beth and Andy joined us at our December 10th meeting when Grace was given her certificate and a Barns and Noble gift card. Grace is very active in school clubs and sports and enjoys many outdoor activities wih her family. Grace is hoping to go to college to become a medic and in preparation attends BOCES classes as part of her school day. Grace is also considering joining the military as a medic as another way to achieve her goals.

Taylor VanDewark and his parents, Jenn and Clint, joined the HLRC at our November 15th meeting as Taylor was named by his teachers as our October Student of the Month. Taylor participates in Cross Country and Indoor Track as well as tennis. He is also a Boy Scout working toward the rank of Eagle Scout. He enjoys camping, hiking and snowmobiling. Taylor is considering conservation or engineering to be his future goal.

December 12th found the HLRC with a special guest attending its meeting at the Cornerstone Market. Troa Vihami joined us so we could honor him as our November Student of the Month. Troa was nominated by his teachers as setting an example for the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" and modeling the Four Way Test. He participates in Drama Club, Bowling, Masterminds, French Club, Odyssey of the Minds, Youth to Youth, Art Club and many other service activities. He is passionate about expressing himself and stepping outside of his comfort zone through acting and art. Troa is very interested in learning French and does plan to go to college but has no definite plans yet.



Congratulations to Grace, Taylor and Troa and their parents for this special recognition.

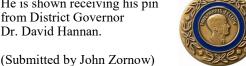
(Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)



Neward Rotary Presents Paul Harris Fellow

Mike Vanderlyke, a member of the Newark club since 1992 is the latest recipient of a Paul Harris recognition for his support of the Rotary Foundation. Mike is the manager of the local Plassche Lumber location.

He is shown receiving his pin from District Governor Dr. David Hannan.





Bloomfield Rotary

On Monday, December 30th, the Bloomfield Rotary Club inducted three new members,

Fred Wille, sponsored by Kathy Conradt, and Lauren and Brian Steenburn, sponsored by Ralph Brandt. Ralph is pinning membership pins on Brian and Lauren. (Lauren is his daughter, and Brian is his son-in-law.) Kathy is pinning a membership pin on Fred, who is the Supervisor for the Town of East Bloomfield. (Submitted by Pat Overmoyer)



Lauren's Pinning



Brian's Pinning



Fred's Pinning

Red Jacket Rotary

Saturday December 21st was Holiday Basket delivery day for Red jacket Rotary along with the Shortsville and Manchester fire departments. Club members and friends gathered at the high School at noon to load-up and head-out. This year's program was run a bit differently than in past years. Instead of our Club providing a check to the program to help defray their costs, they gave us a wish list. Rose Foster and Cindy Walton joined forces and went shopping. Rose and Cindy then wrapped the gifts which consisted of winter clothing and boots. Rose is seen with the pile of gifts Friday evening as they were delivered to the High School ready for sorting into the correct family groups.

The Christmas Basket program is administered by a committee of 4 people who coordinate the Twin Cities Holiday Basket program. They are: Andrea Record, Lori Ryan (HS Guidance Counselor), Sarah Huber (Elementary School Nurse) and 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)

Avon Rotary December Highlights



On December 4th, Avon Rotarians joined members from the Brighton and Rush-Henrietta clubs to celebrate the John James Audubon School No.33 Principal's Book of the Month Club. Avon teams with these partner Rotary Clubs to buy books for these elementary school children to learn important life skills and to learn to enjoy reading.

On December 10th, Our Giving Tree was a great success! Due to the generosity of many of our club members, we collected gifts for 40 children in our community. Betsy Sherwood from Focus on the Children said we have made a significant impact this holiday season for the children in our community and sincerely appreciates our generosity.

Many thanks for the gifts, supplies and cash donations that made

this all happen.



On December 17th, Steve Wendell from

Honor Flight Rochester visited our club to give a presentation about what Honor Flight does for the local vets and its guardian program. If you are, or know a WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, or Cold War Vet, visit

honorflightrochester.org to learn more about this organization that Avon Rotary is proud to help support. We presented a \$1000 donation to help further their mission.



(Contributed by Mike Ford & Laurie Vonglis)





Naples Rotary News

The Naples Youth Corp, together with the Naples Rotary Club, has realized a goal that has come to fruition! We have made a small leap into the extension of literacy within our small community of Naples. The Naples Little Library, as it is

called, now stands proudly at the corner of the Naples Elementary Parking Lot and the adjoining Youth Corp Property. All members of the Naples Community are welcome to take advantage of this service. The sign reads as follows: "Naples Little Library, Take One, Or Leave One". Members of the Naples Rotary and Youth Corp, as well as others who are interested, are encouraged to donate books to the Little Library. The books may range from children's titles to ages beyond, but they must be of acceptable quality. The shelves are in the process of being filled. Here is an opportunity for us to join forces in promoting the love of reading, by all ages, in our little town! Many thanks to Bo Lysell for building this handsome structure!

Naples Rotary held its 3rd Annual Walk of Life this past Summer. This Fundraiser supports Hospeace House, which is a palliative care facility located in Naples. Since its establishment, Hospeace House has served 30 families

by providing end-of-life comfort care to its residents. The Margery Pawluk Cancer Fund serves to help families of cancer patients with ongoing expenses, such as gas cards, and this is the second entity that the Walk of Life strives to support. This year, \$16,000 was raised through the concentrated efforts of the Naples Rotary Club. Pictured here are Jennifer Emmons. Director at Hospeace House. who received a check in the amount of \$9,600 from the Walk of Life, and Tom Pawluk, representing the Margery Pawluk Cancer Fund, who received a check from the Walk of Life, amounting to \$6,400. Over a three-year period, the Walk of Life has raised \$47,000 in support of these worthy causes.

Camp Onseyawa, or "Camp O." as it is called, is a Summer Camp for needy youngsters in the four- county area(s) of Ontario, Seneca, Yates, and Wayne, and is thus supported by the various Rotary Clubs within those four counties. The two-week session, held in August, provides a rewarding and memorable experience for those youngsters who are involved. Many happy memories and close friendships are made each year, as many of the youngsters return the following Summer. The Rotary Clubs that support Camp O. try to do a service project for them each Summer. Pictured here, are some Naples Rotarians who came to help disassemble tents and gear near the end of the twoweek period. Of course, the highlight of our visit was being able to have lunch with the kids, and having the chance to spend time with Bruce Richardson and Betty Zillmann, (from Naples Rotary), who devoted their time for the entire two weeks, to help out, and to be with the

(Submitted by Patrice Lysell)





Sodus Rotary Accomplishments in the past couple of years



2019 Bluegrass Concert Fundraiser Raised \$4,795 that was presented to Nelson Kise for the handicap expansion of the Sodus School Playground



\$6,000 Wireless Scoreboard Donation to the Sodus Little League



\$1,070 (2) Scholarships For Local Needful Students Sodus Bay Junior Sailing Association



\$500 Donation to the Sheriff's kids Camp



Corporate Memberships With Sodus Central School and Reliant Bank



Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, Dansville

By Jasmine Willis

With the holidays rushing upon us it is easy to get distracted about the little things, and forget there are others who are less fortunate this season.

Jenni Leuzzi and Terry Derrenbacher of Mill Creek Optical have coordinated our local Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive since 2016. It is a way to give back to the community since most of the money stays local. It goes to the Dansville Central School for the school backpack program and other needy children.

"The Salvation Army has given us a mini kettle to keep at the store, and we have had some people put money in it when they come in," Derrenbacher said. "I have really enjoyed doing the bell ringing with my family every year. We have this whole thing running on volunteers. It doesn't work without our volunteers. It is all about the community spirit."

Leuzzi said she has been in charge of this drive for several years, and it always gets better and better.

"We lost our Sunday at Tops Friendly Markets this year, but I don't think that is going to hurt us too much. We always manage to fill out spaces with volunteers. In the start it is a little slow since it is right after Thanksgiving. We do this right up until Christmas Eve," she said. "The Class of 2020 has taken every Tuesday block from 4 to 8 p.m. Our local church groups love to volunteer every year. The school sports teams do it every year too. The best is when we get the little kids ringing the bell. They love to do it alone or with their parents."

The entire community gets involved with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive from your children, athletes, mayor, Dansville Rotary Club, store owners, Dansville Lions Club, churchgoers, Christmas Carolers, and even those outside the area. We get people from Wayland, Cohocton, North Cohocton, and Springwater coming out to ring that bell for the holidays. Leuzzi's father does the antique school room bells when he rings the bell for the drive.

"It is really good to see the young kids volunteering for this. We need to get them all started at a young age," Leuzzi said. "They know there are people out there in the community that need this help. They want them to benefit from it."

Last year the Dansville area made \$13,938 for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. This year there has been an outpouring of love and support for the drive.

Per Jon Shay.....this was a recently published article in our local paper about Rotarian Jenni Leuzzi's efforts over the past years in organizing the bell ringing at our local Tops store. There was a total of 50+ hours contributed to the effort by Dansville Rotarians.





Brighton Rotary Inducts New Member

Brighton Rotary Club was happy to induct Jerome "JJ" Johnson as a new member at its January 6 meeting. Although JJ is a new member of the club, he is a long-term Rotarian, with about thirty-four years of outstanding service in District 7120.

We are happy that JJ has decided to find new roots in Brighton.

(L to R) Chuck Turner, Doug Potter, JJ, Chuck Krusentsjerna. (Submitted by Roland Steorts)



Cal-Mum Rotary

On December 12th, Cal-Mum Rotary presented dictionaries to 58 third graders at Cal-Mum Elementary School. The students were so excited! Some of the comments overheard were "this is the best gift ever!" and "there's so much information in here!" As students perused their new dictionaries, there were lots of exclamations, as they discovered new and familiar words.

Students were also surprised to discover the world atlas in the back, and spent time looking up information about places and countries they have been studying.

Cal-Mum Rotary would like to extend a special thanks to DG Dave Hannan for his literacy and education grant, which was used to help offset the costs of the dictionary project.

Pictures: CM Rotarians Jay Ward and Dan Cole with CM 3rd graders, Thank you note from CM 3rd graders (Submitted by Vicky Vorhauer)







Penn Yan Rotary Club Student of the Month

The Penn Yan Rotary Club was pleased to honor two Students of the Month for the month of December at their Tuesday lunch meetings, on the 10th and the 17th of December, 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.



Michele Griffin, Jarrett Hollister, Marietta Hollister, and Jay Hollister

The December awardees, Jarrett Hollister of Penn Yan Middle School and Collin Cummings of Penn Yan Academy, are hardworking, successful, and caring students who impress students and teachers alike. Both young men are known for being more concerned about others than themselves and for being ready to help fellow students and teachers without even being asked.

Jarrett Hollister was presented by his ELA teacher, Ms. Michele Griffin, who reported that Jarrett is kind, thoughtful, helpful, and intuitive...ably discerning how he can help out, no matter what the situation may be. Jarrett reported that he enjoys storytelling, time with his dogs, video gaming, video game creating, and swimming. Jarrett was joined at the luncheon by his parents, Jay and Marietta Hollister.



Jennifer Chaffee, Collin Cummings, Carole Cummings, and Brian Cummings

Collin Cummings was presented by his Band teacher, Ms. Jennifer Chaffee, who reported that Collin, a percussionist and a singer, is always ready to help her and his fellow classmates. Collin said he especially enjoys helping younger students learn and is looking forward to pursuing a degree in Music Education at SUNY Potsdam or SUNY Fredonia beginning next fall. Collin was joined at the luncheon by his parents, Brian and Carole Cummings.

Jarrett and Collin each received a framed Penn Yan Rotary Club 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)



Spencerport Rotary Interact Club

The Spencerport Rotary Interact Club had a busy month in December. The Rotary Club purchased and presented a new Interact banner to the club. The club was able to use the banner right away at the Christmas on the Canal celebration, where club members sold Apple Crisp as a fundraiser.

(Submitted by Colleen Farley)













Greece Rotary

Greece Rotarians recently honored two of their most active members as Paul Harris Fellows. Past President Al Meilutis officiated at the presentation. Gerianne Puskas received her Paul Harris Fellow certification. Rita Garretson's award represented an upgrade to Paul Harris Fellow +1. Both women's generosity continues the Greece Club's strong support of the Rotary

Foundation. (Submitted by Judie Van Bramer

Top: Gerianne Puskas

Bottom: Rita Garretson



Greece Rotary

Greece Rotary welcomed their newest member at a recent meeting.

Past Club President Al Meilutis presided over the induction, following a brief intro on the role of Rotary locally, as well as internationally.

Shown following the presentation, l-r, Al Meilutis; Melissa Jordan, Club President Elect; and Deb Vanderwal, New Member. (Submitted by Judie VanBramer)





Greece Rotarians Host Holiday Children's Party

Holidays have a special meaning to Greece Rotarians as they celebrate each year with the children of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. Over 100 special needs childen and their 115 teachers and caregivers join the club for a very special Luncheon at Ridgemont Country Club. The room quickly fills with excitement, while a clown and a magician (Rotary's very own past DG Bill

Gormont!) entertain prior to lunch. Following lunch, the Event of the Day occurs with the arrival of Santa Claus. After leading the group in singing Rudolph...Santa sits and awaits each and every child's presentation of their letter to him... listening carefully to requests before presenting a gift bag! Helping Santa during this activity are students from Rotary's Greece Odyssey Interact Club. The Interact students also help throughout the event, greeting attendees and serving lunch. Greece Rotarians are forever grateful for the opportunity to share their time and energies and bring so much joy to this special group every year, as they have been doing for over 20 years. (Submitted by Judie Van Bramer)





Newark Rotary's Newest Paul Harris Award Recipient

Recent recipient of a Paul Harris +1 award was Mary Jo Fenyn, a member of the Newark club since 2009. Mrs. Fenyn is shown being inducted by District Governor David Hannan. (Submitted by John Zornow)



Newark Rotary Presents Scholarship

Newark High School graduate Bailey McCormick, now

attending North Carolina's High Point University as a Premed major, has been awarded the Newark Rotary Club's Charles Baldwin "Service Above Self" scholarship in the amount of \$1400.

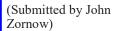


Photo: Bailey McCormick is presented with her scholarship check by Rotary Assistant Governor Kevin Mooney.



Newark Rotary

Recently inducted to the Newark club are John "Chuck" Verkey, Town of Arcadia Supervisor, and Grace Norcott a fitness instructor. Both are involved in their community and ready to be part of the active 105 member Newark club.

(Submitted by John Zornow)

Photo- John Verkey and
Grace Norcott are inducted
by District Governor David
Hannan.





VICTOR - FARMINGTON ROTARY GIVING TREE

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club collected over 2,200 gifts for distribution to low income families, shut-ins and less fortunate members of the community as part of the club's annual Rotary Giving Tree project. The club initiated the Giving Tree Project in

V-F Rotary Club members sorting and wrapping gifts before deliveries

1988. This was the largest collection of gifts in the three decade history of the project. Generous donors from throughout the local area left gifts under the Rotary Giving Tree at Top's Market in Farmington.

During the week before Christmas V-F Rotarians distributed the gifts. This year's recipients included the Ontario County Health Center, the Wilson Commencement Park and Sojourner House in Rochester, School 54 in Rochester, the School of Integrated Arts & Technology in Rochester, Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua, the Friendship House of Middlesex, Blue Star Mothers and Safe Haven in Farmington as well as needy residents in the local community.

(Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)



L to R – V F Rotarians Galen Powers, Jim Crane. Ross & Bonnie Cottone and Russ Perrin delivering gifts to Tammy Voeltz (center), Recreation Director at Ontario County Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare



L to R – Donna Groff-McNulty, Jim Crane, Melinda Caparco and Kim Yourch working on sorting gifts



HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY CLUB SHARES WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The Honeoye Lake Rotary club ended the year 2019 with many donations in various areas. We first collected Toys for Tots working with the Marines. Linda Zukaitis was our representative from Howard Hanna where the actual collection spot was located. Once again, our club members were quite generous in making sure children who might not have toys under their trees were not forgotten.



Our next venture was to be sure our local food pantry had funds to provide boxes of food items to local community members. We decided to designate Happy Dollars from our November and December meetings to the Honeoye Food Pantry which resulted in our club securing a little over four hundred dollars to ensure food items for those in need this holiday season.

Our Vittles for Vacation was put into action with Sandy Hubble and Linda Evenski shopping for food items to fill ten totes which were distributed to high school students. These were quick prep items as well as nutritious snacks that these students would find beneficial over the Christmas break when they are not at school to receive their breakfasts and lunches.

Jerry and Marilyn Passer and Amy Force also took part in the bell ringing at our local bank to help fill the kettle for the Salvation Army.

Our club members can be proud of what they did to make the holiday season happier for those who needed some "gifts" to make the season bright! (Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)

INTERACT STUDENTS RING THE BELL!



Students from Greece Rotary Interact Club at Ridgecrest Academy celebrated the holidays by lending their support to the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign . Working in shifts, Club members continued their mission of providing service to the Community.

Shown during their bell ringing shift are Staff member Margarita Rodeman and Students Dylan Pyfrom, Mariah Chandler and Eli Barrett.

(Submitted by Judie VanBramer)





Fairport Rotary



Fairport Rotary Interact Club members volunteered in December to spread holiday cheer and raise funds in support of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Appeal. Bell ringers braved the cold for a full day in front of Macy's at Eastview Mall.





John Baynes, newly elected Monroe County Legislature for District 18, joined Fairport Rotary in its first meeting of the New Year. His presentation included insight from his longtime tenure as an educator and thoughts about his public service goals. He is pictured here with Fairport President, Becky Wilson, who hosted a wonderful holiday party last month at her home for our club's last meeting of 2019, and Fairport Rotary President-Elect, Mark Fuerbacher.

(Submitted by Tom Wolanski and Kareen Zeitounzian)





Geneva Rotary

If you can't go to Rotary then Rotary will go to you. Long-time Geneva Rotarian Paul Kirsch (seated, second from right) moved to Ashton Place in Clifton Springs earlier this year and is unable to attend the club's weekly meetings any longer. So on Monday, Dec. 9, a delegation of Geneva Rotarians visited Paul at Ashton Place for a social time. Attending were (seated left to right) Assistant Governor Jim Dickson, Dan Quigley, Kirsch, Neil Sjoblom, (second row, left to right) Bill Flood, Susie Flick, Carol Chester, Chris Fitzgerald, Stephanie Hessler and (rear) Ted Baker.

Mark Rokow (center), a former president of the Rotary Interact Club at Geneva High School, spoke at a recent meeting of the Geneva Rotary Club on his activities since graduating from high school.

Attending the program were Emily McFadden, current co-president of Interact, and Rye Weber, a club member. Rokow launched a Rotaract Club at American University in Washington, D.C., with more than 100 members. He has since graduated from American University and is working in Arlington County, VA.

(Submitted by Phil Beckley)





Obituaries Distriction



Walter Agnew, a 28 year member of the Wolcott Rotary Club, passed away on September 11, 2019. He was born in Brighton, NY to Walter and Ivy Agnew. Walt attended Brighton schools and entered the US Navy in 1945. He graduated from the University of Rochester in 1951. It was there that he met his wife Carol. They had 3 sons: James who passed away in 2018, Raymond and Lynne, and Thomas and Suzanne. They had 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Walt was a loyal member of the Wolcott Rotary Club. Over the years he served as club president (1995-96), secretary, Youth Services Chair, chairman of the RYLA program, ONSEWAYA Board member, and chair of the NRW annual Sports Night program. Walt, along with his wife Carol, wholeheartedly supported Rotary and its activities locally and within the 7120 District.

Walt was a member of the North Rose United Methodist Church where he was a choir member and the treasurer for 8 years. He was also a member of the American Legion. Walt loved to travel with his family, work on house projects, watch Lawrence Welk shows and dance!

The Rotary International theme the year Walt served as our president was: Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace. Walt's life embraced that theme. (Submitted by Sharon Coleman)

WOLCOTT / **ROCHESTER** – Ed (Edwin) Wheeler passed away on Tuesday, November 26th after a brief stay at Shepherd Home in Penfield NY.



Ed was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on August 14th, 1932, and spent forty-four (44) years of his life in eastern Wayne County. He was an Army veteran and served during the Korean conflict. Ed owned his own insurance agency in Wolcott and joined Rotary in 1975. He actively volunteered within the community providing rides to area veterans, meals on wheels to the elderly, and was also a Shriner. Ed was recognized by the Wolcott Club for his "service above self" and named a Paul Harris Fellow. Ed was married to Nancy Ives, and resided for many years on Sodus Bay.

Ed was well travelled, committed to environmental protection, and a lover of Cape Cod. He was an avid sailor, long-time member and past Commodore of the Sodus Bay Yacht Club.

Those who wish may donate to their favorite charity in Ed's name or plant a tree. Ed encouraged all to be kind to those less fortunate.

A memorial service will be held at White Haven Memorial Park, Pittsford, on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 2 PM.

(Submitted by Joe Snyder

Penn Yan Rotary Club

Rotary Forest – Penn Yan's District Simplified Grant

Trees have been deeply rooted in Rotary's history, starting with Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary. Harris established the planting of a tree as a Rotary custom in the United States and throughout the world, known as the "trees of friendship." At the suggestion of Harris, Sydney W. Pascall, Europe's first president of Rotary International planted trees along his journey of 60,000 miles as he visited Rotary Clubs around the world. "Let us hope that our active pursuit of friendship among the nations may be fitly symbolized by these trees," said Pascall. The Rotary tradition of planting trees was adopted by clubs globally and locally, and even grew into reforestation efforts in many locations throughout the years. In 1926, the Rotary Club of Penn Yan acquired 10 acres "for the purpose of demonstrating reforestation of waste or idle lands in Yates County," according to Club and property records. The land was planted with red pine and Norway spruce, likely during the 1930 to 40s, through the efforts of Penn Yan Rotarians, the local Boy and Girl Scout Troops, and the Izaak Walton League.

Eighty years later, the plantation is starting to show normal signs of aging and where pines and spruce have come down over the years, hardwoods have become established in the openings, which is part of the natural pattern of forest succession. However, in these openings, invasive species also established and spread throughout the woodlot. Invasive species can alter the food web in an ecosystem by destroying or replacing native food sources, providing little to no food or habitat value for wildlife. Invasive species can also alter the abundance or diversity of species, reducing overall biodiversity. Additionally, some invasive species can change the conditions in an ecosystem, such soil chemistry. Dense populations or monocultures of invasive species are also breeding grounds for ticks, which pose a threat to human health.

The Penn Yan Rotary Club, as the caretakers of the Forest, applied for DSG funds to aide in restoration efforts. Grant funds will be used towards professional management of invasive species present in the forest including Oriental bittersweet and European buckthorn. Long-term restoration efforts seek to restore overall health and accessibility to the forest that will increase the environmental benefits provided to the community, including clean air and water, and storm water management. Additionally, making the forest accessible to the community will provide social benefits including opportunities for recreation and leisure, a tranquil place for relaxation, as well as the many other social and therapeutic benefits of forests.

Management of aggressive and difficult to manage invasive species in the woodlot will be performed by a local forest consulting company and are expected to occur within the next few months. Further management of other invasive species that can be controlled by hand pulling and other mechanical means will be performed by Penn Yan Rotarians and hopefully other enthusiastic volunteers!

(Submitted by Laura Henderson)

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

Contact Us

Submit Event (docx)

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

Corning Rotary Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Rotary Club of Corning is offering scholarships to Corning-area high school seniors who are graduating in June 2020 and entering a continuing education school program of two or more years by fall 2020. The scholarships are also available to second-year students at Corning Community College who are continuing their education at a four-year institution. In past years, the Club has awarded multiple scholarships of up to \$1,000 each.

The primary criteria for selection are the student's demonstrated commitment to community service during their high school or college years, together with acceptance into a continuing education program of the student's choice.

Rotarians and members of their families are not eligible to receive Rotary Scholarships.

Applications are available for download at the "Rotary Forms" section of the Rotary Club of Corning website at: www.corningnyrotary.org. Paper applications are also available in the guidance office of participating schools. Students should type their responses and may mail their completed application to the Rotary Club Scholarship Committee chairperson at: Dr. Geraldine F. Wolfe, Corning Rotary Scholarship, PO Box 264, Painted Post, New York 14870. All applications must be postmarked by March 6, 2020.

The Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of Corning will review all applications and maintains full discretion over the selection process. Scholarship awards will be announced by early May 2020.

Applicants should direct their questions to their guidance office or to Dr. Geraldine F. Wolfe at gwolfe44@yahoo.com. (Submitted by Ted Goldwyn)



Corning Rotary Invites Community to Pancake Supper

The Rotary Club of Corning invites all members of the public to its fifth annual "Groundhog Day" Pancake Supper. The

event will be held on **Thursday, January 30**, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Corning American Legion, 8 River Rd, Corning, NY.

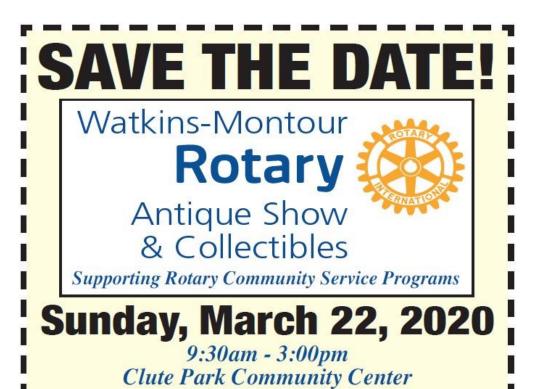
Tickets are once again only \$10 each and may be purchased in advance or at the event. Attendees will be treated to a hearty "breakfast for dinner" featuring pancakes, "ground hog" sausages, juice and coffee. The event will also feature lively entertainment courtesy of the Corning Rotary Jazz Band, and a 50/50 raffle.



All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support

Rotary's local community service projects. In past years, funds have benefitted projects in support of Corning-area charities, social service organizations, and schools including the Corning Youth Center, Corning Meals on Wheels, Southeast Steuben County Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Charities of Steuben, The Science and Discovery Center, and the Corning Rotary's literacy programs at Winfield Street and Severn Elementary Schools.

A limited number of Platinum, Gold, and Silver level sponsorships are also available for this event. Contact Corning Rotarian Buddy Cutler at scutler@stny.rr.com or visit www.corningnyrotary.org for more information.



Rt. 414, Watkins Glen, NY

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Other Half Brewing
Rising Storm
Battle Street Brewery

Facebook Message Wayland Rotary or Call (585) 353-5284

Dansville Rotary





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at Dansville Community Center, 43 West Ave., Dansville, NY

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Club of Greece N.Y.



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Sara - Granddaughter of Rotarian Jim Duclos



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Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Upcoming CLUB 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

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

January 30 Corning Rotary Pancake Supper, Corning American Legion, 4-7 pm, Tickets are \$10

February 2020

February 8 Sunshine Kids Gala with Rochester Automobile Dealers Association, Riverside Convention Center,

February 8 Trivia Night, Dansville Rotary, Dansville Community Center, 6:30 pm

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

March 6 Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotary, Casino Night, \$40

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

March 21 Wayland Rotary Brews Cruise, 10:45 am Meet behind Wayland Fire Hall, Tickets are \$100

March 22—Watkins Montour Rotary Antique Show and Collectibles, 9:30am to 3:00 pm, Watkins Glen



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