



November 2020

Linda Kohl, District Governor

Issue 5



Ken and Linda Kohl

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



Dear District 7120 Rotarians,  
Happy November! November is when Rotarians are asked to contribute to the Rotary Foundation month. The Foundation is the vehicle for Rotary to do good in the world. There are global grants, district grants and the Polio Plus campaign to eradicate polio. [The deadline for a reservation to the November 24 Virtual Foundation fundraiser is Wednesday, November 18](#)

We are pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for each of you to support the Foundation this month. You are invited to the virtual Multi-District Foundation event featuring Jennifer Jones, Rotary International President for 2022-2023. All Rotarians and partners in Districts 7120, 7150, 7170, 7190 will have the opportunity to attend this exciting meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, from 7:00-8:00 PM.

In addition, there will also be a special reception with Jennifer Jones at 6:30 PM where attendees will be able to interact with our Rotary International President Designate and submit questions about the Rotary Foundation.

This virtual fundraiser is intended to raise money for The Rotary Foundation, meet Jennifer Jones who will be the first female RI President, and recognize those clubs who have earned distinctions from The Rotary Foundation. All donations to The Rotary Foundation will be credited to the individual Rotarian who makes the donation.

To attend the **Main Event**, there is a donation of \$25.00 (per household) that goes to The Rotary Foundation.

To attend the **Special Early Reception**, the donation is \$250.00 which includes the \$25.00 registration.

Jennifer will speak to the entire group from 7:00-7:30 PM after the special reception. Our emcee for the evening will be our own PDG Don Alhart.

Following the program, District 7120 will go into their own Breakout room to hear more about what is happening with Foundation programs in our District.

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**VIRTUAL**  
*Empire Multi-District  
Foundation Event*

7120 | 7150 | 7170 | 7190

*featuring future RI President Jennifer Jones*

**Tuesday, November 24th, 2020**



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Foundation



Doing Good In The World



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In order to register to the Virtual Foundation Event, please go to: <https://go.rotary7120gives.org/2020-foundation>

(Deadline November 18)

You will receive a Zoom link prior to the meeting.

We look forward to your participating in fundraising for the Rotary Foundation and hearing from the inspiring Jennifer Jones. For more information, please contact our Foundation Chair, Tom Rogers at [trogers@frontiernet.net](mailto:trogers@frontiernet.net).

Yours in Rotary,

Linda Kohl, District Governor 2020-2021

Tom Rogers, District Foundation Chair

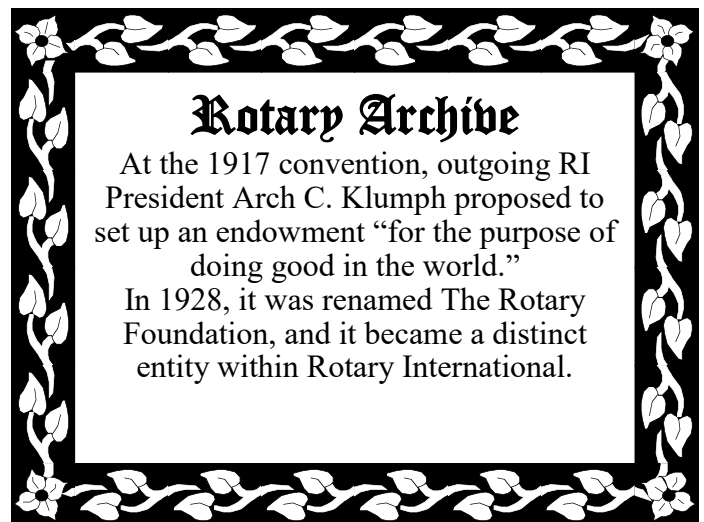


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# Rotary District 7120



## District Governor for 2023-2024

" It is with great pleasure I announce that the District Nominating Committee has interviewed and chosen Julie Carney of the Avon Rotary Club as the District Governor Nominee Designate. Julie will serve as Governor for Rotary District 7120 in the Rotary year 2023-2024."

Yours in Rotary,

Linda Kohl, District Governor 2020-2021



Julie and Jim Carney

Julie joined Avon Rotary in 2009 after experiencing, first hand, the Interact Program. She jumped right into the Interact Program and ran the local club at Avon High School with fellow Rotarians. In 2010 she was asked to be the District Chair for Interact and held that position until 2012.

At the Club level, Julie started out as the Club Counselor/Youth Exchange Officer and held that position from 2011-2013. In 2012 Julie joined the YEX District Committee and was the Outbound Chair 2012-2015, the Inbound Chair 2015-2018 and the District Chair 2018-2020. During that time, she was also the Country Officer for Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador and is currently the Country Officer for Belgium. Julie and her family have hosted 6 Exchange Students from 2010-2015. Their daughter went on Exchange to Belgium in 2017-18.

RYLA has been a big part of her and Jim's life since their son attended in 2010. At the closing ceremony, Roger Ressler (RYLA Chair) asked if anyone wanted to get involved. They immediately raised their hands and jumped right in. They became one of the "Mom's" and "Pop's" from 2011-2020 and Julie took over as District Chair of RYLA 2017-2020. Their daughter also attended in 2016.

As you can see, Julie does not like to stay idle and is a recipient of her Clubs Rookie of the Year 2010, Rotarian of the Year 2011 and a Paul Harris Recipient 2012 and 2020. Julie owned her own catering business for 15 years and is now retired. Julie attended MCC and SUNY Brockport for Marketing. Julie also was part of the Walt Disney World College Program from 1985-86.

Julie's husband Jim is the retired Police Chief in Avon and currently is the Supervisor for NYSDOT contractor. He is an active member of the Avon Lions Club and is also active in Rotary as a "Pop" for RYLA as well as being the ARO for the Youth Exchange Program 2014-2020. Jim is also a Paul Harris Fellow recipient 2020.

Julie and Jim reside in Avon and have four children. Joshua and his wife Sawyer and their two sons Hollis and Finch live in Medina, Jacob lives in Rochester, Hannah and her husband Eddie and their son Fritz live in Fairport and their daughter Sarah attends SUNY Brockport.

Julie and Jim are excited to keep the momentum of Rotary moving forward!



Photos from November 10 at the Avon Rotary Rotary Club where DG Linda Kohl , accompanied by DGE Janet Tenreiro and DGN Ralph Brandt announced that Julie Carney was selected to be District Governor for 2023-2024. (Submitted by DG Linda Kohl)





## Training

(For Rotary District 7120)



### **Attention Club Secretaries:**

*The Club Secretaries Training - Part 2 scheduled for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have created. If you have any questions, please email PDG Norma.*

*I am projecting that this training will be incorporated at the District Training Assembly which will take place in Spring of 2021. Exact date for DTA will be announced as soon as determined.*

*Thank you for your understanding and all that you do for your Rotary Clubs! Looking forward to seeing you at the next training.*

*Yours in Rotary Service,  
PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly  
District Trainer*

### **What is the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund?**

Gifts to the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund ensure that future Rotarians will have the resources they need to design and implement sustainable projects year after year. Donations to the Endowment Fund can be made as an outright gift or a planned gift, such as a bequest in your estate plan. As of the 2018-2019 year, Rotary's Endowment totals \$374.5 million, with \$828.9 million in commitments.

Contributions to this fund are invested for the future. Only earnings on investments are used to support Rotary programs so that your generosity goes on to do good in the world in perpetuity.

What is YOUR Rotary legacy? Our Endowment Fund committee can help you make your lasting impact and we are just a phone call away! **(Submitted by PDG Jeff Krans)**

Beth Cross, 585-737-0579

Jeff Krans, 315-536-7180

Nancy Loughlin, 607-425-4530

Chuck Turner, 585-271-8597

Peter Winnett, 607-936-3720

# SAVE THE DATE!

## May 8, 2021

EMBRACE THE  
OPPORTUNITIES

**DISTRICT 7120**



# Conference @Corning<sup>NY</sup>

Rotary  
District 7120



**Hosted by Penfield Rotary Club**

Contact for more info:

**[2021corningconference@gmail.com](mailto:2021corningconference@gmail.com)**

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**District 7120**







### Literacy News Letter November 2020

Rotarians,

Has the Covid 19 event hindered your Literacy Programs and do you seem to be in a rut??  
Let's see if the Literacy Bug can help you get some new ideas for programs and projects.  
Listed below are some projects that are on the internet and being used by other organizations.  
Maybe this will give your club some ideas to start something new!!!

Establish online Book Clubs (sharing your favorite reads)  
Share your reading interests with others with zoom gatherings  
Doing a Reading and Writing Project  
Hooked on Books (Erie County literacy project)  
Virtual Story Time with Local Schools  
Building Little Libraries

Have your clubs found some different ways to promote Literacy? Let's share them with others!!  
Send your ideas from you and your club to [mesunshine1@msn.com](mailto:mesunshine1@msn.com) and I will include them in the December Grapevine Literacy News.

Pam Dean  
District Literacy Chair

## Rotary: Open for Business?

Many Rotary clubs are transitioning from pandemic Zoom to recovery “in person,” or at least hybrid, meetings. Questions remain. What is safe? What is responsible? What is fair to all concerned?

Who among us Rotarians would want to be responsible for transmitting CoVid-19 to another person? Imagine the consequences if a Rotary meeting or event proved to be the epicenter of disease transmission in a community.

Heed the warnings! Don't defy the health advisories! Those over 65 years old and those with diabetes, obesity, respiratory disease, and immune conditions are at increased risk. Masks and hand sanitizer work.

MASKS should cover both your mouth and your nose completely and fit snugly enough over your nose, around your cheeks, and under your chin so that the front of the mask sucks in toward you when you inhale. Adjust your mask before the meeting and then leave it alone! If you are not comfortable with this, if you feel claustrophobic, if you have that “I can't breathe” feeling with a mask on, then stay home and practice with it on! You will adapt. If your mask keeps slipping out of position, you've got the wrong mask. Do not remove your mask when speaking. Just project your voice more loudly. Do not remove your masks for pictures. Smile with your eyes!

HAND SANITIZER should be readily available at any meeting. Use it before and after touching any common use items at a meeting: tabletops, laptops, keyboards, hand-held microphones, podiums, money, and ticket stubs. These fomites can carry infectious particles for a short period of time. Resist touching your face.

MICROPHONES on a stand are better than the hand-held versions. Project your voice loudly and keep the microphone from contacting your mask.

SOCIAL DISTANCE of at least 6 feet radius is important, excepting your family. Your family is your household. Your third cousin, once removed, is not family; nor is your daughter-in-law or your nephew, unless you live in the same household.

Stay safe, Rotarians. Live to serve another day!

Dave Hannan

IPDG, District 7120

August 8, 2020



SAVE THE DATE

95<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
EASTERN CITIES  
FELLOWSHIP “DINNER”



Shekhar Mehta  
RI President-Elect  
2020-21

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 PM

Rotary International 2020-21 President-Elect,  
Shekhar Mehta will be joining us for a Live Broadcast.

[CLICK here to reserve your link](#)

**Rotary**  
District 7120



## Naples Rotary Club Notes - October 2020

October started with a bit of joviality, and a great way to keep our good spirits going during the pandemic. This month has brought us beautiful colors, warm sun and our first snow of the season. We continue to meet in person and keep our attention on the COVID-19 regulation details. Doing this will ensure the safety and well-being of all.

Our club has many activities going on. The Light Up Naples Committee has met weekly planning carefully for the Light Up Naples Event to be conducted safely for a whole month of bringing joy to the Holiday season. The "Lucky Ducky Derby" which is an annual Spring tradition was successfully pulled off despite low water levels in the Naples Creek. Many turned out to and stayed socially distant to see if their duck was plucked out as a winner. Thanks to determination of our fund-raising committee we continue to raise money to fund our many philanthropic endeavors. World Polio Day was October 24. Naples Rotary was one of two clubs in District 7120 to hold a World Polio Day event in 2020 with a gathering of club and community members to watch the updates video. Rotary has been very involved in helping to end this virus. In this year, 2020, Africa is Polio free! From awareness to working toward a solution, Rotary is getting closer to its goal to "End Polio Now"! It was enlightening to have it highlighted that what we are doing is helping people across the globe deal with COVID-19. We donated funds to purchase Halloween candy and treats for the children of the village. Naples Rotary will help provide turkeys for needy families during the Thanksgiving season. Books were ordered for the Annual Christmas Book Distribution, (for the Elementary students).



Tom Hawks



Jennifer Emmons



Blanche Warner

All our meetings are shared via Facebook Live allowing those at home the opportunity to view and comment in real time. Tom Hawks Airbnb Hosting During a Pandemic. Tom did a splendid job telling us about a great corner of the world during a pandemic where 38 guests have stayed since he opened it in February! Jennifer Emmons, Executive Director at Hospeace House, delivered an enthralling program recounting her experience on the front lines downstate during the pandemic. The insights she shared, both logistically and emotionally, had the entire club completely engaged. Talk about service above self! We concluded our programs with "Naples Rotarians From The Fifties" which was delivered by Rotarian, Blanche Warner. It was black and white, it was historic, it was nostalgic, and it was memorable! Blanche narrated this silent video as she paused the video periodically to offer insights with club members frequently chiming in with their memories.



(submitted by Sherry Brahm-French)



10/5/20 Program of Aren Jensen, 2019-2020 Rotary Exchange Student to Brazil. He shared with us his experiences as being an exchange student during COVID-19. His presentation was awesome and Aren is bound to do great things in his life, that is for sure! His future include enrolling in the University of Barcelona to pursue a career in Business Administration. He is truly a young ambassador of our country, and an example of the promise that our youth holds for the betterment of the world!



## Fairport Rotary Thanks Community, Sponsors For Highly Successful Fund-Raising Dinner



Holding a charity fund-raising pasta dinner in the middle of a national pandemic was a daunting task, but members of the Fairport Rotary Club accomplished it with great success in late October thanks to strong support from the Fairport-Perinton community and the donations of generous sponsors.

"We were pleased and thankful for a great turnout, which led to our best-ever results for our annual dinner," said Connie Borkhuis, who co-chaired the event with Heinrich Fischer. "We will put the money raised to good use supporting many local charities."

Unlike years past, the Oct. 25 event was a take-out only affair, with customers picking up their dinners on a drive-thru basis only. More than 500 dinners were sold.

"The community support was amazing," Borkhuis said, "but our good profits would not have been possible without the donations of these sponsors: **Amazing Grains Co. of Fairport, BJ's Wholesale Club of Victor, LiDestri Foods of Fairport, Palmer Food Services of Rochester, Skip's Meat Market of Fairport, Wegmans Supercenter in Perinton, and Waste Management at High Acres in Perinton.** We can't thank them enough for helping us and helping our community."



At our club's hybrid meeting (in person and on zoom) on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, President Mark acknowledged the Pasta Dinner's co-chairs, Connie Borkhuis and Heinrich Fischer, as well as our club members for their individual efforts to make the event a huge success. Each of us received a candy bar, which Mark noted were not left over from Halloween.

At the meeting, our former Town Board member and Town Historian, Susan Roberts, provided the group with a very interesting and entertaining presentation on the history of Bushnell Basins.

(Submitted by Thomas Wolanski)



## Avon Rotary Rambling On Rotary—November



November is Rotary Foundation Month. As you know, I am a Foundation Fanatic. The September Rotary magazine spoke about “A Life Changing Adventure” sharing many stories about exchange students. But it also shared strategies to help clubs become better Peoples of Action by better understanding our club’s “story” and its “purpose”. The article suggested, using a verb from Rotary, to complete the headline, “Together we ... *Connect, empower, end polio, fight hunger, inspire, learn, mentor, promote peace, save lives, transform.*”

Our club’s Mission Statement is, “The Rotary Club of Avon is an organization where service-minded individuals unite to provide resources and take action for those in need and support lasting change in our world, in our community, and in each other.” “Providing resources”, taking action”, and “supporting lasting change” are all Rotary verbs, too. So how do we put our Mission into action? How do we make it shine as our “purpose” and use it to write our “story”. I believe our club has a strong mission but that we need to make our club more visible in our community.

Our club is renowned throughout the district as a growing, inspired club that knows how to work hard and to play well. But our work is not that well known in our own community. How do we change that? How can we become more visible as a service organization in our own community? How do we write our story in such a compelling way that others want to be a part of our story, of our action and are thankful for our action?

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Rotary Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. The Rotary Foundation transforms our gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. With your help, we can make lives better in our community and

around the world. Through our donations to the Foundation, our club qualifies to receive a District Grant that helps us do some special service in our own community.

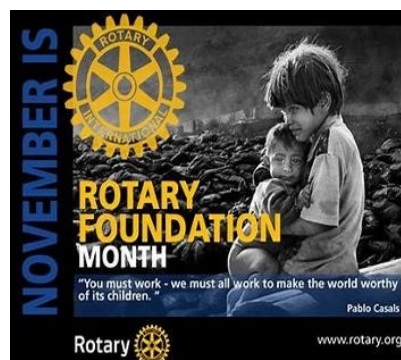
The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. I think it would be great if each Avon Rotarian became a sustaining member of the Rotary Foundation so that we could better advance understanding, goodwill, and peace throughout our community.

A sustaining member of the Foundation means you commit to donating \$100 each year. By enrolling through your My Rotary account to a monthly gift to the Foundation of \$8.35, that would make every Rotarian a sustaining member of the Foundation. But even if you cannot commit to be a sustaining member, I believe we all need to make some level of investment in the work of the Foundation, to have some skin in the game. Being thankful for the work that Rotary does, for the work we do together as Rotarians ignites my inner fire to do more. I know doing good things together attracts doing more good things and for this I am thankful.

Service Above Self are not just words of a motto but a way of life. It is worth remembering every day that we are changed for the better when we serve others. We are on a Life Changing Adventure, changing the lives of others through our actions and our service. And for that I am thankful. And as usual, I have rambled on long enough.

By: Bruce Amey

Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis





## LOUIS SCARANTINO SPEAKS AT BATH ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING

On Thursday, October 29, Louis was the program speaker at the weekly meeting of the Bath Rotary Club. Although the club is meeting via Zoom due to Covid-19 and Louis was at his home in Pennsylvania, his presentation on autism and mental health advocacy was most inspirational and motivational. Not only did he relate his personal journey with autism, but he also answered questions from some of the Rotarians present. At all times he was very professional, courteous, and honest.

Many of the Bath Rotarians present on Thursday for Louis' presentation were pleased to pledge "Happy Dollars" for what they considered one of the best programs of the year. Please enjoy reading below the personal comments of some of the local Rotarians present that day.

"This courageous young man is an inspiration for all of us." Joe Rumsey, Superintendent of Bath-Haverling Central School

"I was so impressed with how brave Louis was to share information about his mental health, a topic that many people shy away from. He was very professional about it and did a great job!" Tess McKinley, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension Steuben

"Louis, your presentation today on your journey of struggles, challenges, successes, and goals while living your life with autism was indeed most informative and inspiring. May you continue to spread awareness of autism!" Elaine Tears, Retired Educator

"Louis' presentation and his achievements and goals were both impressive and inspiring. Thanks for a great program this afternoon." Joe Latham, Retired Steuben County Court Judge

"Louis is to be commended for having the courage to share his personal experiences which, in turn, serve to help others who are facing similar challenges." June Bates, Retired Educator

"Louis, you are an inspiring and encouraging man. Your personal story is one of courage and determination. I was heartened by your guidance to me on how to encourage my grandson." John Gould, Retired Social Worker/Minister

"As a retired teacher, I really appreciated your presentation, Louis. Several of my former students suffered from autism in one form or another, and I now wish I had more knowledge then of what they were going through as you described in your talk." Bill White, Retired Educator

"Louis spoke very poignantly about his life with autism. His struggle to acclimate with his peers and overcome obstacles others never had to confront displays great determination and courage. His words are both inspiring and sobering." Robin Lattimer, Steuben County Legislator/Retired Administrator

The Bath Rotarians urge any group seeking a motivational speaker to contact Louis. You will be impressed and inspired! Scarantino's website address is: [www.louisscarantino.com](http://www.louisscarantino.com).

Written by Elaine Tears

## Firewood Raises Funds for Camp Onseyawa

Over the past several weeks Canandaigua Rotarians have taken orders for firewood. On Saturday October 10 some of the Rotarians and friends collected the firewood for distribution and piled it high in various pickups and trailers for delivery. All the funds collected went straight to the Camp Onseyawa for use next summer. The Camp is on Seneca Lake and is for kids with disabilities at no charge.



Pictured above right is the Kent Gilges crew loading up a truck from May's Flowers.



Pictured are Greg Gullo, Karen Sprentall and Marty Potter

Many thanks go to Charlie May of May's Flowers in Canandaigua who was kind enough to lend his truck to help in the transport of the firewood. (Submitted by Jack Kellogg)

## Canandaigua Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellowship



The Canandaigua Rotary Club awarded a Paul Harris Plus 5 fellowship at a recent meeting to Dick McCaughey. He is a former Canandaigua Pastor. A Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community. The presentation was made at the newly renovated Chapel at the Woodlawn Cemetery. The Canandaigua Rotary Club donated funds toward the renovation and were on site recently to view the transformation.



Pictured are Club President Lynn Holcomb and Dick McCaughey

(Submitted by Jack Kellogg)

## Dundee Rotary

At the September 9, 2020, Dundee Rotary Club changeover picnic, outgoing 2019-2020 Co-President Kate Ring (R) congratulated incoming 2020-2021 President, John Frederick (L).

2019-2020 Co-President Kathy Ring was unable to attend. (Submitted by Lauren Snyder)





## BATH ROTARY CLUB PROVIDES FUNDS FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As in past years the Bath Rotary Club is participating in the Greater Bath Area Thanksgiving Project. The club itself sent to the organizers of the project a check for \$ 750.00, and some of the Bath Rotarians donated personal funds.

This year the organizers decided to provide the turkey, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, pumpkin pie, etc. for a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner to those in need in a different fashion due to Covid-19. A gift certificate to be used at the local Save-A-Lot grocery store will be issued to those families who preregister for the Thanksgiving Project. The amount of each certificate will be based on the number of members in the family.

As printed in a previous edition of the Grapevine News, the Bath Rotary Club submits a monthly, promotional ad to the local newspaper. The ad for the month of November recognized the local club's participation in the Greater Bath Area Thanksgiving Project.

### DID YOU KNOW .....



That the Bath Rotary Club  
is donating funds for the Greater  
Bath Area Thanksgiving Project?

Imagine Bath – Without the Bath Rotary Club

Finally, we wish all of our Fellow Rotarians a Happy Thanksgiving!

Stay safe and healthy!

Written by Elaine Tears

## Honeoye Lake Rotary Road Rally

For several years, the HLRC has sponsored RRR (Rotary Reading Rally) for elementary students but we have now graduated to an adult version. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our first ever adult RRR beginning at Sandy Bottom Beach and finishing at the Birdhouse Brewery. Our Rotary Road Rally kicked off with registration at 11:30, drive off at noon and hit the brakes at 2:00 PM. Each vehicle paid an entry fee of \$40 and received a variety of routes to choose from to work on in the two hour timeframe.

Even though our participants were few, the unexpected beautiful weather enabled the ralliers to enjoy their quest for points while our club was able to add a few dollars to our treasury. After all vehicles checked back in, we enjoyed some fun, food and fellowship at the Brewery where prizes were awarded and lunch was devoured. We were also able to add a few extra dollars to our funds by having a 50/50 drawing.



This first experience was a success and we thank our organizers, Brent Ames and Gary Hubble, for making it happen. Now that we know what we are doing, we hope to offer this adult RRR opportunity to the community again next fall.

(Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)

## Canandaigua Rotary Welcomes New Member



Pictured is Tara Rago

The Canandaigua Rotary Club welcomed new member Tara Rago at a recent meeting. She was a member of the Geneva Rotary Club but transferred her membership to Canandaigua after being promoted to Branch Manager of the Canandaigua Lyons National Bank. She lives in Geneva with her husband, a decorated police officer, and two kids.



## Canandaigua Rotary Club Inducts New Member

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently inducted new member Rob Merletti of Canandaigua. He worked in the wine industry in California for twenty years and over twenty years in the international wine industry. His father was a former Rotary Club President, and he has two daughters that reside in California. Rob is also a Realtor for Hunt Realty. (Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



Pictured are sponsor Jodi Kaufman and Rob Merletti



## Canandaigua Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellowships



Pictured are Club President Lynn Holcomb and Bruce Kennedy

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Bruce Kennedy was honored with the Paul Harris Fellowship plus 4. The award is given to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community.



At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Preston Pierce was presented a Paul Harris Plus 1 Fellowship. The honor is bestowed to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community. Mr. Pierce is a retired educator and has been active in historical archives throughout our community and the Rotary Club.



Pictured are Preston Pierce and Club President Lynn Holcomb



Pictured are Janet Tenreiro and Club President Lynn Holcomb

Janet Tenreiro was presented with her Paul Harris Fellowship plus 8 Award at a recent Club meeting. The award is given to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community.

(Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



## GREECE ROTARY



Left: Greece Rotary welcomed our newest members of the year Cameron Knaub & David Georgiev of The Guardians of Hope.



Above: Greece Rotary's 2019-2020 outbound exchange students shared their experiences with club members. Abby Lowtan went to Sweden and Ryan McKeeby went to Belgium, they are pictured with Greece Youth Service Chair Larry Evarts.



Left: Greece Rotary Celebrating Summer Birthdays! We've added fun and games when we recognize our club members!

## Greece Rotary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Chapter Book Giveaway

9,000 3<sup>rd</sup> grade chapter books were given away in October by Greece Rotary. Brand new books were provided free of charge to many local, public, private and charter schools. Libraries, PTA's and individual families were also lucky recipients.

Submitted by Brenda S. Herman





## New Rotarian—A Family Affair

The **Newark Rotary Club** continues to welcome spouses that join the club, having seen first hand the accomplishments of Rotary. Welcomed to the Newark Rotary Club recently was Lynn Mooney, who was proposed for membership by husband Kevin Mooney. Born and raised in Buck's County, Pa. she has retired from BOCES, where she worked with autistic children. Lynn's goal now is spend more time with family and in community service to give back to the Newark area. She has seen the things that the club has done and wants to be part of a vibrant organization like Newark Rotary that continues to grow, now numbering 110 members.

(Submitted by John Zornow)



Photo: Membership Chair Melissa Correia, Past President and Assistant Governor Kevin Mooney; Lynn Mooney, and club President Donna Johnson.

## Pittsford Rotary Conducting Drive for Local Food Cupboard Dec. 5

The Rotary Club of Pittsford is conducting its next drive-thru packaged food collection to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center parking lot, 35 Lincoln Ave. in Pittsford.

Rotarians will be collecting canned and other packaged foods, rain or shine. The collectors will be taking precautionary measures such as wearing face coverings and gloves and maintaining safe distances.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is among many organizations benefiting from Pittsford Rotary's mission of service.

Additional information about the drives are available at [pittsfordrotaryclub.org](http://pittsfordrotaryclub.org).

(Submitted by David Irwin)

(photo from previous food collection)



## Abigail King Receives First Dundee Rotary Student of the Month Award

At the October 14 regular meeting of the Dundee Rotary Club, Dundee Central School Senior Abby King (center) received the first Rotary Student of the Month award from President John Frederick (L). Abby was accompanied to the meeting by Rotarian and DCS Superintendent Kelly Houck (R) who spoke highly of Abby's many accomplishments and activities that led to her achievement of this award. The award is given to a K-12 student who displays positive representation of the school, characteristics of good citizenship, and school and community involvement. In his recommendation of Abby, High School Principal Chris Arnold stated that "Abby is a student who is involved in the community (as is her family) and has done a great job of being a team member in her ..." Abby is the daughter of Paul and Sue King of Dundee.  
(Submitted by Lauren Snyder)



## Dundee Rotary Inducts Three New Members

Three new members were inducted into the Dundee Rotary Club on October 14, 2020. Left to right, Amy Fleet(L), Rachel Ames (C), and Rob Neu (R) were welcomed to the Club by long-time member and Past President Walter Verdi. Amy, Children's Services Librarian at Dundee Library was sponsored by Caryl Sutterby. Rachel Ames , proprietor of a fabric shop on Main Street in Dundee, was sponsored by Mary Ellen Morgan, a member of the Penn Yan Rotary Club. Rob Neu, the owner and operator of a shed building business called West Creek Structures and President of the Dundee Central School Board of Education, was sponsored by President John Frederick. Welcome, all!  
(Submitted by Lauren Snyder)





## Red Creek Rotary Provides Bi-lingual Lending Library ABCD Migrant Center

As Earnest Hemingway once said, "There is no friend as loyal as a book." However, in the age of Covid, finding a literary friend is not that easy.

While everyone wants to enhance the quality of their children's education, for working families, making the trip to the local library can sometimes be daunting. Even more so, if the families are part of the seasonal labor working in the fields to support the local agricultural industry.

To help ensure that the students at the ABCD (Agri-Business Child Development) Migrant Head Start have ready access to age-appropriate books, the Red Creek Rotary has donated a bi-lingual and Spanish library to the Church Street facility.

"I think it gives our students a different variety of books in a situation that is not intimidating," said ABCD Director, Jaclyn Pizzarello-Lenahan. "This is great for the older kids."



Pizzarello-Lenahan said that it is especially difficult for the parents and children who travel with the migrant stream. Given the pandemic, she said, it was important for the students to have access to books. Like all schools in the area, the center has gradually gone through the reopening process after the March lockdown and is using a mix of in-person and virtual classes. In a normal year, the center has around 55 preschool students and around 110 summer students.



At this point the collection includes over 90 bi-lingual and Spanish books including some favorites including "Mama Goose" and "Star Wars: El gran Libro de la Galaxia." Rotarian Karen Haas, who created the book list and catalogued the collection, initially solicited suggestions from Fair Haven Librarian Allen Tompkins and Red Creek High School Librarian, Merrilee Witherell. The staff at ABCD also reviewed the list and offered suggestions.

"The agricultural workers do so much for our community," Haas said. "We chose books that were highly rated for our targeted age group of 5 to 10. We chose bilingual Spanish/English books as well as books in Spanish only."

Haas said many of the titles are also popular children and youth titles.

This is the second year that the Red Creek Rotary has partnered with the center. In 2019 the Red Creek Rotary worked with the staff and parent's group to rehabilitate the playground in front of the center.

This project included replacing some of the gravel areas with sod and handicap accessible ramps.

The Red Creek Rotary, a fixture in Red Creek since 1941, has a long history of supporting the schools and community projects. The Red Creek Rotary was aided in the project with a grant from Rotary District 7120 and the Rotary Foundation. Rotarians Pearce and Liz Sloan donated the bookcase and Rotarian Virginia Kendrick-Bowser provided a book-nook. The Red Creek Rotary is currently meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Fair Haven American Legion. Everyone is welcome.

Now during the pandemic, there has never been a greater need for people to step up and support their community. For more information check out our website, [www.redcreekrotary.com](http://www.redcreekrotary.com) or visit us on Facebook.

Submitted by Eleen Williams

## Canandaigua Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellowship

The Canandaigua Rotary Club awarded two Paul Harris Plus 4 fellowships at a recent meeting to Ellen Polimeni and Mary Green. Ellen is Canandaigua's former Mayor and an Educator. Mary Green is a retired NYS Trooper and former Hopewell Town Supervisor. A Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community.  
(Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



Pictured left are Club President Lynn Holcomb and Ellen Polimeni.

Pictured below right are Club President Lynn Holcomb and Mary Green.



## Perry Rotary

Rotarian Nancy Meissel presents a check to the 4 Superintendents of surrounding schools for their student enrichment programs.

L to R is Perry Supt.  
(Nancy Meissel ) Wyoming  
Supt, Letchworth Supt and  
Warsaw Supt.

(Submitted by Daryl Heiby)





## Red Creek Rotary Supports Local Businesses

It was a beautiful fall weekend and the over 60 participants from the Red Creek Rotary's Coastal Colors Poker Run made the rounds of local businesses.



Rotarians Liz and Pearce Sloan present a check to Darrell Uetz, winner of the first annual Rotary Coastal Colors Poker Run.

"It was a lot of fun," said Sue Chmielecki of the Olfactory Lavender farm. "We saw a lot of people who had never been to the farm before." This was echoed by Jana House of the Sterling Cidery. "We were busy," said House. "It was great to see so many new faces."

The inaugural event was designed to provide a fun family-oriented activity during the pandemic. Participants needed to visit at least seven of the 19 participating businesses to be eligible for a hand. This year's winner, Darrell Uetz, drew a straight flush queen high in diamonds. "I think it was a great idea," said Uetz, who donated a significant part of his winner back to the Red Creek Rotary. "It gives people a chance to see what the Fair Haven area has to offer."

The participants also enjoyed the event. "I give it a 10 out of 10," said Bob Rottenberk. "It was a fun two days."

"I was very encouraged that so many people tried to visit all the businesses," said Mark McVea. "We're ready to do it again."

Rotarian Pearce Sloan who was one of the event's organizers, said he felt for the first time out the event was quite a success.

"I think we learned a lot to make next year even better."

For more information about the Red Creek Rotary visit [www.redcreekrotary.com](http://www.redcreekrotary.com)

Submitted by Eleen Williams



## Wayland Club News

Cancelling the annual Halloween parade didn't slow down the Wayland club, including our 4 newest members! They are Sandi Quinlan, Dionne Barrett, Anne Smart and Molly VanDelinder.

Between the chicken BBQ fundraiser on the 17th and giving every Wayland Cohocton student from pre-k through grade 6 a light up necklace for Halloween, we were busy at all meetings and beyond! So happy to have more hands and ideas to keep our club moving!

Next up: reinventing Christmas in Wayland to make it a socially distant (safe) event.  
(Submitted by Jean McMillan)



Serving chicken BBQ



Club preparing the light up necklaces for distribution

## Corning Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Corning is dedicated to serving the critical needs of the local community during the pandemic, as evidenced by the Club's recent donation of \$5,500 to the Corning Painted Post School District for the purchase of 70 Wi-Fi hotspot devices. These devices will be deployed throughout the community to enable families without adequate Internet access to support virtual schooling at home.

"We were fortunate enough to reopen this fall in a hybrid model which allows our students to be in the classroom two days a week if their family chose this option," says Michelle Caulfield, Superintendent of Schools. "Unfortunately, about 260 of our families do not have adequate Internet service. This makes it incredibly difficult or impossible for their students to attend school virtually the other three days a week. This inequity is not something we can allow to happen in our district or community."

"We are working with several community partners to help us resolve this inequity. Thanks to the generosity of Corning Rotary, we are now able to provide Internet access to 70 families, in addition to the 47 families we have already addressed."

The donation was facilitated through the "Corning Rotary Donor Advised Fund" managed by the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes. Corning Rotary is thankful to be able to continue its long tradition of providing Service Above Self to members of the community in the greater Corning area, especially during these trying times. To learn more about the Rotary Club of Corning and view the meeting schedule, visit: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/7812/>.  
(Submitted by Ted Goldwyn)



Pictured (L to R): Nora Smith, Chair of the Corning Rotary Sustaining Fund Committee; Michelle Caulfield, Superintendent of the Corning-Painted Post School District; and Paula Smith, President of the Corning Rotary Club.



## Honeoye Lake Rotary

On October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, the Honeoye Lake Rotary club was finally able to launch its “Book A Month” community service project at Honeoye Central School. Using district grant money and clubs funds, the club ordered books from Scholastic Literacy Partnerships, welcomed a few super donations, sorted and organized the books by grade level, stamped each book as a gift from the club, then waited patiently while determining a way to distribute the books.



Our goal being to present each elementary student grades UPK through 5 with a book each month for the 2020-2021 school year was made a challenge as we Rotarians could not enter the building to distribute the books due to the pandemic. Thanks to our Instructional Coach, Sadie Beeman, and our finance officer, Mike Bastian, who is a Rotarian, we were finally able to come up with a creative and easy way to get the books out of the boxes and into the hands of the students. Even though it is disappointing to the club members not to be part of the excitement and fun of being present when the students select their books, we are content with knowing the books will be taken home to add to each student's personal library.



By school year's end, each elementary student will have received ten books which they have personally chosen and put their name in to identify them as “theirs”. Plans are to continue a distribution party toward the end of each month with the hopes of maybe later in the year, we, as Rotarians, will be able to take part in the excitement and fun. This is a most rewarding community service project.

We would like to thank the district for awarding us the grant to conduct this work and thank all those who donated a wealth of books to ensure we are able to make it a success!

(Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)

## Canandaigua Rotary Inducts New Member

Adeline Rudolph was recently inducted into the Canandaigua Rotary Club. She is the daughter of the late and long term Rotarian Dave Cook, and she is employed by State Senator Pam Helming. Adeline and her husband Kurt have two children Erich and Addie .

Pictured are Adeline and Club President Lynn Holcomb:

(Submitted by Jack Kellogg)





## Pal-Mac Rotary

The motto of the Pal-Mac Rotary Club is that we are "The Club that has fun and gets things done." These two pictures capture these dynamics! In the first, President Bob Yost is admiring Kim Clement's unusual socks at a recent evening meeting. We think Kim had Halloween in mind.



The second captures one of our recent projects. These bike racks were installed in conjunction with a District Simplified Grant. Two of the racks were placed in Palmyra, one on Main Street and the other near the Muddy Waters Cafe, on the Erie Canal.

The other two are being placed in Macedon, one at the library and the second one at the Canal Park.



Submitted by Jeff Crawford/Mark Clement

## Red Jacket Rotary



Karen Parkhurst, District 7120 Secretary, was a guest of Red Jacket Rotary at a recent Tuesday morning meeting. Karen drops by on occasion, mostly just because. This time she was on a mission. She presented Rose Foster, Red Jacket Secretary, with a Paul Harris Fellow. Rose, being her typically modest self: "Aw shucks folks. I don't deserve this". We all know better. Rose is a major part of the glue that holds Red Jacket together and keeps it functioning. Congratulations Rose.

(Submitted by Dick Stearns)





## Pal-Mac Rotary News...

On a beautiful fall Saturday at the end of September, dozens of volunteers and 24 teams, with members ranging in age from toddlers to senior citizens, came together for Pal-Mac Rotary Club's first annual Amazing Race. Following COVID guidelines, Leslie Vecchiotti, event coordinator, got things started just before the 1 pm post time.



Club members, Ann Morrel and Dianne Sloan, register participants at the Cedar Creek Commons in Macedon.

The "race" wasn't a see-who-can-get-to-the-finish-first competition, but rather a battle of wit and skill which involved clue-driven stops in both Palmyra and Macedon. Stops included the Macedon Library where team members were videotaped reading aloud children's books. The videos will be used as part of the club's Rotary Reads program at the primary school.

This amazing event concluded with a Chicken BBQ take away, and with announcements of race, 50/50, and Chinese Auction winners. It shouldn't surprise any Rotarian that of the \$640 won in prize money, \$250 was donated back to the club. A total of \$3,400 was raised for club community projects.

(Submitted by Leslie Vecchiotti/  
Jeff Crawford)



Event Coordinator, Leslie Vecchiotti, with  
DG Linda Kohl.



Winning team, "Triple Dog Dare."



## Perry Rotary Club

At Rotary's October 15 meeting, Perry Central School Superintendent Daryl McLaughlin was: "Are there any things you learned or methods implemented during the pandemic that you would like to see continue?" His response involved the spirit of community: "I observed the most amazing acts of charity and goodwill during the pandemic. The Perry community has been a model for how to navigate difficult times. From acts of service, donations, supporting local businesses, and simply taking care of each other, we are showing the world what this community is all about. It is my sincerest hope we continue to exhibit the grace shown during this time period moving forward."

Which led him to an amazing initiative...During the month of November, Daryl's Pizzeria will be donating \$1 from every pizza sold to the Perry Rotary Club! "My heart is full of gratitude for this amazing local business and its generous support of one of our local service organizations," McLaughlin said. "The Perry Rotary Club supports several initiatives that have a direct impact on our students and District.

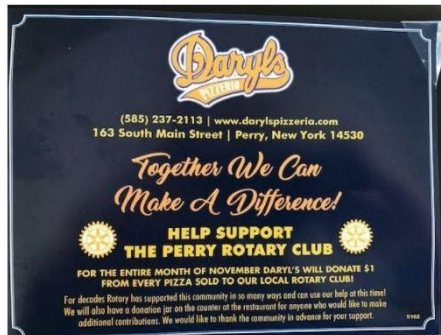
- "Give Perry" Gift Certificates Program
- Perry Family Literacy Center
- Read Around Perry
- 3 High School Scholarships
- Enrichment Grants
- Interact Club at the High School
- Elementary school dictionary project
- Elementary School Rotary Rock and Read
- Toys for Tots
- Operation Santa Claus
- Library Summer Reading Program
- School Milk Program

Thank you, Daryl's Pizzeria and the Perry Rotary Club for all that you do for our community. We have the best local businesses and Rotary Club on our team." - Daryl McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools

November saw the Perry club return to zoom meetings due to increased Covid cases in Wyoming County. At its last in-person session, the club welcomed new member Arlene Lapiana. Arlene is an active community servant in addition to her role as a Village Trustee and Customer Assistant at Walgreen's and a Developmental Aide at Koscielniak Intermediate Care Facility. The single mother has a daughter in her freshman year of college and a son in high school. She is a great addition to a great club.

We just learned that the pizza promo has raised \$679 so far.-L.Sturm, Secretary

(Submitted by Lorraine Sturm)



Past President Jeff Fitch with new member Arlene Lapiana, Pizza Promotion, Giving the Gift of Perry

## Spencerport Rotary Club

The Spencerport Rotary Club was excited to present Bob Floyd of Floyd Truck Maintenance Inc. with the Rotary Club's first Business of the Month honor. Bob has been an amazing supporter of Rotary and the community throughout many years. He and his business help keep our community safe by keeping our fire trucks in great working shape and ready to go for when we need them most. Thank you, Bob, we appreciate you!

Pictured L-R: Dick Turner, Bob Floyd, Kos Mihalitsas, Joe Marasco, PDG Roger Ressman.

(Submitted by Colleen Farley)





## News from Roc City Rotary

### The Rundown on October 2020

#### Volunteering with Brightstar Community – October 3, 2020

Brightstar Community is a local organization whose goal is to provide local female survivors of abuse or sex trafficking, a home to heal and get back on their feet. Roc City Rotary helped renovate and clean a new residential home.



#### Business + Baking Webinar – October 7, 2020

Roc City Rotary hosted a virtual seminar on how you can turn a hobby or side hustle into something a little bit more! The presentation covered, starting an LLC, branding, marketing, and customer service.



#### Volunteering with Mt. Hope Cemetery – October 10, 2020

Roc City Rotary volunteered with The Friends of Mount Hope and helped with the city's 2nd Saturday's event. Friends of Mount Hope help to restore and beautify Mount Hope Cemetery in the city of Rochester.

#### Moonlight Maize Maze – October 17, 2020

Members bundled up and took on the amazing maize maze at Long Acres Farm just for fun.

#### October Club Meeting – October 20, 2020

Roc City Rotary hosted our October monthly meeting and well it was a great time! We introduced the club, introduced our new President Elect. Welcomed 3 fantastic new members, recapped past events and discussed new events, and welcomed our District Governor, Linda Kohl.

#### Volunteering with 490 Farmers – October 24, 2020

490 Farmers is a community gardening collective based along I-490 in downtown Rochester. We provide garden plots to residents for personal food or therapy gardens, a Children's Garden, and a volunteer Food Forest that supplies pantry donations.

### Upcoming Events: November 2020

#### Fundraising night at the Distillery – November 10, 2020

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2UbKfso>

#### November Club Meeting – November 17, 2020

Register and learn more: <https://bit.ly/3eJRu4f>

#### Trivia Night – November 19, 2020

Register and learn more: <https://bit.ly/3pcbCAP>

#### A Beginner's Guide to ASL in the Workplace – December 8, 2020

Register and learn more: <https://bit.ly/3n9NGwc>

#### Tips from the Rochester Toastmasters Daybreakers Club – January 6, 2020

Register and learn more: <https://bit.ly/38qUQrH>

Thank you for your support!

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website: [roccityrotary.org](http://roccityrotary.org)

(Submitted by Phil Sennett)

## GREECE ROTARY

Past President, Pattie Anthony recently inducted new members Alicia Welch and Steve Nash to Greece Rotary.



PP Pattie Anthony, newly inducted Alicia Welch, sponsor Bill Selke



Sponsor Terri Granger Christiano, newly inducted Steve Nash, PP Pattie Anthony



Chuck Gannon receiving Paul Harris upgrade presented by PP Al Meilutis



Over 200 retired US flags were sorted and repurposed for the nonprofit Stars for Our Troops Inc. Greece Rotary honoring military members, veterans and first responders.

(Submitted by Brenda Herman)



## Geneva Rotary Club

Mike Sculli (right) was inducted Oct. 21 as the newest member of the Geneva Rotary Club. He was sponsored by club President Dave Cook (left). Born and raised in Geneva, Mike married his high school sweetheart, Liz, and they have three children. He has worked at the Seneca Army Depot, Kodak and the Red Jacket School District.



Members of the Geneva Rotary Club cleaned up the Geneva lakefront on Saturday, Oct. 17. Club members regularly take part in volunteer projects around the city. For some years, members have cleaned up a portion of Route 14 South twice a year. Also participating in the lakefront cleanup at Seneca Lake's north shore were members of the Hobart and William Smith Rotaract Club and the Geneva High School Interact Club, both branches of Rotary.

Geneva Rotary meets every Wednesday at noon at Geneva Country Club.

Submitted by Philip G. Beckley





## Geneseo Rotary

The Rotary Club of Geneseo held its annual Veterans' Luncheon on November 9th at the Valley Oak Event Center in Geneseo.

41 in attendance. 19 Veterans were there.

The traditional turkey dinner was served and the Veterans raved about the meal.

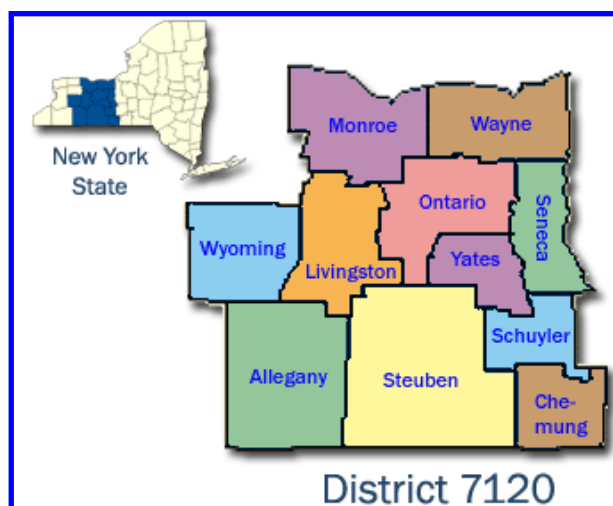
The room was beautifully decorated with holiday lights..

The guest speaker was Jason Skinner, Director of Veteran Services. He spoke about the new Livingston County Veterans Monument which will be dedicated on November 11.

Rotarian Gary Anderson talked about the Legion and VFW and what they do for the community. He also told them if they know any vets to encourage them to join one or the other.

Photo & info by PP Bonnie Swanson and Gary Anderson.

Submitted by Marilyn Lyon









## **Spencerport Rotary's Poinsettia Sale!!!**

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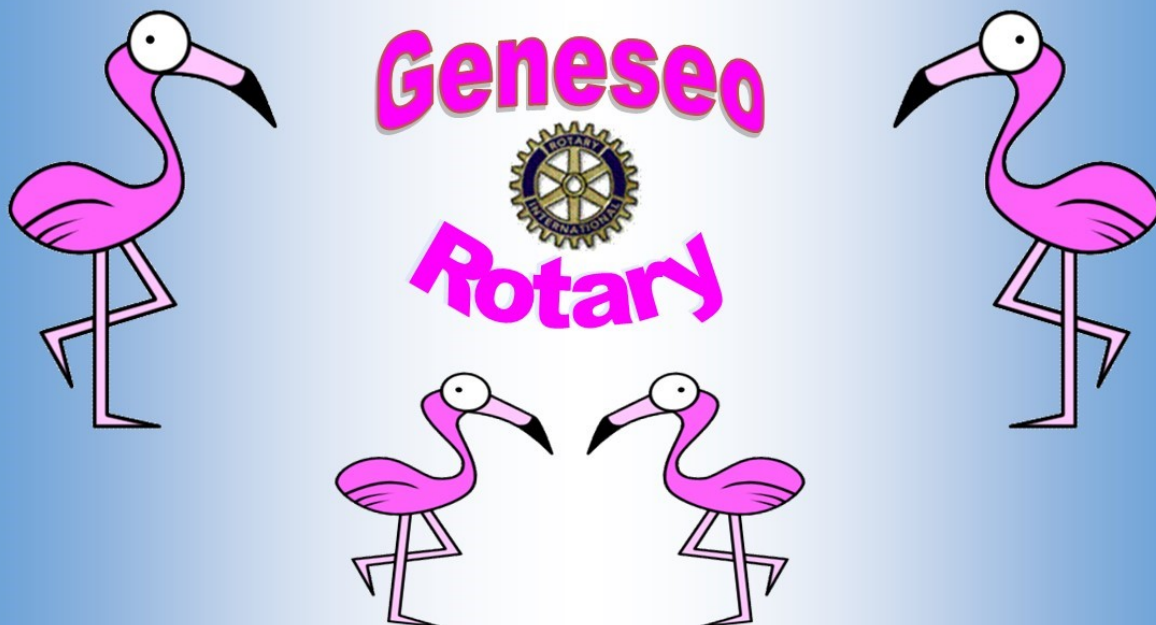
**Deadline for Orders - Monday, November 23rd**

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or leave a message at 585-489-0333.

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## Upcoming DISTRICT Events

## Upcoming CLUB Events

Check the District Calendar  
for additions and changes



### ⚙ November

November 24 Multi-District Foundation Event,  
7pm to 8pm. <https://go.rotary7120gives.org/2020-foundation>

### ⚙ December

December 8th Eastern Cities Fellowship  
“Dinner”, 12pm—1pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
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**DISTRICT 7120**

**Conference  
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**Hosted by Penfield Rotary Club**

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**2021corning@gmail.com**

### ⚙ November

November 1 to 12, 2020 Avon Rotary 53rd Annual "Online"  
Auction 8:00AM

### ⚙ January 2021

Rochester AM Rotary Wine Tasting Sunday Jan. 31, 2021 5:00  
- 6:00 PM

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