Rotary International - District 7120



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Dave Hannan, District Governor

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Dave & Pam Hannan

PEACEBUILDING

June 10, 2020

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

At about the time I was becoming optimistic about our medical progress in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic, all hell broke loose with rioting and looting across the country, the likes of which we haven't seen in the Rochester area since 1964. So, what are the roles and responsibilities of Rotary clubs and Rotarians in the midst of all this?

I believe every Rotarian would adamantly deny being racist. Racism isn't fair, doesn't build good will and better friendships, and isn't beneficial to all concerned. Rotary International advocates for diversity in our club membership. Over the past three years our district leadership has focused efforts against poverty, drug addiction, and illiteracy. What we have done has been good, but not good enough!

Racism is not a genetically inherited trait. We were taught at home and at school that all are created equal, and that America is the land of opportunity. Yet, despite the Emancipation Proclamation, despite Brown vs. the Board of Education, and despite all the civil rights legislation, there surely remains inequality and lack of opportunity. Unfortunately, we must acknowledge that we live in a socially, educationally, and legally racist environment.

As Rotarians, let us step beyond the denial of fault, beyond the scapegoating of our ancestors and founding fathers. Let us accept the problem for the reality that it is today and become the problem-solving People of Action that Rotarians have been for over 100 years.

Peacebuilding is one of the six areas of focus for The Rotary Foundation. Peacebuilding is not just the prevention of nuclear holocaust or the resettlement of refugees in war-torn areas of the globe. We must start with peace in our own communities.

I encourage each Rotary club to incorporate a community peacebuilding element into their STRATEGIC PLAN this year. I ask you to address racism at your club and board meetings, and look at what you can do through membership, public image, and community service to correct the inequities that exist. I invite you to partner with ROCHESTER NORTHWEST, ROCHESTER SOUTHWEST, and ROCHESTER LATINO Rotary Clubs to enhance their efforts at peacebuilding in their communities. Also, look beyond your own community to address educational inequity, as ROCHESTER and VICTOR-FARMINGTOM Rotary Clubs have done.

Make our legacy that of peacebuilding!

DG Dave Hannan







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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS 21 May 2020

The ongoing evolution of Rotaract is redefining its place within Rotary. "It's a new era," says one enthusiastic Rotaractor by Vanessa Glavinskas

At midnight on 30 June, hundreds of Rotaractors will ring in the new Rotary year together. They'll also be celebrating Rotaract's ongoing evolution, including the expansion of Rotary membership to include Rotaract clubs.

A countdown celebration is scheduled for the last night of Interota 2020, Rotaract's triennial convention, which will be held in Hong Kong next month.

"It's really exciting," says Ignacio González, a member of the Rotaract Club of Oriente de Talca in Chile. Until



recently, Rotaractors have been considered Rotary program participants. "Now," says González, who serves on the Elevate Rotaract Task Force, "we are a part of Rotary. It's a new era for Rotaract."

Rotary President Mark Daniel Maloney and President-elect Holger Knaack, strong champions of Rotaract, will be at Interota this year. It may be the first time a presidential changeover ceremony has taken place at a Rotaract event.

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Rotaract's elevated status within the organization was approved by Rotary's Council on Legislation in 2019 as part of an ongoing effort to make Rotary more appealing and welcoming to young professionals. "We keep telling Rotarians to find a way to bring in young people, when we have them already and we seem to forget them," says 2018-19 Rotary President Barry Rassin. It was Rassin who formally proposed expanding the definition of Rotary membership to include both Rotary and Rotaract.

After the Council approved revising the RI Constitution and Bylaws to **include Rotaract as a membership type**, the Elevate Rotaract Task Force — made up of both Rotaractors and Rotarians — was formed and began surveying members to come up with policy recommendations for the transition. "We're hearing from Rotaractors all over the world," says David D. Stovall, RI treasurer and chair of the task force.

On the advice of the task force, the RI Board of Directors in October approved several changes to Rotaract — the most notable being **the removal of Rotaract's upper age limit.** As of 1 July, members of Rotaract will no longer be required to leave their club when they turn 31. Clubs will still be able to set their own age limit, if they wish.

Elyse Lin, a member of the Rotaract Club of Taipei Tin Harbour in Taiwan who is also on the task force, says the age limit was an obstacle for Rotaract members who wanted to stay involved with Rotary but either didn't feel ready for a traditional Rotary club or found the expense of joining one out of reach. "Once those members leave, it's very hard to get them back into the Rotary family," Lin notes. Although some Rotaract alumni continue to participate in Rotaract events, she says, they often no longer feel like a true part of the organization. With the rules change, she predicts some recent alumni will rejoin Rotaract.

Other changes: New Rotaract clubs won't have to rely on a Rotary club to sponsor them; they can now sponsor themselves or choose another Rotaract club as their sponsor. And Rotaractors are now eligible — and encouraged — to serve alongside Rotarians on district and RI committees. "Elevate Rotaract is really a call for a closer partnership between Rotary and Rotaract," explains Clement Chinaza Owuamalam, a member of the Rotaract Club of Apo, Nigeria, who serves on the task force.....

Complete story available at https://www.rotary.org/en/rotaract-rising





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General sessions

Saturday, 20 June

General Session 1: Together, We Connect

- 08:00-09:15 in Chicago, USA (UTC-5)
- 14:00-15:15 in Lagos, Nigeria, and London, England (UTC+1)
- 21:00-22:15 in Taipei, Taiwan (UTC+8) Check the time in my city

Sunday, 21 June

General Session 2: Together, We Learn

- 08:00-09:15 in Chicago, USA (UTC-5)
- 14:00-15:15 in Lagos, Nigeria, and London, England (UTC+1)
- 21:00-22:15 in Taipei, Taiwan (UTC+8) Check the time in my city

Featured Breakout Sessions

Monday - Friday, 22-26 June

Each day, one breakout session will be offered at each of the following times*:

- 8:00 9:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 12:00 13:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 18:00 19:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)

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Featured Breakout Schedule*

(all sessions presented in EN unless otherwise noted).

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Japanese, and Chinese.

Monday, 22 June

- 8:00 Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members
- 12:00 Engaging Rotary Alumni

18:00 - Greening Rotary Events: Be Plastic-free, Offset Carbon, and More!

Tuesday, 23 June

- 8:00 Grow Rotary Through New Club Types
- 12:00 President-Nominee Session

18:00 - How to Start and Manage RAGM Microfinance Projects/ Cómo iniciar y administrar proyectos de micro finanzas RAGM (presented in Spanish)

Wednesday, 24 June

- 8:00 Adopt-a-River Initiative: A Rotary & UNEP Partnership Model
- 12:00 Rotaract Elevated, Now What?

18:00 - Disruptive Innovation in Rotary Clubs/La innovación disruptiva en los clubes rotaries (presented in Spanish)

Thursday, 25 June

- 8:00 How to Submit a Great Global Grant Application
- 12:00 President-Elect Session

18:00 - Digital Trends of 2021: Using Tech to Engage Millennials

Friday, 26 June

- 8:00 Engage Young Families with Service and Alternative Meetings
- 12:00 The Rotary Brand
- 18:00 Personal Growth Opportunities: Rotary's Alliance with Toastmasters

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These Live Sessions will be recorded and made available for On Demand viewing

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Time to make **A DIFFERENCE**.

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<u>Guidance for Maintaining Member Engagement</u> <u>during the COVID-19 Pandemic</u>



This guide has been prepared to assist Clubs in their efforts to maintain Membership engagement at this difficult operational time. The guide is not exhaustive, and many ideas may be added as the ingenuity and adaptability of our Clubs find new and innovative ways to maintain our fellowship.

pdf is available at..... https://rotary7120.org/documents/en-ca/0a9810ed-d062-4fac-ab03-3f4fb9b04716/1/

District 7120 has information on it's website to help clubs set-up Zoom Meetings. Use this link to get some help on setting up Zoom....the complete article can be found at: <u>https://rotary7120.org/documents/en-ca/03eae178-7fef-4305-996a-061caaa70f18/1/</u>

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Setting Zoom up on your computer

- 1. Sign on to your internet browser (Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari).
- 2. Type:
- https://zoom.us/

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SHIFT YOUR ROTARY CLUB FROM AVERAGE TO EXTRAORDINARY

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with a STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Do you dream of your Rotary Club being known as the premier service organization in your community? Would you like to retain and attract more members to your Rotary club?

You can achieve all this and more when you discover the value and importance of an effective Strategic Plan. These concepts have helped many clubs grow membership and become a sought-after leader in their community.



Making a commitment to keep or regain vibrancy within your Rotary Club is the beginning



of an attitude mind-shift that will allow your club to transform the results of its efforts from average to EXTRAORDINARY. A well-designed strategic plan allows the club to more effectively

use its budget dollars, member's skills and community resources to make a positive difference locally and internationally. The process sets the stage for continued strategic visioning and organizational growth development.

Here are a few comments from participants of the D7120 Strategic Planning Workshop.

- This is the best seminar workshop I've experienced in my 42 years in Rotary!
- Learning how to strategically plan to grow our club was amazing. It is a process, not a race! Once we had the guidelines, and under the direction of our facilitators, we actually discovered our strengths, our threats, and more.
- The highly engaging and interactive style helped our club focus with a clearer lens on areas for opportunities for growth in our club.
- The process was just what we feel our club needs. This was time well spent and will help insure the future of our club. Thank you sooooooooooooo much.
- This workshop was extremely valuable and kept on schedule. It is allowing us to take a realistic look at our club.
- This workshop is essential if a club wants to improve.

For more information or to schedule a workshop for your Rotary Club, contact ...

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PDG Scott MacDonell, smacdone@rochester.rr.com, 585-281-3324 (M)





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, <u>bcross@songbirdresearch.com</u>, 585-737-0579

Chuck Turner, Brighton Rotary, <u>chamarturner@rochester.rr.com</u>, 585-271-8597

Jeff Krans, Penn Yan Rotary, <u>jkrans228@gmail.com</u>, 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 7120 Competitions, Awards & Contests

Rotary Citation 2019-2020

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Deadline August 15, 2020

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



I would like to inform you of the status of RYLA for the 2020 season.

Unfortunately, the Associate Director of Conferences and Special Events at RIT has had to cancel our event due to everything that is happening with the reopening criteria. The College will not be able to have RYLA on the campus this year. The safety of all youth is my first priority and I know that even though this is a difficult decision, that the right one has been made.

I would like to thank DG Dave Hannan and Ted Baumhauer for their constant support of this program. I appreciate all of your patience and support of the RYLA Program and I am looking forward to RYLA 2021.

Yours in Rotary Service, Julie M Carney RYLA District Chair 7120

District Oratorial Contest Update

(Submitted by Dick Stearns)

[Editor's Note: Abigail's photo, along with the original story written by Don Collins, Contest Chair, was in the March Grapevine, pages 14 & 15 <u>https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050098/en-ca/files/homepage/district-7120-newsletter-2020-march-grapevine/District-7120-Newsletter-2020-March-Grapevine-Issue.pdf</u>]

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Don Collins, District 7120 Oratorical Contest chairman, has provided an update on our 2020 Oratorical Contest winner Abigail Christopher.

"Abigail is a home schooled student who won the 2020 Rotary District 7120 Oratorical Contest on Ethics. She plans on going to college to become a physician.

Abigail utilized the skills she obtained by practicing and honing her speech for The Oratorical Contest into creating other speeches which then won two other contests. In the American Legion Contest she placed First in Monroe County and second in the District. In the Rochester Right to Life Contest Abigail placed First in Monroe County and Second in New York State."

Abigail is seen with DG Dave Hannan the day she won the Rotary District 7120 Oratorical Contest.

District 7120 Literacy Newsletter June 2020



The year 2020 has brought some challenges to our personal lives, our communities, Rotary clubs, cities and states as well as other countries in the world. We have been forced to see things in our lives from a different platform.

<u>How will we proceed with our Literacy Programs and goals</u>? We as a committee will have to change our goals or assist in different ways? As we prepare to start a new Rotary year in July the District Literacy Committee will still be promoting Literacy even more than ever but we will need to seek different methods and means of sharing that help and information!!

The committee will be recognizing Literacy in September 2020 but is still working on the platform and date we will use to share it. Let's hope we will all be meeting in September in person for our annual **Literacy Seminar**.

If your club has found some new and unique ways to promote Literacy in your area during covi-19 please share those ideas with me and I will make a list and share them in our next newsletter.

Respectfully, Pam Dean mesunshine1@msn.com



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Rotary District #7120 Change Over Dinner

June 27,2020 saturday 7:00 p.m.

> This Event is FREE to Attend.

Please Consider a Donation Instead to the Rotary Foundation.

Keynote Speaker: Rotary International Director 2018-2020 Jeffry Cadorette



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This Event will be Virtual on



R1 Director Jeffry Cadorette Media Rotary Club

RSVP to: Mindy Lull mindylull@icloud.com no later than june 29th







Rotary District 7120 Change Over

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Welcome

Master of Ceremonies Neal Gorman, Penfield Rotary Club

Song National Anthem Jerry Christopher, Penfield Rotary Club

Inspirational Message Reverend Steve Brotzman, Penfield Rotary Club

Introduction of Speaker-Neal Gorman

Keynote Speaker Jeffry Cadorette, Rotary International Director, Zone 32

Question & Answers

Outgoing Governors Remarks Dave Hannan, DG 2019-2020

Passing & Presenting of Pins

District Governor Nominee to District Governor Nominee Designate: Ralph Brandt District Governor Elect to District Governor Nominee: Janet Tenriero District Governor to District Governor Elect: Linda Kohl Presentation of gift to Outgoing Governor Dave Hannan Linda Kohl

Passing of the Banner

"Home of District Governor" Holly Kreuser, President, Newark Rotary Club to Tara DuMont, Penfield Rotary Club

Introduction of 2020-2021 Theme & Address

Linda Kohl, District Governor 2020-2021

Song

"Let there be Peace on Earth" Saige Boch, Penfield High School Graduate 2020 & Penfield Rotary Vocal Contestant

Thank You For Coming – Ring The Bell

Neal Gorman, Penfield Rotary Club



Palmyra Macedon Rotary [NOTE: due to an error by the Editor, this story was omitted from the May Grapevine]

Palmyra Macedon Rotary Club is proud to announce two new members to our club. On February 19th Jeff Crawford, who has been a long time Rotarian with the Red Jacket Rotary became a PalMac Rotarian. We are so happy to have such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable new member. On April 15th Jeff was awarded the Paul Harris Plus One pin and badge which goes to show what dedication to Rotary Jeff has. We all cant wait to have fun and get things done with a new member like Jeff.

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Pictured from left to right is Jeff Crawford, Maurina Schmidt and Dianne Slone

On April 8th our second induction occurred for the first time on Zoom. We are so happy to have Nicole Caruso, who is the Marketing and Leasing Director at Parkwoods Heights Senior Living Campus here in Macedon join our Rotary Club. She has a great volume of knowledge with the Veterans organization and loves helping out the community in any way possible. Her pure excitement of wanting to become a Rotarian is infectious to say the least.

As our Motto says our club can't wait to have fun and get things done with our new member.

(Submitted by Kim Brooks)

Belmont Rotary

As a thank you to the Genesee Valley Central School staff who have been diligently packing and distributing meals to our homebound students, the Belmont Rotary Club delivered pizza and wing lunches for all the cafeteria staff, aides, bus

drivers, custodial staff and office staff who have been holding things together. This involved 4 shifts of dedicated workers on four different days. We are proud to have been able to support these workers.

We also want to say thanks to Paul Giovanniello and the staff at Pizza King in Wellsville for helping us to make this possible.

(Submitted by Mary Fuller)

Rotarians from L to R: Jim Arthur, Dana Ross, Bob Drosendahl with pizzas ready to serve!



VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB RECOGNIZES STUDENTS FROM RCSD

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club has continued its support for students enrolled in the "Be the Change" class at the Rochester City School District's School of Integrated Arts and Technology. The club awarded certificates of recognition and a monetary stipend to five students nominated by the school for their commitment to using their personal talents to make a difference in serving others. Funding for the awards comes from the David Fund of the Victor -Farmington Rotary Foundation.

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The fund was established by Rotarian Karen Parkhurst in memory of her children's half-brother who was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 19. This fund was established 8 years ago and has gone to his high school,



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RCSD INTEGRATED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AN INSPIRATION FOR THOSE WHO WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE..... VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB 2020 Midlakes, several schools in Nicaragua, and for the past two years to the School of Integrated Arts & Technology. The award recognizes high school graduates who have exhibited the potential to create change.

The school offers a unique environment of academic rigor, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit. Students are inspired to become thinkers, innovators, and compassionate agents of social and technological change.



Karen Parkhurst with Award Certificate

The V-F Rotary club has worked with the class advisor, Melinda Caparco, and Assistant Principal Donna Groff – McNulty, in supporting the school's programs.

The 2020 graduates recognized by the club are Tahjir King, Savannah Kinley, Yarushka Caraballo, Christian Hunter, and Cristian Rivera. All have demonstrated unique talents, leadership skills, and a willingness to help others. Several are members of the National Honor Society and have been mentors for other students at the school.

Victor – Farmington Rotarians participated in a recent inter-active Zoom meeting involving Rotarians, school faculty members, and the recipient students. Karen spoke for the V-F Rotary club and told the students that Rotary is proud of their accomplishments. She noted they were selected on the basis of their abilities, energy, and a commitment to act as a force for positive change, qualities that Rotary encourages in young people who will be the future leaders in their communities.

The class advisor, Melinda Caparco, served as host for the Zoom meeting. She introduced the five award recipients, each of whom



Photo from Zoom presentation with Dr. Arun Gahndi

spoke of their goals for the future. Also participating in the meeting was another graduating member of the class, Holden Vance, who has been selected as the 2020 recipient of the Dexter Perkins Award from the University of Rochester. The keynote speaker for the meeting was Dr. Arun Gandhi, the founder of the M. K. Gandhi institute in Rochester. Dr. Gandhi is a grandson of the late Mahatma Gandhi, the noted advocate of non-violent change.

Rick Smith, principal of the school, expressed pride and best wishes to the award recipients and thanked all who participated. V-F Rotary club president Jim Crane congratulated the recipients and wished them success in the future.

V-F Rotarians participating in the event were Karen Parkurst, Jim Crane, Galen Powers, and Judy and Dave Luitweiler. (Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)

Irondequoit Rotary Club inducts four new members in virtual ceremonies.

Irondequoit Rotary club has used this time of virtual meetings to bring four new members into our club and hope to meet them in person soon. It is hard to exist as a dinner club when your meeting place cannot serve food. Every aspect has to be rethought.

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On the 22nd of April we put our plan together and held an induction ceremony during the meeting. With advanced planning we had the appropriate members print up the membership certificate and drop it off at their home. Another member placed pins into the post so that all needed items were available. And Dave Long of Irondequoit became an inducted member and his wife placed the pin on his lapel.

As the system worked so well, we thought we would do it again. Once again prior to the impending date certificates and pins were sent to the residences. On the night of the event there were many additional visitors to the meeting. Many spouses joined in, a sister signed on from Rome, Italy and we were honored to have District Governor Dave Hannan and District Governor Nominee Janet Tenreiro attend. And on June 3rd the club made history with inducting three ladies into its fold. Jill Orologio joins her father in the club, Alena DiPrima joins her father and brother as a member and Angela Sauer after years of recalling working with our Annual Pasta Dinner.

(Submitted by Kenn Van Dieren)

Victor-Farmington Rotary

New meeting format at Jim's Archer

– Club President Jim Crane an Past President Bruce Chapman

(Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)



around the table – L to R – Rotarians Victor Arsenault, Galen Powers, Jim Crane, Bruce Chapman, Karen Parkhurst, Bev Rosbrook, and Judy Luitweiler



FAIRPORT ROTARIANS HAVE A VIDEO CHAT WITH PENPALS

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As part of an initiative to connect young students with Rotarians, our club launched a pen pal initiative. In May, several Fairport Rotarians were able to chat with their pen pals. Minus a few technical difficulties at first, three missing students, and two missing Rotarians, it was a blast. Boy, do children love to talk! Each student had two questions to ask their Rotarian pen pal. Some, though, wanted to tell stories instead or share views of everything they had in their bedroom. Heinrich has quite the feisty pen pal with Parker, Kareen's Adelaide is a charmer, Miriam had plenty to share with Newcomb, our Andrew and his pen pal Cole talked skiing, while Dave Large and his pal Andrew plan to play ball when this is all over. So many friendships were formed. We're hoping pen pals can meet for ice cream along the canal sometime this summer. Kudos to Rotarians for continuing to promote literacy to these 2nd graders and to Mrs. Cocilova for pulling off this fantastic endeavor. One more reason why we love teachers!



Albert H. Knapp Rotary Pavilion



John Kucko recently took this photo and documented his visit on Facebook of the Albert H. **Knapp Rotary Pavilion**, which is in the final stages of being upgraded. John noted the following on Facebook: "All Aboard: Would you look at the excitement of the little boy upon seeing Amtrak's Lake Shore Limited whisk by the other day? The Fairport Junction viewing platform is near completion not far from the Main Street CSX crossing in Fairport, NY. The Fairport Perinton Partnership for a Better Community did a terrific job developing interest for this through donations (from the Fairport Perinton Merchants Association, as well as the Fairport Rotary) and even received a grant

from CSX. This has been years in the making and should be completed in the coming days.

The platform should be completed in the coming days. The platform will be a safe, terrific way to see the many trains passing through this beautiful canal town up close. **Fairport Junction**

(Submitted by Thomas Wolanski)

Corning Rotary Welcomes New Member

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The Rotary Club of Corning recently welcomed its newest member, Jacqueline (Jackie) Towers.

Rotarians Dick Pope and Stacy Ward cosponsored Jackie for membership. Jackie has been a resident of Corning since December 2017, having fallen in love with the beauty, friendliness and quaintness of the town after a recent visit to the area. Jackie has worked for global consulting firms for 25 years and is currently employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Advisory (Consulting) division. She has a global job managing alliances and is thankful to have had the

opportunity to travel to many countries around the world.

Jackie's hobbies include gardening, cooking, exercise and reading historical fiction; but she holds a special passion for health. As a certified Holistic Health Counselor, she helps people through one on one coaching programs, seminars, cooking classes and newsletters to achieve healthy eating and lifestyle changes to live their best life possible.

As a world traveler and international consultant, Jackie appreciates Rotary's international scope, and she hopes to use her trips outside the U.S. to bring different groups together. She also looks forward to getting involved in school systems and nursing homes locally, particularly to help children and seniors to have better access to nutritious meals.

(Submitted by Ted Goldwyn)

Spencerport Rotary Geranium Sale Sell Out !

For many years, Spring brings with it the Spencerport Club's Geranium Sale, when the club purchases 2,000 plants wholesale, to resell as a fundraiser. Club members take presale orders and a stand is set up for additional sales over a 4 day period. In the past few years, the club has sold an average of 1,800 plants, with the remaining plants bought for cost by a local landscaper. This year presales jumped to 1,400 plants - 70% of the inventory and the remaining 600 plants were sold in just 5 hours! Partial proceeds for the fundraiser were donated to KATS – a local cat shelter, and Rochester Hope for Pets. (Submitted by Colleen Farley)



Corning Rotary Hosts Successful Community Gardens Cleanup

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On Saturday, May 16 the Corning Rotary Club hosted a successful Spring Cleanup Session at the Kate Danforth Community Gardens. The Gardens, named in memory of Kate Danforth, the late Corning Rotarian and Professor of Mathematics at Corning Community College, are located adjacent to the Town of Corning offices in South Corning. The cleanup session drew great participation from Rotarians and friends, including Ernie Danforth, Stu Sammis, Dale Wexell, Wendy and Peter Winnett, Laura and Stephen Matson, Yumiko Akiba, and John Brown.

Stu Sammis, Corning Rotarian and organizer of the Gardens, reports that every planting bed has been rented this year. To inquire about openings at other local community gardens or for next year, community members may contact Stu at sammissk@hotmail.com (Submitted by Ted Goldwyn)







Canandaigua Rotary Donates to Salvation Army

The Canandaigua Rotary Club reinforced the Canandaigua Salvation Army with a \$1000 check recently. Even though the Club has temporarily suspended its normal meetings, Rotarians are still

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trying to support the community in time of need. Pictured are Major David Rhodes, Captain Pamela Rhodes, and Rotary Club President Dan Kelley:

Canandaigua Rotary Club Donates to the United Way of Ontario County

Canandaigua The Rotary Club contributed to the Ontario County United Way food drive with a \$500 check recently.

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Even though the Club has temporarily suspended its normal meetings, Rotarians are still trying to support the community in time of need. Masked and pictured are Kari Buch ED, Jeff Lippincott, Barb Fuge, Adeline Rudolf, Karen Sprentall, Marty Potter,

George Herren, Greg Gullo, and Don Raw. (Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



Dansville Rotary

Dansville Rotarian Jon Shay just finished emptying one of the 2 recycling containers used for various club fund raisers, primarily GVRC.



Submitted by Jon Shay

Dansville Rotarians Nancy Nice, Jenni Leuzzi, Lou Colella and Tom Fellion finishing up the Rotary Planter on Main St.

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Dansville Rotarians gathering to do one of their Highway cleanups.

Over a period of 3 different efforts a 2 mile stretch of Routes 36 South and 63 North were done along with a piece of the Wayland hill.

(Submitted by Jon Shay)



HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY CLUB STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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The Honeoye Lake Rotary Club was able to honor its last three Students of the Month for the 2019-2020 school year. For March, we recognized Victoria Armstrong, in April, Alex Jarosinski was honored, and for May, April Washburn was selected. These students are chosen by their teachers and we then presented them with a letter of recognition, a special certificate and a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

Each of these students serves as a role model for their peers by showing leadership skills, academic success, participation in a variety of activities at school and in the community.

As they exemplify the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" and live their lives according to the Four Way Test,, it is the HLRC's honor to recognize them as outstanding members of the HCS community. Congratulations to these students and their parents for jobs well done. (Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)

Perry Rotary

Perry, NY is a small, rural community like so many, a place where neighbors care about each other. In Rotary's world, Perry's club lies in District 7120 and dates back to the 1920s. Through the years it has faced many challenges, set many goals and risen to meet all of them—including helping hundreds of families struggling during the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, pandemic. New York State was hardest hit of all fifty in the U.S. and shut down early to slow the spread. It worked. But many families were out of work. Kids home. No income.

The club's foundation officials met with the superintendent of the school district, also a Rotarian, to discuss what Rotary could do to help. Another community organization, Perry Main Street Association, already had and still has a gift certificate program recognized by most retailers and service providers in and around Perry. A starting point of \$20,000 was established by the club, which appealed to the greater community to contribute. It did with \$33,505 from 36 individuals, foundations and business donations received.

While the school developed a survey for people to complete online to enable vetting, Rotary had a kickoff effort to contribute a total of \$3,000 to four different food pantries.

Back to the school, once families responded, district officials led by the superintendent hand-delivered envelopes containing "Give the Gift of Perry" certificates. Five batches of \$10,000 each were distributed to 490 households in funding cycles. Each household received \$100 worth of certificates at \$25 each.

A grateful community has responded with thank you cards, emails and social media posts. Perry Rotarians are vastly proud. Who knows? Maybe this outreach, in addition to the many other civic projects of this club, will foster future members who will recall when they received that "Gift of Perry." – Lorraine Sturm, Perry Rotary Club

Elmira Rotary Club Raises Funds to Support Community Food Distributors and Breweries

On May 9 2020, the Elmira Rotary Club hosted a virtual Beer Fest. The purpose of this event was to offer support to local breweries but even more importantly, it was to generate funds to support local food distributors. The Elmira Virtual Beer Fest generated \$3,000 which was divided equally and distributed to three local food partners: Meals on Wheels of Chemung County, Economic Opportunity Program of Elmira and Elmira Community Kitchen-Catholic Charities. Each of these organizations provides food to the needier members of our Community. In addition the Event generated \$961 dollars in beer sales for three local breweries: Upstate Brewing Co.,, Elmira, Horseheads Brewing Co., Horseheads, and Iron Flamingo Brewery Co., Corning.



As a service organization whose motto is "Service Above Self" it seemed only

natural that the Club came up with a way to "give back" to our community during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The original idea started with Club member Tom Brown who had seen this concept done by another Rotary Club in the Ukraine. He was intrigued by it and did a little research and found another Club in Colorado who had also hosted a similar event. With input and permission from both these other Clubs, Elmira Virtual Beer Fest was born.

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On May 9, 2020, from 4 to 8 p.m., with only three weeks of planning, the Elmira Rotary Club hosted its first Virtual Beer Fest. The event charged a nominal fee to be a participant, people could order beer from one of the three participating breweries and have it delivered to their door prior to the event. There were several types of donation options available through the event web site including an event tee shirt and a silent auction. The evening featured a Zoom Room for paid participants who shared their enjoyment of beer along with a Facebook live stream. There were interviews of the brewers and of representatives of the three community food distributors. The participants shared their love of beer, a lot of laughter, and helped to generate some much needed financial support to three deserving community food distributors.

(Submitted by Laurie Liberatore)



BATH ROTARIANS CONTINUE TO MEET VIA ZOOM

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On May 7th twenty-two Bath Rotarians and guests met for our weekly, Zoom meeting. We were pleased to have present Linda Kohl, District Governor-Elect; Ralph Brandt, District Governor Designate Nominee; Chuck Tomaselli (photo right) our speaker, who is a member of the New Hartford Rotary Club. Cheryl Muller, Rotarian and retired music teacher, sang "Mother" with her own mother in the background; she chose this song since Mother's Day was held the following Sunday. Jane Russell, President, then presented the April Rotarian of the Month Award to Tess McKinley in recognition of the great job she has done in connecting all of us via Zoom. Tomaselli then presented a power point program on Environmental Sustainability Rotarian Action Group (ESRAG) which serves as a resource to encourage and inspire Rotary Districts, Rotary Clubs, and individual Rotarians in planning, implementing, building awareness, inspiring, and evaluating eco-friendly, service projects related to the sustainability of our planet for future generations.





On May 14th twenty members participated in our weekly, Zoom meeting. Our speakers for the day were Kent Gilges (photo left) Canandaigua Rotarian, and Elijah Gwant (photo right) a student at McQuaid Jesuit High School. Gilges spoke about a Rotary Global Grant project that his club is sponsoring to support the development of a battery system to store solar-produced electricity at the Louverture Cleary School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The club is working with Gwant, Gilges' son Avery, and other students at the Rochester high school. Gwant remarked "The mission of the school in Haiti is to educate the future leaders of Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Some of



my fellow students and I chose the project to help the Haitian school as our capstone service project, a requirement during our senior year." At a subsequent meeting of the Bath Rotary Club Board of Directors the local club voted to pledge \$500.00 to the Canandaigua Rotary Club for this very worthwhile project.

On May 21st twenty-one club members signed onto Zoom for our weekly meeting. After some club business, including an inspirational invocation by club member, Pastor Stanley Bhasker, Teresa Makenna, Business Administrator at Bath-Haverling Central School, presented an illustrated, power point on the school's cafeteria lunch delivery program. This program is a lifeline for children during the school shutdown due to the coronavirus pandemic. Makenna remarked that cafeteria staff, teachers, teachers' aides, bus drivers, the school resource officer, et al. participated in providing 2,000 meals/day, including lunch for the day and breakfast for the next morning, to all students age 18 and under in the community. She also noted that these meals will be prepared and delivered at least to the end of the school year. Joe Rumsey, Bath Rotarian and Bath-Haverling Central School Superintendent, stated that discussion is being held now with hopes that these meal deliveries can be sustained financially throughout the summer.

On May 28th a special Zoom meeting was held to recognize the recipients of the many scholarships offered by the Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc. A total of eight scholarships, valued at \$8,500.00, was awarded to students from four local schools, namely Avoca, Bath-Haverling, Bradford, and Hammondsport. All the recipients, some of their parents and other relatives, some guidance counselors, and Bath Rotarians were present.

Unfortunately, our chicken barbeque, two coffee break fundraisers on I-86 East were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, in addition to the awarding of the scholarships noted above, we were able to serve our community by cleaning up the roadside litter as part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway program, providing the hanging, flower baskets for downtown Bath, and writing a District Grant for a pavilion to be built at the local school's athletic field.

Finally, we hope all our Fellow Rotarians stay safe and healthy! Together we will all get through the worldwide crisis!

(Submitted by Elaine Tears)

BATH ROTARY AWARDS \$8500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

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Six graduating seniors from four area schools were awarded \$8500 collectively in scholarships by the Bath Rotary Club as part of the organization's continuing commitment to help students further their education.

Rotary, an organization of business and professional leaders, provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic the club was not able to hold its Annual Scholarship Luncheon but rather held a Scholarship Recognition Ceremony via Zoom on May 28. The students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement and extraordinary involvement in school and community activities, including service projects.

Nancy Latour, Scholarship Chair, delivered remarks about each scholarship, including specific information about the memorial scholarships in the names of Dr. Frank E. Nicklaus, Ted Markham, and Wes Payne whose families have generously endowed these scholarships in order to commemorate their relatives' devotion to Rotary and the community.

Next Latour introduced the scholarship recipients and asked them to introduce their parents, if present, as well as to tell their college plans and some information about their high school careers and community activities. She also introduced Mark Recktenwald and Tim Gallagher, Guidance Counselors at Bath-Haverling Central School. Finally, she recognized the other members of the Scholarship Committee: Vicki Anderson, Carol Berry, John Gould, Cheryl Muller, Jane Russell, and Elaine Tears. The awards, including the recipients' high school, college plans, and parents were as follows:

FRANK E. NICKLAUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1500 to each recipient)

- Thomas Kressly, son of Thomas and Kathleen Kressly; Hammondsport Central School; SUNY College at Brockport (Adapted Physical Education)
- Shauna Pimm, daughter of Bryan and Paula Pimm; Avoca Central School; Keuka College (Occupational Therapy)
- Bailey Walker, daughter of Rebecca Shuart and Marc Shuart, stepfather, and Michael Walker and Aimee Walker, stepmother; Bath-Haverling Central School; LeMoyne College (Biology)

TED MARKHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000 to each recipient)

- Julia Bennet, daughter of Kevin and Christina Bennett; Hammondsport Central School; Clarkson University (Chemical Engineering)
- Blaze Machuga, son of Eric and Erica Machuga; Bradford Central School; Alfred State College (Agriculture Business and Entrepreneurship)

WES PAYNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000)

• Sam Arnts, son of Bill Arnts and Roxanne Gaylord; Bath-Haverling Central School; University of Rochester (Chemical Engineering)

BATH ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

• Shauna Pimm – see information above

INTERACT SCHOLARSHIP (\$500)

Bailey Walker – see information above

In addition to the Scholarship Recognition Ceremony signs, stating A Bath Rotary Club Scholarship Winner Lives Here, were placed in the yards of each of the recipients. (Submitted by Elaine Tears)

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Blaze Machuga



Sam Arnts



Julia Bennet



Thomas Kressly



Shauna Pimm



Bailey Walker

AVON ROTARY BREAKING NEWS!

It is with a heavy heart that the Avon Rotary Corn Festival Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the 34th annual Avon Rotary Corn Festival scheduled for August 8th, 2020.

Much consideration was given to every aspect of the Corn Fest. With many months of planning already for the event, it was decided that the festival could not commence this year because of all the uncertainties with the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The committee feels it cannot effectively stage the festival and comply with all state, county and local social distancing requirements due to the unpredictability of the ever changing criteria associate with the pandemic. The health and safety of our patrons, are of the utmost importance to our Rotary Club, as well as all of our volunteers, sponsors, vendors and club members.

The Corn Festival has been Avon Rotary's premier fundraiser since 1987, and canceling it for the first time ever is going to affect our ability to give back to our local and world community, which is a very large part of Avon Rotary's mission. However, missing Avon's premier community event will perhaps hurt worse, and for that, we are truly disappointed. Our thoughts go out to the many dedicated volunteers, organizations, businesses, and patrons that benefit financially from the festival.

Let's hope 2021 brings us better times. The date for the 2021 Corn Festival is Saturday, August 14. We hope to see you all then for our biggest and best Corn Festival ever!

Regretfully, Avon Rotary

(Submitted by Laurie Vonglis)

Spencerport Rotary



FREE MASKS

During the Covid 19 virus, everyone was under mandatory to wear a mask. Jeanne Lupo, a new member of Spencerport Rotary and a quilter, decided to step up and help.

Having extra fabric, Jeanne decided to make masks and give them away. She made them out of quilting fabric which is a tighter weave than other fabric. She also added an extra piece of flannel to include multiple layers, with an opening to add a filter.

The masks also include a pipe cleaner to tighten around your nose, and round elastic for ears.

(Submitted by Colleen Farley)

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On May 21st and 22st, the UPKers at HCS visited their classroom to pick up their personal belongings and say good bye to their teachers. The HLRC used this as a time to be sure each student was given the last few books for their personal libraries. Due to the restrictions of the corona virus, club members were not allowed to enjoy this experience but we can imagine the smiles and excitement shown by the students when they were each given a bag from the HLRC with their books in it. The students had become very familiar with us and looked forward to our monthly visits.

Club members are proud to say this community service project was completed in a timely fashion. We are looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year when, thanks to being awarded a district grant, we will have the opportunity to ensure every student in grades UPK through grade five receives a book a month for their personal libraries.

(Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)





Newark Rotary





Due to the Coronavirus, the

Newark exchange student will be leaving for home earlier than planned.

Ramon's flight to Switzerland was moved up from July to June 11th.

Julie, Ramon's host Mom put together a power point program depicting the many events shared with the Nevelizer family. Ramon and his host brothers Liam and Lanon have many fond memories from his visit including - a bike ride to Chill and Grill, golfing in Phelps, Wonder Works at the Destiny mall where Ramon laid on a bed of nails, maneuvering a rope course, ping-pong, pool, pie in the face game, Bristol Mountain night skiing and indoor early morning soccer.

Newark enjoyed meeting and spending time with Ramon and wish him a safe journey home. (Submitted by John Zornow)

Geneva Rotary

The Geneva Rotary Club awarded a Paul Harris Fellow at a recent meeting on Zoom. The recipient was Trina Newton (right in top right photo), who is retiring this summer as Superintendent of Schools in Geneva and returning to her native West Virginia. With her husband Scott watching (second from left in top right photo), District Governor Dr. Dave Hannan (bottom left) and Assistant Governor Jim Dickson (left in top right photo) of the Geneva club awarded the Paul Harris. (Submitted by Phil Beckley)







Newark Rotary

The Newark club recently participated in the annual Community Pride Day event, with several organizations pitching in to plant flowers along the Erie Canal and in containers throughout the downtown area.

(Submitted by John Zornow)



Checking volunteers in- Mike Muscolino, Bruce Chambers, Gail Chambers, Fred Hicks, and John Zornow





Newark Flowers--- Newark's Central Park

Jean and Bob Bendix plant along the canal bank

On May 26th members of Red Jacket Rotary donated nonperishable supplies to the Twin Cities Community Food Cupboard. Member Vern Hecker had made a significant purchase of supplies at Costco on behalf of our Club. Happily, Club members stepped-up and over reimbursed Vern for his purchases. Vern will make another trip to Costco with a follow-up donation to the food cupboard. Thank you everyone.

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(Submitted by Dick Stearns)

Spencerport Rotary SPENCERPORT TOGETHER

With so many families in need of meals during the pandemic, Spencerport Rotary unanimously voted to donate \$400 to the Spencerport Together program.

Rotarian Dan Milgate, Superintendent of Schools, spearheaded this huge program to providing low cost dinners to area families in need. The initiative is a partnership with the school district, local restaurants and the Spencerport Education Foundation. When schools closed in mid-March, the district continued to provide state-subsidized breakfasts and lunches that students in need depend on; in serving those meals, it became clear that many families were struggling to provide dinner due to furloughs and job

losses. Similarly, local restaurants were impacted by the social-distancing directives. Dan saw there was a dual opportunity to help sustain area restaurants, who offered to provide meals at a very low cost, while helping those who were financially affected by the pandemic feed their families. Numerous local restaurants stepped up and to date, the Spencerport Together campaign has raised more than \$33,000 to provide meals, and it's still going strong.

Then an additional \$250 was donated to our local food cupboard, which was running short on supplies.

(Submitted by Colleen Farley)





Red Jacket Rotary

(Submitted by Dick Stearns)

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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)



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SILVER CREEK GOLF CLUB



"The mission of Rotary Camp ONSEYAWA is to provide a camping experience for 8-16 year old children with disabilities from the 4 county area, and to foster independence and acceptance of others through social, recreational and educational aspects of life."

The Play for the Children Golf Tournament raises money to provide these camp experiences.

For more information go to www.ONSEYAWA.org

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SUNDAY June 21, 2020

11 am - 3 pm

\$10.00

Presales Held Until 1:00 PM







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Golf Tournament & Fellowship Event



You are cordially invited to attend the annual District 7120 Golf Tournament Friday, September 11, 2020

Golf & Banquet will be at Island Oaks Golf Course at Lima Country Club

Early Bird Rate: \$80 A 11:00 Registration 12:0

After July 15th: \$85 12:00 Shotgun Start

Scramble Format

Cost includes 18 Holes, Cart & Hot Dog lunch and buffet dinner There will be prizes and additional competitions... stay tuned for more details Gather your foursome and plan on a great day supporting our District's initiatives

Tournament Contacts: Kirk Vanderbilt kevanderbilt@gmail.com Tom Vonglis tvonglis@hurritech.com







Rescheduled to Oct. 24, 2020

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