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Dave Hannan, District Governor

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Rotarians: Step Up Your Game

May 10, 2020

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

It is time to step up our game, take charge, and make things happen!

That is what Rotarians do, even during a pandemic. If you have been sitting it out, waiting for a return to normal, forget that. Check out My.Rotary.Org Log in with your email address, go to Learning & Reference>Learning Center. Start doing your homework!

Let me first commend the 14 clubs that have already qualified for the ROTARY CITATION for 2019-2020: BELMONT, CLIFTON SPRINGS, FAIRPORT, GANANDA,

GREECE, HONEOYE LAKE, IRONDEQUOIT, NEWARK, ONTARIO-WALWORTH, PALMYRA-MACEDON, ROCHESTER, ROCHESTER NORTHWEST, RUSH-HENRIETTA, and VICTOR-FARMINGTON. Others are close, but they have not reported all their achievements to Rotary Club Central yet.

The 66 clubs in our District 7120 have 2294 members, the greatest number of any of the 22 districts in Zone 32 of Rotary International. We have 29 more members than we did at the start of this Rotary year, including new members in at least 4 clubs since we stopped meeting in person. Consider an event on Zoom like the Bloomfield Club did Friday evening to introduce themselves to prospective members in the community.

The District Grant Committee met in April and has forwarded its recommendations to The Rotary Foundation. A majority of our clubs applied for grants, and the money coming back to these clubs reflects the generosity of Rotarians 3 years ago. Looking forward, I encourage all clubs to prepare an application to submit next spring for the 2021-2022 Rotary year. To qualify your club will need to have an average foundation donation of \$25 per member by June 30 for this Rotary year. Unfortunately, we are currently over \$80,000 shy of what our district gave to the Annual Fund 2 years ago. Please be generous!

Be aware that May is Youth Service Month. Keep in touch with the Interactors and Youth Exchange students in our communities. Social distancing is particularly difficult for them. Our Rotary Youth Leadership Award program at RIT is still in the planning stages, and it is not too late to identify a high school student to attend. Sadly, we will not have inbound or outbound exchange students in 2020-2021, but please encourage applicants for the 2021-2022 school year.

I encourage you not to bemoan the lost opportunities effected by this pandemic, but rather to assess your community's needs, unite under the Rotary banner, and take action to improve lives.

Live to serve another day,

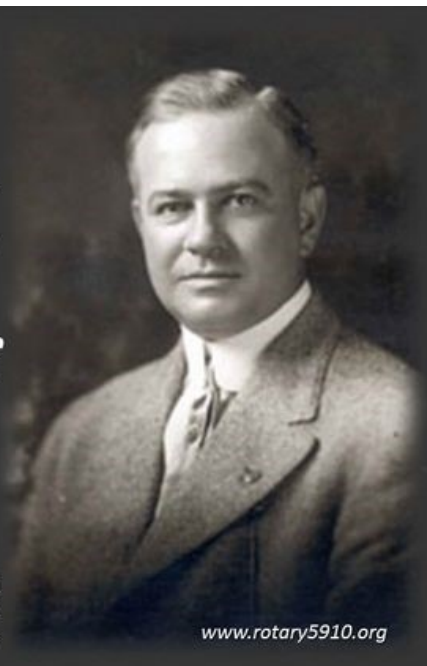
DG Dave Hannan



Rotary Archive
May, 1915

*"Rotary is fellowship.
Real fellowship is
frank, spontaneous,
full of warmth, and if
you want to gauge its
depth you will find
that it is the difference
between 'Mister' and
'Bill' — 'Reverend'
and 'Jack.'"*

~Frank L. Mulholland
Rotary Club of Toledo, Ohio, USA
May 1915



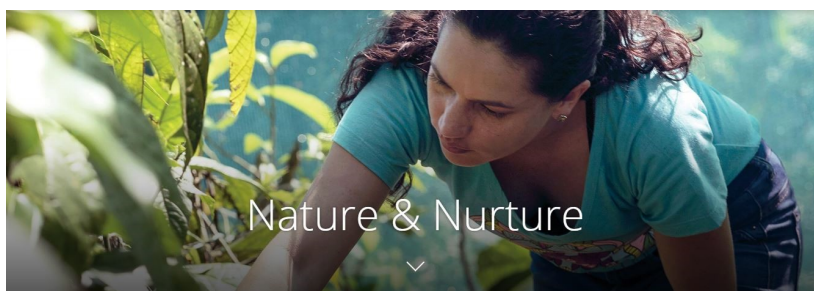
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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASE 8 MAY 2020

With help from a Rotary Foundation global grant, a group of women in rural Costa Rica are using ecotourism to enrich their families' futures

by **Diana Schoberg** Photography by **Ricardo Morales Portillo**

Drive east from the small city of Turrialba in the mountainous central region of Costa Rica, and after about an hour you will find yourself traveling down a bumpy gravel road. Cross a narrow bridge and you will find the even smaller town of Mollejones, which is where Karen and Evelyn García Fuentes grew up on a coffee farm. The farm belongs to their father, who had inherited the land from his grandfather.



When Karen and Evelyn were in their late teens, they left town and went to college. Moving to the city is the dream of many rural teenagers the world over. But after college, the sisters decided to return to Mollejones. Finding work close to home was difficult, but Karen had heard about a business in Costa Rica that raised butterflies for export. Karen set to work on learning what it would take to launch a similar enterprise. “We wanted our own project,” Evelyn says.

At the beginning, their father didn’t believe in the idea — and the butterflies terrified their mother. But Karen worked hard and focused on the business. Evelyn joined her, and their mother now works with them too. Another sister is handling the marketing and social media, and their father has given over more and more of his coffee farm to the butterflies. “The business has united the family,” Karen says.

The midmorning sun beats down on the García sisters as they smile and pose next to a colorfully painted sign that says *Hogar de Mariposas*: Home of the Butterflies. Karen McDaniels, a visitor from the United States, snaps their photo. “We’ll use these in your brochure, OK?” she says, before climbing a flight of earthen steps and walking a muddy path to see the butterfly sanctuary.

A member of the Rotary Club of Denton, Texas, McDaniels has come to Mollejones to inspect firsthand the impact of a Rotary Foundation global grant championed by her club in partnership with the Rotary Club of Cartago, Costa Rica. The grant has three components that address business training, aquaponics, and an eco-hotel. Among other things, the grant provides support for the García sisters and other local women who recently launched a tourism cooperative to attract visitors to experience the area’s rainforests, waterfalls, butterflies, and birds, as well as its traditional way of life. Rotarians partnered with the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center; based in Turrialba, the organization, known as CATIE (pronounced “KAH-tee-ay”), has been working with the women for years.

Complete story at <https://www.rotary.org/en/nature-nurture-costa-rica>



Corrections to the April Grapevine, published on 4/11/2020

(page 4)

Correct the new member name to John Baynes.

(page 16)

The Telephone number for **Ralph Brandt** under the Strategic Planning article is incorrect. It should be **585-729-7341**

Welcome to Rotary



The District Membership Development Committee

(Submitted by Gary Reilly)

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

April

Adam Rayburn
Yumiko Akiba & Lionel Hutla
Katherine Boland & Tanya McGee
Paige Wickham
Dave Long
Michael McCrossen
Nicole Caruso
Jeanette Cooper
Barbara Bianchi, Breeanna Dexter, Brandy Dirks,
Karen Finklea, Clark Hadley, Aya Hoffman, Jill Kempie,
Mary-Ammielle Nichols, Shannon O'Donnell DeLorme,
Klara Owens, Frank Randall, Alison Schmitt, Joe Seroski
& Tiffany Specht-Widmaier
Roseann Lackey, Lydia Rivera & Deborah Smith
Jason DiBiase

Bloomfield
Corning
Elmira
Fairport
Irondequoit
Newark
Palmyra-Macedon
Penfield

Roc City
Rochester Northwest
Victor-Farmington

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. ROTARY DOES "CONNECT THE WORLD"

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THE
DATE****NOW MORE THAN EVER,
ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD:
THE 2020 ROTARY
VIRTUAL CONVENTION**20-26 June 2020 | Starting 1 May, learn more at riconvention.org**What to do during “STAY HOME” because of COVID-19**

During this time of social distancing and requests to STAY HOME, Mary Ann Mady of Penfield Rotary produced the poster board (on next page) of Rotary International theme pins plus related details for the last 25 years.

Mary Ann has been a Rotarian since the 90's and is a past president, Paul Harris Fellow and a sustaining member. During normal times, she enjoys travel and has driven across the country. Mary Ann has been a frequent host for Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) incoming team members and the DGE Hospitality (Milt Mathews) program. She participated as a team member in the recent RFE to England.



Mary Ann has saved or collected theme pins for each of the past 25 years, the poster board includes the actual theme pin, the theme, the Rotary International President's name and our District 7120 District Governor's name and club.

As an example, for the Rotary International 2019-20 year, the theme was “Rotary Connects the World”, the Rotary International President is Mark Daniel Maloney, and our District Governor is Dave Hannan from Newark Rotary.

A high resolution photo of the poster board is available upon request. CGrovanz@rochester.rr.com.

Submitted by Carl Grovanz

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CONNECT WITH THE (ONLINE) ROTARY WORLD FAQ's Resources & Best Practices

This is from Diana Edwards, Regional Membership Officer I Membership Development at RI. As of 28 April 2020



Submitted by
PDG Scott MacDonell

We have compiled a list of frequently asked questions, along with some resources and best practices for Online Rotary club meetings.

1. Where can we go to get support and learn more about convening online meetings?

- Many districts around the world have an e-club. Reach out to [these clubs](#) for help getting online quickly.
- The Rotary Club of Mt Lawley (W.A) has produced a list of [Clubs in the World](#) willing to share their meetings with other Rotarians.
- Rotary staff and Rotarians are posting additional ideas on the “[Online Meetings](#)” learning topic in the learning center (My Rotary login required).

2. How is Rotary International supporting members?

- Rotary International is [continuously assessing](#) the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and members.
- Rotary is [collecting and sharing](#) the incredible work being by members around the world.
- Rotary's [disaster response grants](#) provide a fast and effective way to respond to local events. The Rotary Foundation recently added COVID-19 projects to its list of eligible activities for these grants.

3. How do we attract new members right now?

- Make sure that your [club website](#) and social media are up to date with the correct meeting dates and times.
- Invite prospective members to virtual meetings and events.
- [New member inductions](#) can be conducted virtually and then shared widely. Use this [new video](#) from RI President Mark Maloney!
- Check for any [new or existing candidates](#) who have submitted filled out a “join” form at [Rotary.org/join](#) (My Rotary login required).

4. How can we address security concerns via online meetings (“Zoombombing,” etc)?

- [Zoom](#), and all online platforms, are working to make improvements to the security offered.
- The fee-based subscription of Zoom has more security features and functionality than the free version.
- Rotary and Rotaract members get a [discount on Zoom through Rotary Global Rewards](#).

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CONNECT WITH THE (ONLINE) ROTARY WORLD FAQ's Resources & Best Practices



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5. Do we have to/should we amend our club bylaws to make online meetings official?

- [Online meetings are real meetings](#). Clubs can meet in person, online, or a combination, including letting some members attend in-person meetings through the Internet.
- It's not necessary for clubs to update bylaws to meet online or temporarily change the regular meeting day and time during COVID-19.
- If changing the meeting day and time becomes permanent, clubs should [update bylaws accordingly](#).

6. How do we make online meetings [engaging, inclusive, and meaningful](#)?

- Start each meeting by reviewing the “norms” of the call (stay muted when not talking, raise your hand to speak, use the chat pane, etc.)
- Consider the [needs of your members](#), and how to get the most out of your time.
- Speak and listen with kindness.
- Solicit feedback from everyone about how online meetings are going and make adjustments accordingly.

7. Would an [online meeting](#) have to follow the same agenda as a traditional meeting?

- No, but stay true to your unique club culture, even online (formal versus informal, etc).
- Keep in mind that talking and singing in unison is nearly impossible online—assign one person to take each role and make sure the agenda is clear.
- Consider adding an option for people to stay online and connect informally after each meeting.

8. How do we engage members who are unwilling or unable to join virtual meetings?

- Some clubs and districts are appointing a “Virtual Meeting Coordinator” who manages meetings and trains those who need help.
- Offer one on one tech sessions and simple resources.
- Produce engaging club bulletins, newsletters, and other content that can be accessed at any time.
- Phone calls (it's okay for participants to have an “audio only” presence on virtual meetings!)

**New due date....
May 15**

Club Achievement Awards NOMINATION FORM



Name of Rotary Club: _____ Number of Members: (as of March 15) _____

Title of Project: _____

*Avenue of Service: (you MUST circle or underline the one and only one that best applies to the project listed)
You may submit only one project per category. You may not submit any project submitted last year.*

Club Service Community Service Vocational Service International Service Youth Services

- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

1. Give a brief description of the project.
2. Who and how many benefited from the Project?
3. Describe how the Club found out about this Project. What actions did the members take to accomplish this Project, besides raising funds for the project?
4. How many Club Members were involved in the non-fund-raising activities related to the accomplishment of the Project?
5. Was there community involvement? Describe the type of community involvement.
6. When was the Project completed and how much did the Project cost?

Prepared/submitted by: _____
Rotarian's name / Office held (if officer) _____ Date _____

**NOTE: Only the information on this form will be considered.
Do NOT send supplementary materials as they will not be considered.**

**Prefer submissions/nominations to be emailed please: ellenhughes13-14@rochester.rr.com
by no later than 5:00 pm May 15th.**

Or, you may send your nominations via regular mail to:

Ellen Hughes
2461 Brewer Rd.
Waterloo, NY 13165

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Submissions that do not follow the requirements will be disqualified.

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District 7120



Guidance for Maintaining Member Engagement during the COVID-19 Pandemic



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.....

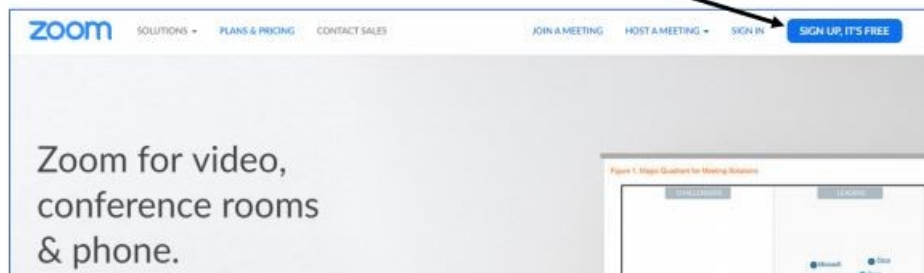
<https://rotary7120.org/documents/en-ca/0a9810ed-d062-4fac-ab03-3f4fb9b04716/1/>

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: <https://rotary7120.org/documents/en-ca/03eae178-7fef-4305-996a-061caaa70f18/1/>



Setting Zoom up on your computer

1. Sign on to your internet browser (*Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari*).
2. Type: <https://zoom.us/> press 'Enter.'
3. Click on: "Sign Up, It's Free"



4. Type your e-mail address and click on "Sign Up."

Sign Up Free

Your work email address

Zoom is protected by reCAPTCHA and the [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#) apply.

Sign Up

By signing up, I agree to the [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#).

SHIFT YOUR ROTARY CLUB FROM AVERAGE TO EXTRAORDINARY 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 sooooooooooooooooooooo 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 ...

PDG Bill Gormont, billgormont1@gmail.com, 585-802-6813 (M)

PDG Scott MacDonell, smacdne@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,
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@leglgroup.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

Club Achievement Award

Deadline Extended to May 15, 2020

Rotary Citation 2019-2020

Deadline August 15, 2020

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



Hello Rotarians,

At this time we are continuing to move forward with preparations for the 2020 RYLA program. The dates are June 28-July 2 and the application is on the District website. I am still accepting applications, so if you have a candidate and would like to have them participate please let me know as soon as possible. You can email me at juliecarney7120@gmail.com

During these uncertain times, we are trying to focus on moving forward and I will keep you all updated on the status of RYLA as the time gets closer.

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



Rotary District #7120 Change Over Dinner

June 27, 2020 *Saturday*

**4:00 pm- Cocktails &
Hors d'oeuvres**

**4:20 pm- Tour of
ARTISANworks**

**5:30 pm- Buffet Dinner,
Coffee & Dessert**



**DGB Linda Kohl
Penfield Rotary Club**

**ARTISANworks
565 Blossom Road
Rochester, NY 14610
\$50.00 per attendee**



***Reservations online or
by check, go to:***

**Penfield Rotary to register
Penfield Rotary Club
PO Box 28, Penfield, NY 14526**

***Questions?*
Marie Cinti at
mariecinti@gmail.com**

RSVP by June 20th

OFFICIAL ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
2020-21 THEME LOGO



Rotary Opens Opportunities

**RED WINGS ROTARY DAY!****ROTARY DISTRICT 7120****Rochester Red Wings vs. Charlotte Knights****Saturday, July 25, 2020 @ 6:05pm****Baseball Cap Giveaway, RPO Concert, & Fireworks!**

Ticket orders must be received by the Red Wings no later than July 24. All tickets will be mailed to the address below if received by July 17. Any other orders received will be left at Will Call.

_____ Game Ticket @ \$8.00 (\$2 off day of game price) = \$_____

Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ CC Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Return to:

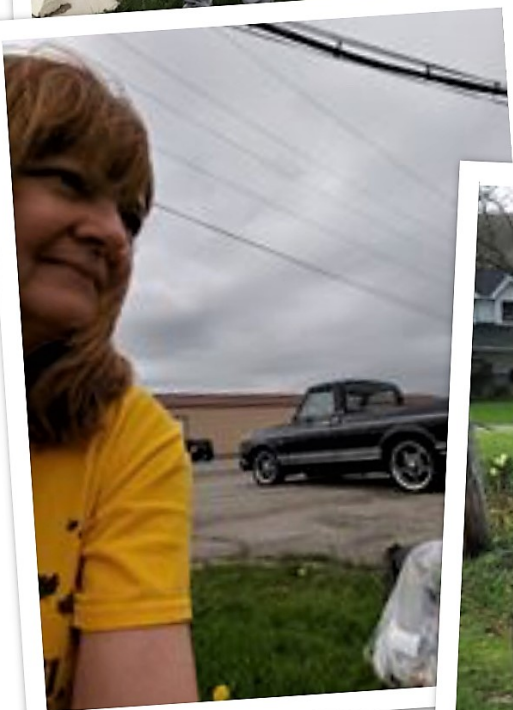
**Rochester Red Wings
Attn: Rotary Day
One Morrie Silver Way
Rochester, NY 14608**

Please make checks payable to:

Rochester Community Baseball

Roadside Cleanup by Rotarians

Since the Canandaigua Rotary Club hasn't been able to meet, some members were anxious to just do something. Following some online discussion and a few emails a contingent of members did something about it, but independently. Janet Tenreiro cleaned up at the West Ave Cemetery, Ellen Polimeni cleaned up Lake Shore and the City Pier, while Marty Potter picked up North Road, and Karen Sprentall picked up in Rushville. The collage below shows the ladies in action:
(Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



Geneva Rotary



Geneva Rotarians (left to right) Peter Einset, Susie Flick, Bill Flood, Linda Beckley and Kerry Lippincott volunteered to prepare, bag, and distribute 61 bag lunches to needy individuals for the Catholic Charities Lunch Program on April 23 at the First United Methodist Church. Rotarian Jim Dickson, who took the photo, also helped. Geneva Rotary Club members regularly volunteer at community projects.

The club, which is not meeting currently, normally meets at noon Wednesdays at Geneva Country Club.
(Submitted by Phil Beckley)

Newark Rotary

On April 29th, Newark Rotary president Holly presented a \$1,537 check to the Newark Free Lunch Program, thanks to generous donations by Newark Rotary members. Holly had recently announced to the club that the program was in dire need of funds, due to a triple in the amount of lunches served, and members stepped up and made this happen. (Submitted by John Zornow)



Newark Rotary President Holly Kreuser presents check to The Rev. Della Ludwig of the Emmanuel Methodist Church, host of the Newark Free Lunch Program.

Perry Rotary Club Response to Covid 19

“The Perry Rotary Club is embracing its motto of “Service Above Self” by partnering with the Perry Central School District for the “Give the Gift of Perry” project. Rotary is donating a minimum of \$20,000 directly to households in need in the community by issuing gift certificates to each household. Gift certificates may be used to purchase food, services and supplies at a variety of businesses in Perry.

The District has constructed a simple survey that is posted on its website and Facebook page. Submitted surveys will be reviewed by the District’s counseling/social work department. In-need households will receive \$100 in “Give the Gift of Perry” gift certificates.

Individuals who complete the survey and receive gift certificates will remain anonymous. Individuals without school-age children may complete the survey. The address for the survey is:

<https://forms.gle/pHKYMJsJBrFpJVTWA>.”

Please note:

The response from the community, with donations, has been terrific. In that regard, the Perry Club has just announced an additional \$25,000 being made available for this Give Perry gift certificate program in conjunction with Perry Central School District. That brings the total to \$45,000 from the Perry Rotary Club during this time of need. (Submitted by Daryl Heiby)

Wayland Rotary



Normally the Wayland club conducts a roadside cleanup for Earth Day. With the PAUSE order in effect, we decided to host a community, socially distanced can and bottle drive to benefit the local food pantry. We spent the 2 weeks prior to April 22 (Earth Day), we flooded Facebook with the event information. With 3 drop off locations strategically located throughout the village, pick up trucks sat ready to collect the community's bottles - all from a distance. After 11 truckloads were carted to the redemption center, we had collected cans, bottles and cash amounting to over \$1,000 to donate to the local food pantry.



(Submitted by Jean McMillan)



Dansville Rotary

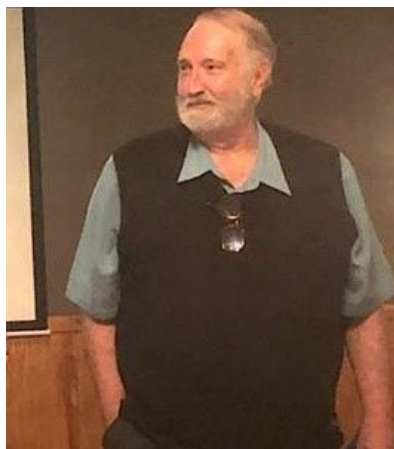
Rotarians finishing delivering lunch to the hospital showing our appreciation for all they do. a team of President Nancy, nephew Lucas, Terry Dearing, Tim and Nancy and Doc and Spoolie delivered 10 sheet pizzas, 4 dozen wings and a sheet cake to the staff and also a sheet to the Ambulance Garage and a sheet to Stony Brook Peds.

Thanks to all Health Care Providers for your outstanding efforts during this unbelievable crisis. Nice job!!

(Submitted by Jon Shay)

LEFT: Doctor John Skillings and a hospital employee. Rotarians had to stop at the entrance and were met by hospital people.

Newark Rotary Inducts "Virtual" New Member



The Newark Club, having held weekly "zoom" meetings since mid March, has inducted their it's first "virtual" new member. Michael "Josh" McCrossen, retired Wayne County Commissioner of Social Services was sponsored for membership by Rotarians Frank All, Tim Johnson, and Dr. Fred Hicks.

McCrossen described Rotary's mission as in line with his strong desire to make his community and world a better place.

(Submitted by John Zornow)

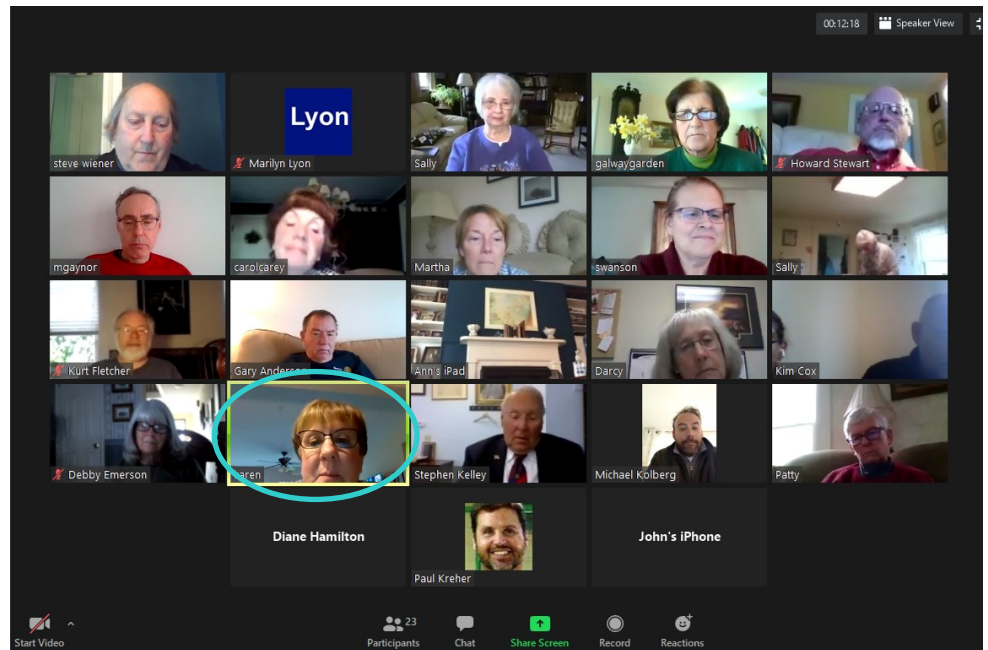
Geneseo Rotary

At its Zoom Meeting on May 4, Geneseo Rotary had its first virtual guest speaker, Karen Rumfola.

Karen is Executive Director of United Way of Livingston County. She spoke about the agency's role in the Corona Virus pandemic including taking money from their reserve account to help local food pantries.

She also mentioned the role Foodlink and local farmers have had in keeping the shelves stocked.

(Submitted by Marilyn Lyon)



Bloomfield Rotary Inducts New Member

The Bloomfield Rotary Club held its first new member induction ceremony via Zoom on April 20th, when it inducted Adam Rayburn into the club. Adam is the youngest member our club has had in a very, very long time. He is sponsored by Don Cicchino, our Membership Chair.

One photo is of the Zoom meeting during the induction ceremony, and the other is just Adam.

(Submitted by Pat Overmoyer)



Newark Rotary

Hallagan Manufacturing in Newark N.Y. knows a little something about civic duty. When their founder, Simon E. Hallagan and his partner F.E. Thompson moved the furniture company to Newark in 1913 they immediately became fully involved in their community. As the company prospered they shared their success with their loyal employees offering a earnings bonus early on. During the depression layoffs were avoided by cutting hours across the board so everyone still had a job.

In WWII, when certain raw materials, such as springs were unavailable for the manufacture of upholstered furniture, they supplemented their offerings by producing sleeping bags for the military, using duck feathers and down. Most of these bags were white because they were to be shipped to the "snow troopers" abroad.

Now, in the midst of this time of unprecedented events, the company, having been told that upholstered furniture was not an essential item, Newark Rotarians Steve and Walt Hallagan formed Hallagan Healthcare Partners as a way to address the need for face masks for the Newark Wayne Community Hospital and Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic., using all volunteer labor.
(Submitted by John Zornow)



Hallagan health care workers- Steve Hallagan at right as a volunteer assembles masks.

Proud of their members, the Newark Rotary stepped up, supplying volunteer labor and a generous donation of \$3000 towards the project.



L-R- Steve Hallagan, Lucina Hallagan, Newark Rotary President Holly Kreuser hands check to Walt Hallagan as Tracy Crosby looks on.

Welcome New Member to Avon Rotary Club

Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis

On **Tuesday, April 28** Avon Rotary inducted new member, Brock Thrasher. This was the 1st time an induction was done virtually for the club. Please join me in welcoming Brock!



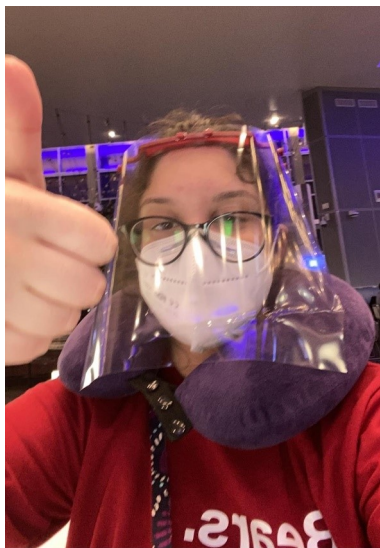
About Me: I was born and raised in Rochester, NY. Passion for sports growing up playing football, martial arts, wrestling and hockey mainly. I have worked in the Greater Rochester YMCA, specializing in youth, teen, family programs, and also professional fundraising.

Later in life I spent time throughout the world in Navy Special Forces (Navy SEAL). I am now truly a family man, my beautiful intelligent wife and two amazing children, my daughter Maddy 13 and my son Ryatt 4. I enjoy spending my time with my family and doing many different community outreach activities. I founded Local Hero in 2016, a charitable organization that supports area veterans, first responders and more. With my life experiences, I found that I enjoy helping non-profit organizations. Still today I have passions for sports and music, as I am a musician as well. My family and I moved to Geneseo in the beginning of 2019 and we highly enjoy the Livingston County area. I love to do whatever I can to help serve the

community. It is my pure form of therapy, to help others in need and guidance.

I was approached by Leann Hill to come to a Rotary meeting to do a presentation on Local Hero and I fell in love right away with the sense of fellowship and community Rotary offers it's members and community. I believe in "Action" and Rotary truly exemplifies what that is. I am very excited and honored to help further the growth of action with Rotary, giving back to the community together.

Thank you,
Brock Thrasher



Good Bye Julia Leandro

Monday, April 27th -

It is with heavy hearts we said good-bye to our 19-20 Exchange Student, Julia Leandro from Brazil. Due to the pandemic, Julia and her family made the difficult decision to cut her time here short and travel home. She shared that she was very grateful for her experience here despite the unusual circumstances.

She will be missed and hold a place in our hearts forever.

Submitted by her host mom,
Laurie Vonglis

Avon Rotary - Rambling On Rotary - May

By: Bruce Amey



I heard it said that, "We do not find ourselves, our life, by pursuing it. We find it by losing it to something or someone greater than ourselves." These past several weeks have offered me the opportunity to reflect on many things, the least of which was a mirror (I did not want to look in the mirror).

As I write this Rambling, I realize our world has changed dramatically. Many say they want life to go back to normal but I'm not sure what that ever was and I'm not sure we can or should ever do that. I think our lives will be very different when we emerge on the other side of the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools have changed how they do business and that might be a good thing. From my perspective of 41 years as a public educator nothing will ever take the place of an outstanding teacher with a group of children to stimulate, encourage and support their desire to learn. But I believe the current circumstance has provided an opportunity for all educators to learn new ways to inspire and realize that tremendous learning occurs outside of their classrooms. Outstanding teachers are truly excellent guides for student learning. I have always felt that our libraries are our life-long school houses where learning continues for a lifetime. Many think that with the internet, libraries are passé. But without proper instruction

and guidance, we all know the internet can be very dangerous. What will the new normal for public education become now?

Going to the grocery or hardware store or the pharmacy is different. (Does anyone have any extra toilet paper?? Inquiring minds want to know.) When I arrive at an establishment to pick up a meal or my prescription or other necessity, before I get out of my truck, I put on a facemask. Will facemasks become our new normal? I understand the reasons why, but I miss seeing the smiling faces on those around me. When they open again, I'm still concerned about walking into the bank with a facemask on and I'm pretty sure the bank tellers are, as well.

This virus has had an impact on all of our lives. As I am writing this article in mid-April, there have been more than 2 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with almost 700,000 in the U.S. Almost 150,000 people have died worldwide from the virus; 35,000 in the U.S. The number of persons who have died from corona virus worldwide is greater than the population of the city of Syracuse. Millions of people in our country are out of work. The world's and our nation's economies are struggling. We would all like to get back to work but without rapid, reliable testing for the virus and a vaccine (neither of which appear to be on the near horizon) will that "one step forward" of opening the economy just put us back twenty steps? Where does Rotary fit in with these circumstances?

For me, Rotary helps me find my purpose, my life. Now more than ever, Rotarians need to show our service for others in our communities, our country and our world. Our gifts to the Rotary Foundation provide water sanitation projects, education, maternal and child health opportunities, and assists with conflict resolution in various areas around the world. Have you made your donation to the Rotary Foundation?

May is Youth Service Month. Beginning to help and support the service opportunities for our young people can continue even while we are under a "stay at home" order. Interactors and Rotaractors are the lifeblood of Rotary if it is to continue in its mission to serve and we "vintage" Rotarians need to encourage and support them. We need to continue to support each other and our club leaders and officers. We need to "Be the inspiration." We need to "Connect the World." We need to make sure that "Rotary Opens Opportunities" today and tomorrow.

April 19th was Rotary Founder Paul Harris' birthday; he would have been 152 years old in 2020. He founded Rotary in 1905 when Teddy Roosevelt was the U.S. President. Since 1905, Rotary has had millions of club members find themselves as they became lost in its mission and purpose. Today Rotary has more than 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and more than 1.2 million members. Together we can accomplish tremendous things.

Today's pandemic is an opportunity for Rotarians to turn the wheel of service for the good of our community, our nation, and our world. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization, Movement and Service work in action." Rotarians are people of action. We are called in different ways but we are all called into the action of Service Above Self. Rotary is something greater than ourselves and being a Rotarian has helped me find my purpose, my life. I hope the same is true for each of you. And, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.

(Submitted by Laurie Vonglis)

Fairport Rotary Update

The Fairport Rotary Club is happy to report we have successfully continued to meet each week by virtual means. The Zoom platform has not only given us an opportunity to enjoy fellowship amongst ourselves and our Interact members, but has also given us an opportunity to invite former members - including ones who moved to other states - to join us again.

Zoom Meeting

Kareen Zeitounzi, Holli, daphnepariser, heisman, iPad (4) Jean Whit..., Van Cardilli

ACHIEVEMENTS

Clean Water	Handwashing	Menstruation Pads	Feeding Program	29 Scholarships
Overall, our schools have seen a 36% reduction in WASH related illness (malaria, typhoid, cholera)	~86% of our students wash their hands and drink from our water filters each day	~23% savings were found in healthcare costs related to hospitalizations for the schools	59% of non-scholarship parents also said their income was positively impacted	

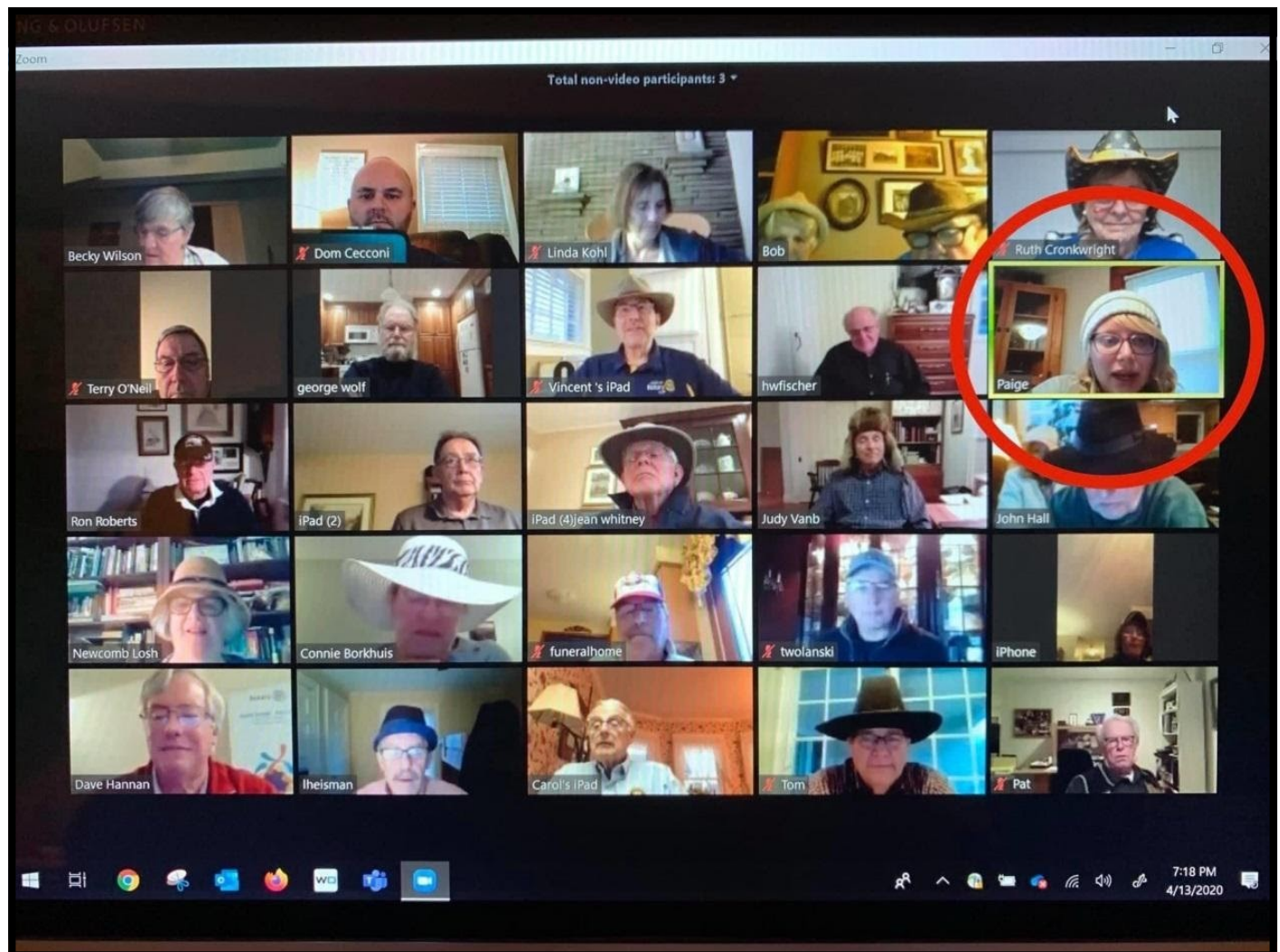
On Monday, May 5th, **Ron Roberts** hosted former Fairport Rotarian, Tom Hollis, as a guest. Tom had an opportunity to see and hear the presentation provided by Pittsford Rotarian, **Daphne Pariser**, from Humans for Education (HFH). Daphne described how COVID-19 has affected those serviced by HFH in Kenya. Tom Hollis and his wife graciously donated to the cause, further contributing to the recent gift our Club made to HFH during a charitable giving campaign, as well as the recent gift our Interact Club made to HFH from proceeds of their 2020 Valentine's Day Sweets Auction.

Also joining us at our meeting on May 5th was Sheila Cocilova, second grade teacher at Jefferson Avenue Elementary School. Sheila is coordinating the Pen Pal program between her students and Fairport Rotary members, alongside our Club President, **Becky Wilson**. Plans are in the works for a virtual "meet up" between Rotarians and their young pen pals in the coming weeks.

While we have conducted our meetings online of late pursuant to "NY On Pause," we have not forgotten about the dedicated serve staff at our brick and mortar meeting site, Eagle Vale Golf Club. Thanks to an idea proposed by **Bill Fanning** and spearheaded by **Terry O'Neil**, our club members collected a generous monetary gift to give three staff members at Eagle Vale during their temporary unemployment. All of the recipients were seemingly deeply moved by the gesture, and as a perfect example of how kindness inspires "Pay It Forward" acts, a couple of the recipients, in turn, donated a portion of their gifts to local charities.

(Submitted by Tom Wolansky and Kareen Zeitounzian)

Fairport Rotary



Our Fairport Rotary Club was pleased to induct Paige Wickham into our club on April 13, 2020, while we donned our favorite hats for the theme that evening. Paige was the first Rotarian in District 7120 to be inducted via Zoom, or “Zoom-ducted.” Paige is a Senior Wine Analyst who moved back to the Rochester area after completing a Bachelor of Science in Food Merchandising at Cornell University and working several years in Sacramento, California.

(Submitted by Kareen Zeitounzian)

Palmyra-Macedon Rotary

Palmyra Macedon Rotary Club performed their semi-annual Adopt A Highway Cleanup on Route 21 South in Palmyra on April 30th. Thanks goes out to Bob Yost (president-elect) for his persistence and patience with the weather. Turns out the third try really is the charm. Social distancing, safety vests and protective face masks were adhered to for safety reasons. And of course, fun was had by all.

Respectfully Submitted

Maurina Schmidt (President, Palmyra Macedon Rotary)



Geneva Rotary/Interact

Heeding the call for donations to food pantries, the Geneva High School Interact Club organized a food drive for the food pantry at the Geneva Center of Concern. The food was delivered last week. Taking part were (left to right) Interact Co-Vice President Kristen Ikle, Center of Concern volunteer Fred Schuhle and Rotarians Susie Flick and John Oughterson, Interact advisers. The Interact Club members volunteer to help several local projects through the year.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



BATH ROTARY CLUB MEETS VIA ZOOM

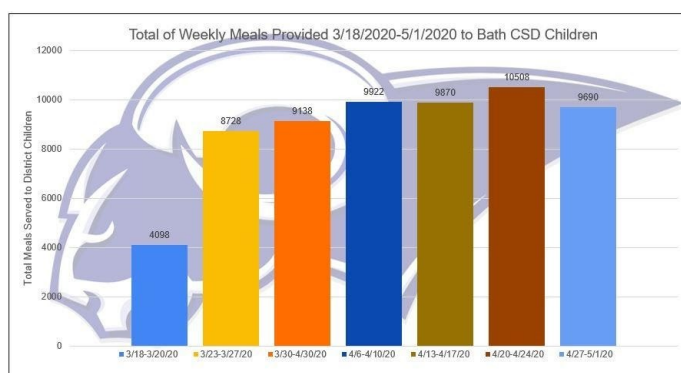
Like many clubs in District 7120 the Bath Rotary Club met via Zoom during the month of April. Tess McKinley, Bath Rotarian and Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension Steuben, provided the access to the virtual platform. Angela Mattoon, the newest club member, arranged for the month's speakers. Thanks, Tess and Angela!

On April 9th Jill Smith, Program Manager of Healthy Families Steuben, spoke about the group's efforts to support maternal and child health, Rotary's monthly theme, throughout the county. Jill leads a team of 16 as they provide home visits and support to expecting families and families with children less than 2 months of age. She noted that with the pandemic much of the group's support has shifted to remote sessions, but its mission remains the same.

After the speaker's presentation Joe Rumsey, Bath Rotarian and Superintendent of Bath Central School District, informed the attendees about some of the things that the school district has been doing since it closed on March 16th due to the pandemic. Over 1,000 food bags, consisting of lunch and the following day's breakfast, are assembled daily and delivered to 20 pre-established, "grab



Jill Smith, Program Manager of Healthy Families Steuben presents program on group's efforts to support maternal and child health on April 9th.

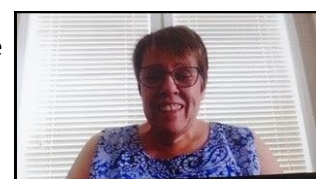


Graphics display total of weekly meals provided to Bath Central School District children. Bath Rotarians are most proud of all the work done by Joe Rumsey, Bath Rotarian, who serves as Superintendent of the Bath Central School District, and all of the school employees.

and go" locations throughout the district for all children under age 18. Counselors and social workers are working remotely with students struggling with school closure and their individual situations during the crisis. Learning has transitioned to remote, virtual sessions through platforms such as Zoom, Google Class, GoToMeeting, YouTube Flipped Classrooms, Virtual Office Hours, email, traditional phone calls, and paper packets available in all school lobbies. For those students who do not have high-speed, online access, the school has made Wi-Fi available in all school parking lots where students can download assignments to their school-issued laptops from the safe confines of their vehicles. Finally, Joe stated, "I'm so proud of our Bath-Haverling family as it supports the community during this pandemic crisis. The school is the hub of the community of Bath and will continue to be a main support system during the crisis." Kudos to you, Joe, and all of the Bath Central School District employees.

On April 23rd Jack Wheeler, Bath Rotarian and Steuben County Manager, spoke to the club about the current COVID-19 situation in Steuben County. He confirmed that the deaths in the county have been concentrated in nursing homes and among the elderly and that the county is working aggressively to do universal testing at affected facilities via the NYS Department of Health or through the county directly. He stated that he is currently working with the governor's office regarding new updates that may affect our area. Despite the difficulties Wheeler remains proud of the county's effort put forth in combating the coronavirus. He emphasized social distancing and the wearing of masks as essential tools and encouraged all of us "to stick with it". Thanks, Jack!

On April 30th Angela Mattoon, took us on a virtual tour of the Learning Center available at myRotary.org. She stated that this tool has a variety of courses and PDF materials on a range of applicable topics as well as position-themed groups of courses for members who are assuming important roles in their clubs. She added that all of the courses are easily accessible and do not need to be completed in one setting. Angela encouraged all members to explore the course catalog and find a topic of interest. Good work, Angela!



Joanne Sheehan, Bath Rotarian, who recently moved to Florida, joins her Fellow Bath Rotarians via Zoom on April 23rd.

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We were honored to have present at our April 30th meeting Janet Tenreiro, District 7120 Governor Nominee, and Ralph Brandt, District 7120 Governor Nominee Designate. Thanks for joining us, Janet and Ralph!

Our weekly feinmeisters raised much money from the normal fines, e.g., birthdays, confessions, happy dollars, etc. and from some very unique fines, e.g., wearing pajama bottoms, not standing for the Pledge of Allegiance, and not wearing one's Rotary pin. The last two caught many off guard!

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our annual chicken barbeque fundraiser and at least one of our coffee break fundraisers at the state's Campbell Rest Area along I-86. We look forward to the time we can return to fundraising in order to support our service projects as well as projects themselves.



Janet Tenreiro, District 7120 Governor Nominee, joined the Bath Rotary Club at its April 30th meeting on Zoom.



Ralph Brandt, District 7120 Governor Nominee Designate, also joined the Bath Rotary Club at its April 30th meeting on Zoom.



Screen shot of the Bath Rotarians and guests who attended the club's April 30th meeting via Zoom.

We will continue to meet weekly via Zoom and hold our monthly, Board of Directors' meetings also via Zoom. Plans are also being discussed on how we will honor our scholarship recipients and hold our Changeover Dinner virtually. If any Rotarian in the district would like to join us in one of our meetings, please contact Jane Russell, Bath Rotary Club President, at: cateringjane@empacc.net.

Finally, Bath Rotarians hope that all Rotarians in District 7120 and throughout the world remain safe and healthy. We all must continue to strive to live up to Rotary's motto of "Service above Self".

(Submitted by Elaine Tears)

VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY RECOGNITION OF NURSES CONFRONTING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club recognized the tremendous contribution nurses are making in the battle against Covid-19 by providing 283 gift bags that were distributed to nurses at Strong Memorial Hospital and the Strong Ties Community Support program as well as a surgical support unit at Rochester General Hospital that is involved with efforts to combat Covid-19. The gift bags were distributed on May 4th and May 6th in conjunction with the celebration of National Nursing Week. May 6th was National Nurse Appreciation Day.

The project to recognize and thank the nurses was organized by Victor – Farmington Rotarian John Summers, a past president of the club, who brought the idea to club members. This resulted in a coordinated project that was supported by the club and local business organizations that contributed items for the gift bags.

The gift bags included a variety of items including candy, personal care items, fruit, and packaged snacks.

Several local merchants stepped forward to support the Rotary club project. BJs Discount Warehouse in Victor provided a large quantity of fruit, snacks, and assorted items. Local companies, including Encore Chocolate, Hedonist Chocolate and Stever's Chocolate, provided chocolates. Tops Market in Farmington donated candy for the project. The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club purchased a large quantity of hand lotion and chap sticks that were included in the bags.

The delivery of the bags was well-received by the nurses who are at the forefront of combatting the pandemic. Several nurses personally thanked the Rotarians and volunteers who were involved in the delivery of the bags. Kate Valcin, MSN, RN, Director of Adult Critical Care Nursing, University of Rochester Medical Center, expressed thanks to V-F Rotarian John Summers: "Thanks for dropping off the bags. They were delivered to my office yesterday. They look amazing and I am sure that the staff will appreciate them."

Rotary club president Jim Crane saluted Victor – Farmington Rotarians John Summers, Karen Parkhurst, and Karen Hansen for the major role they played in securing these items. All three Rotarians have daughters who are nurses in the units being recognized for their heroic service during the Covid-19 pandemic. Rotarians recognize that the nurses who daily work on the front lines combatting the Covid-19 threat represent the epitome of the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self".



(Submitted by
Dave Luitweiler)



VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY LITERACY PROGRAM FOR NICARAGUA

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club has actively supported the many literacy projects of Rotary International, both locally and internationally. Basic education and literacy are one of Rotary's six areas of focus. Rotarians recognize that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

The V – F Rotary club initiates many service projects benefiting the greater Victor- Farmington and local community as well as actively supporting the worldwide programs of Rotary International. This includes many projects concentrating on rural and impoverished areas in Nicaragua.

When District Governor Dr. David Hannan, MD made his club visits in District 7120 at the beginning of his 2019-2020 year, he handed each club president a \$100 bill and told the president and club to spend it on a literacy effort. Victor – Farmington Rotary club president Jim Crane accepted the donation and the challenge.

The Victor - Farmington Rotary has sent that \$100, plus a matching \$100 from the club, to an organization in El Sauce, Nicaragua. This non-governmental organization teaches English classes to Nicaraguans – a weekly 3-hour session in a classroom setting. The ability to speak English opens a new job market for some Nicaraguans, one that pays more than the median per capita income per year of approx. \$1,900. The English classes use a teaching program developed by SUNY Geneseo and are well attended. The cost for a month of classes is \$7.50. The club's donated money will be used as scholarship money for individuals who cannot afford the class fee.

Club secretary Karen Parkhurst has been involved with several projects initiated in Nicaragua and has traveled to that country in the past in furtherance of those projects. In 2015, during one of her visits, she met a 10-year-old boy named Nelvin who lives in a mountain community. Nelvin is one of the children taking the English class receiving these scholarship funds. Nelvin walks 2 miles each way to attend his English class. He is an example of how important the ability to speak English is to the people of Nicaragua. His father and mother and siblings cannot speak English.

When Karen reported back to District Governor David Hannan, MD, how the V-F club utilized the literacy funds, he replied, 'The photo is very touching! I hope he grows up to be a doctor.'

(Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)



Geneseo Rotary



Darcy Dewar Lynch and
Martha Chichester

Geneseo Rotary held its annual spring flower/plant sale on May 7, 8 and 9.

There were some challenges this year as Mother Nature decided it was not quite ready for spring. The sale had cold temperatures and snow squalls on both Friday and Saturday.

Photos by PP Bonnie Swanson.

(Submitted by Marilyn Lyon)



May 9

Corning Rotary Welcomes Two New Members

The Rotary Club of Corning has recently welcomed two new members with deep Rotary connections.



Yumiko Akiba

Yumiko Akiba was born in Japan and arrived in the U.S. at the age of 14 with one of her sisters. After high school, she attended the University of Central Oklahoma, where she earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in Applied Mathematics and Statistics. Yumiko taught mathematics to college and high school students for six years in Oklahoma, where she also volunteered as a translator for Rotary Club 29.

Yumiko moved to Corning in July 2018 to work as an Instructor of Mathematics at SUNY Corning Community College. She enjoys volunteering in the community and is excited to continue her Rotary journey in Corning as she practices the Rotary motto of "Service above Self".

Lionel Hutle recently moved to Corning from France with his wife. Lionel was formerly a member of a Rotary Club in France and has transferred his membership to the Corning Rotary Club. He is a trained chef and looks forward to opening a new restaurant in the local area sometime in the near future. In the meantime, Lionel volunteers with Rotary and Corning Meals on Wheels.

(Submitted by Ted Goldwyn)



Lionel Hutle

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Through a grant from United Way & the Rochester Area Community Foundation, Rochester Refugee Sewing & Repair is able to offer cloth face masks to those who need them and don't have access such as Health Aides, Essential Service Workers, and other people who must be out in the public. Those masks are NOT Surgical Masks but do offer some protection.

Rochester Northwest Rotary

"1,200 masks were picked up by 10 different Rotary Clubs in a 24 hour period, all to be delivered to a variety of people in their communities."

Two new members were inducted during a Zoom meeting with District Governor Dave Hannan, DGE Linda Kohl, and DGN Janet Tenriero joining us. The new members - Lydia Rivera-Warr and Deborah Smith. Both are residents and actively involved in the heart of our part of Rochester, truly great additions to the Rochester Northwest Rotary Club!

(Submitted by Paul Minor, President Elect (and Past President, and Past Assistant District Governor)

Rochester Refugee Sewing & Repair is a project of the Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services supported by the Rochester Northwest Rotary Club.

DISCLAIMER: These masks are crafted with pieces of fabric. Prior to modern disposable masks, fabric masks were for standard use. You will be able to sterilize these masks and use them repeatedly as needed. While it is less than ideal, we want to do our best to protect many people during this pandemic. These masks are not N-95 type and we cannot guarantee you will not get sick wearing it. This offers extra protection for our workers on the frontlines that do not have anything to prolong the life of the their N-95's.


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Special Thanks to the Rochester Deaf Rotary Club members for providing the design for this flyer by Bob Green (Green & Repeta) and Val Helmer-Murphy for the custom photo mask (photos & profile clips by i-stock-photos.com)

Obituary

Donald R. "Dick" Thomas



Caledonia - Dick passed away on April 6, 2020 at 85 years of age. He is survived by his loving spouse of 60 years, Margaret Z. Thomas; his children, Dick (Mary) Thomas, Mary Thomas (Stephen Laumakis), John Thomas (Bryan Johnson), Ellen (Todd) Bickford; and grandchildren Alicia (Eric) McKenrick, Ricky Thomas, Samantha and Andy Bickford, and Maggie and Molly Laumakis; and many other family members, friends and caregivers.

A well-respected land surveyor in Geneseo, Dick received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the NYS Association of Professional Land Surveyors and the "Philip J. Haddock Award for Excellence" from the New York State Ranger School at Wanakena of which he was a proud alumnus and longtime board member. He graduated from Syracuse University and was a big fan of all Syracuse sports teams. At home in Caledonia, he was known and loved for his desire to plant trees and watch the wildlife.

Dick also received the [Rotary International](#) Lifetime Achievement Award as well as an award for 40 years of perfect attendance from the Rotary Club of Geneseo.

Dick proudly served his country as a United States Army communication specialist in Panama.

A public celebration of Dick's life will be held at a later date. Private family interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Fowlerville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Caledonia Library Association, 3108 Main Street, Caledonia NY 14423. To share a memory or send a condolence, please visit <https://alhartfuneralhome.com/> (Source: Rochester Democrat and Chronicle) [Submitted by Marilyn Lyon]

December, 2010.....Geneseo Rotary President Matt Gaynor presenting Past President Dick Thomas with an award for his 40 years of perfect attendance. (Submitted by Marilyn Lyon)



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

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Contact Us

Submit Event (docx)

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



Spencerport Rotary Geranium Sale!



NEW! EXTENDED SALE DATES

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

May 16-17-18-19, 10:00am-3:00pm *Or while supplies last!*

BAREFOOT LANDING PLAZA on Union St.

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6 @ \$19.00

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Partial proceeds from our sale will be donated to:

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Rochester Hope for Pets - www.rochesterhopeforpets.org

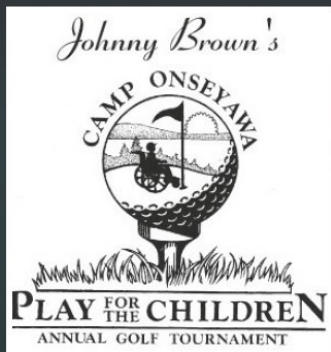


**We dedicate the annual Geranium Sale in memory of long time Rotarian,
Geranium Sale Chairman and our beloved friend, George Blickwede**

SILVER CREEK GOLF CLUB

1790 E. River Road, Waterloo, NY
11:30am Registration, Lunch
1:00pm Shotgun Start, 6:00pm Dinner

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ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF *Tournament*



"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
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June 13 & 14, 2020

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**October 9, 10, 16, 17
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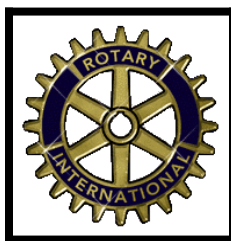
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HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY **36th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

CONSIDERED THE BEST LITTLE TOURNAMENT FOR THE MONEY

Monday, July 27, 2020, at 10:00 AM SHARP!

Registration starts at 9:00 AM with Reception/Dinner 4:30PM

**FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE - Island Oaks Course-Lima Country Club
7470 CHASE ROAD, LIMA, NY 14485**

GREAT FUN!!! – GREAT PRIZES!!!

Proceeds To Benefit Honeoye Lake Rotary Community & Youth Projects, and support Camp ONSEYAWA

*Please reserve a spot for us in the four-person scramble for the benefit of
HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY COMMUNITY, YOUTH PROJECTS, & Camp ONSEYAWA.*

Captain's Name: _____ **2nd Person** _____

Address: _____ **3rd Person** _____

_____ **4th Person** _____

Email address _____

___ Check if you do NOT have a foursome and would like us to assign you to one.

Golf, Cart, Lunch, Steak Dinner & 3 Raffle Tickets \$90.00 per person \$ _____

Dinner Only.....\$25.00 per person \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Honeoye Lake Rotary Foundation

Mail to: Honeoye Lake Rotary, P.O. Box 674, Honeoye, NY 14471 by 7/20/2020

GOLF HOLE SPONSORSHIP

_____ **Corporate-Patron @ \$150.00 each includes golf & dinner for 1 person**

_____ **Associate – Eagle @ \$75.00 each**

_____ **Affiliate – Birdie @ \$50.00 each**

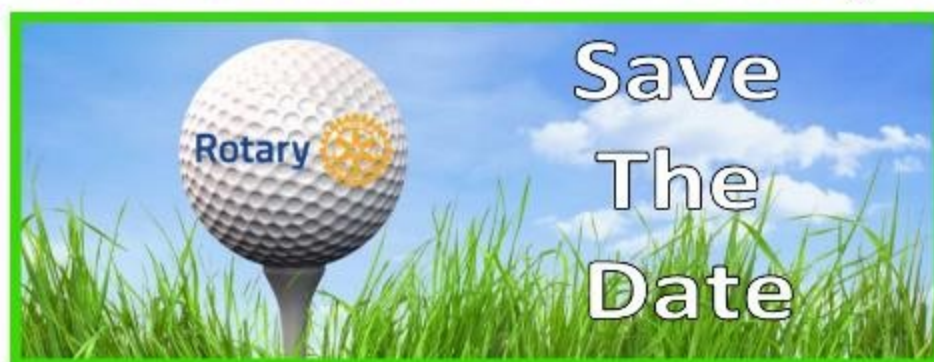
_____ **Friend – Par @ \$25.00 each**

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ **Questions: Jeanne Hamele 585-729-9118 or**

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Name to be used on sign: _____

District 7120 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

After July 15th: \$85

11:00 Registration

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



Mt. Morris Rotary

Oldies But Goodies Dance

TICKETS: \$15.00



Sat. Oct. 24, 2020
8PM - Midnite
Doors Open @ 6:30

Genesee River
Restaurant &
Reception Center

134 N. Main St
Mount Morris, NY



With Teena!

**50/50
&
Basket
Raffles**

**Limbo, Twist,
Bubble Gum,
Costume, Hula
Hoop Contests**

**Door
Prize**

Advance Sale Tickets Available at:
Genesee River Restaurant - Mount Morris Lanes - Burt's Lumber in Perry - Any MM Rotary Member
or Call: Chris Howe @ 585-658-4708 or Jane O'Dell @ 585-507-5947
To Reserve Tables of 8 or 10 - Call Chickie @ 585-519-6573

All proceeds support Rotary Community Projects

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes



⚙ June 2020

June 27 District Change Over Dinner
ARTISANworks 565 Blossom Road Rochester, NY

⚙ September 2020

September 11 District Golf Tournament & Fellowship
Event Island Oaks Golf Course Lima Country Club

Upcoming CLUB Events

⚙ May 2020

May 16, 17, 18, 19 Spencerport Rotary Geranium Sale,
Barefoot Landing Plaza

⚙ June 2020

June 13 Golf Tournament for Camp ONSEYAWA

June 13 & 14 Gananda Rotary Garage Sale

⚙ July 2020

July 25 Red Wings Rotary Day, Frontier Field, 6:05 pm
to 10pm

July 27 Honeoye Lake Rotary Golf Tournament, Island
Oaks Golf Course

⚙ September 2020

Geneseo Rotary Festival, September 25th and 26th.
Village Park. Arts & Craft show, entertainment, great
food, free Skycoasters Concert Saturday at 6pm

⚙ October 2020

October 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 Gananda Rotary Haunted
Hayride

October 24 Mt. Morris Rotary "Oldies But Goodies
Dance" 8pm until midnight, tickets \$15, Genesee River
Restaurant, 134 N. Main Street



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