



January 2021

Linda Kohl, District Governor

Issue 7



Ken and Linda Kohl

Hello Everyone!

As we enter the New Year, we continue to hope and pray for an end to the pandemic. The distribution of the vaccine gives us hope for a happy 2021.

That being said, I have some disappointing news regarding the upcoming District Conference. Originally we planned the Conference to take place at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow, NY. But with the pandemic, we cancelled and decided to move the Conference into our District, at the Corning Radisson. Six months after planning to be in Corning, the pandemic continues, with Covid cases currently spiking. While distribution of a vaccine is heartening, there are too many unknowns to properly plan a conference with any person attendance. Therefore, we have cancelled the District Conference in Corning. We are now investigating opportunities to hold a re-imagined virtual District Conference.

During January I encourage you work on the important Vocational Service Rotary area of focus.

As stated on the Rotary International website, Vocational Service is rooted in the second Object of Rotary that calls for "High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of

all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society."



To foster vocational service, one can talk about professions in your club and learn about each other's occupation. In these times more than ever, it is important to support one another. This is also the time to use your skills and expertise to serve the community, help young people achieve their goals and guide and encourage others in their professional development.

As District Governor, I now begin the second half of my year. I want to highlight several accomplishments.

First, Communication in our District has been a concern of mine that I felt needed to be addressed. Our talented yet overworked Public Image Chair Tom Brown needed a help with social media and the district web site. I am happy to report that Phil Sennett, from Roc City Rotary is now the chair of the Public Image Social Media Committee and that Marc Kreuser of the Newark Rotary Club is now chair of the District Web Site. They each have an excellent team of volunteers assisting them and Tom Brown.. However, if you are interested in participating, please contact me and I will pass your name along.

Second, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion also known as DEI is a high priority for Rotary. Rotary values diversity and

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celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds. As District Governor, I reached out to Rotarians in our District to serve on a district-wide DEI Committee. Rotarians stepped forward and as the year ended Dr. Sim Covington from the Canandaigua Rotary Club agreed to chair the District DEI Committee. In addition, Dr. Covington will be moderating the Regional Membership Panel Discussion, "Do You See and Hear What I see and Hear" on Monday, January 18. If you have interest in participating in the DEI Committee, please contact me.

The third initiative that I have pursued is to create an Environmental action Committee. As you are aware, the Environment is now the 7th area of focus for Rotary. After reaching out for volunteers, a committee was formed and recently Gary Anderson, from the Geneseo Rotary Club has agreed to chair the committee. The committee will focus on clean air, clean water, sustainability and environmental education to further the vision of Rotary International. Again, if you would like to join this committee, please contact me.

Speaking of the environment, please mark your calendar for The Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup, service project scheduled for Saturday, April 24. This project was created by Rotary Districts along the Great Lakes. Clubs are asked to pick up along the waterways in their area. More information to follow.

Please take care of yourselves and find ways to stay connected with your fellow Rotarians and community. As they say, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Yours in Rotary,

Linda

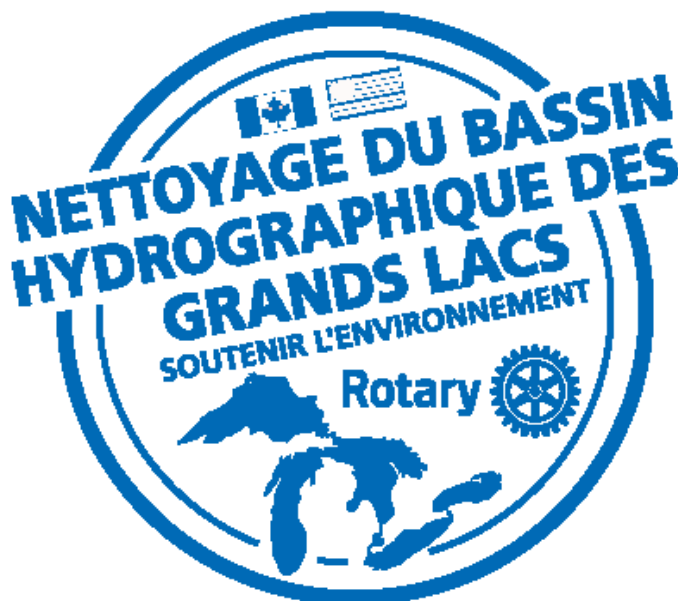
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Rotary Opens Opportunities



Rotary Archive

The Rotarian Magazine

The first issue was published in January 1911 as The National Rotarian.

It included news items from existing clubs, announcements of new clubs, and an essay by [Paul P. Harris](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

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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)**

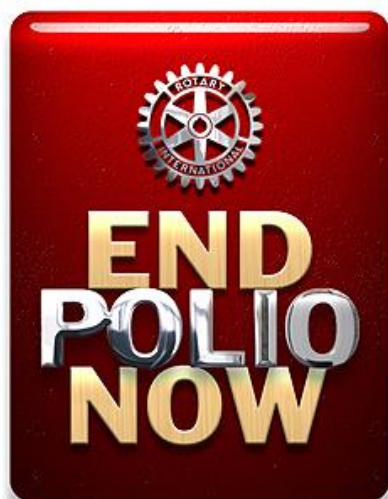
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“Do You See and Hear What I See and Hear?”

You are invited to register for the second in our series of multi-district “Membership Monday Seminars” to be held on **18 January 2021 at 7:00PM via Zoom.**

Join moderator Dr. Sim Covington, Jr., of Finger Lakes Community College, and explore the experiences of 6 panelists around diversity, equity, and inclusion. Panelists will be asked to share how their identity (race, gender, religion, age, physical ability, etc.) has impacted their lived experience in America and in Rotary. Clubs have an opportunity to learn and grow by understanding how they may appear to a newcomer or to someone who may not look and sound like the majority of members.

A Q&A session follows the panel discussion.

Register today for this Membership event: <http://bit.ly/MembershipDEI>

Registration for this very timely and impactful seminar is open to all Rotarians, and friends, from districts 7120 (Rochester/Finger Lakes), 7150 (Syracuse), 7170 (Binghamton), and 7190 (Albany).

Submitted by PDG Scott MacDonell

Do You See and Hear What I See and Hear?"

18 January 2021, 7:00PM

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**DIVERSITY,
INCLUSION & EQUITY**

A Panel Discussion

Facilitated by Dr. Sim Covington, Jr.

**6 panelists share their stories -
Participate to help improve your
club experience.**

Rotary  Rotary Opens Opportunities

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



IS it the Truth?

IS it Fair to all concerned?

WILL it build Good Will and Better Friendships?

WILL it be Beneficial to all concerned?



You can change someone's life as a Literacy Volunteer!

Literacy is a critical issue that affects everyone. In Wayne County alone, six thousand adults - 1 in 12 - lack basic literacy skills. Unfortunately, illiteracy affects many more people than just the individual. The economy, children's school performance, public health, and community safety are all impacted.

On the other hand, the entire community also benefits when one person's literacy improves. There is a ripple effect that reaches a large number of people as adult learners become better employees, parents, and community members. Literacy is an investment with a great return.

The Adult Tutoring programs at Literacy Volunteers use trained volunteers to provide teaching in basic literacy, English language, math, and other subjects for members of our community seeking to improve their skills. Our local Literacy Volunteer agencies serve hundreds of adults each year, helping them earn equivalency diplomas, find jobs, obtain US citizenship, and achieve other personal goals.

There is no better feeling than giving the gifts of learning and self-advocacy to a family with goals to improve their life. Volunteers bring optimism, enthusiasm, and diverse perspectives to help learners succeed.

Not only does volunteering provide a chance to make a difference to the people and community around you, there are many benefits as well.

- . You develop new skills and build on existing experience
- . You connect with your community, meeting people from different walks of life and different cultures
- . Tutors frequently report learning as much, if not more, from their learners
- . Some studies show that volunteering can even increase your life expectancy!

Volunteering can transform both you and the world around you. To find out more about Tutoring or other opportunities, contact your local Literacy Volunteers today.

Information from:
Wayne County Literacy Volunteer's

Submitted by Pam Dean



Criteria for the 2020-2021 Literacy Recognition

Theme: Rotary Opens Opportunities. What Literacy doors has your club opened??

Categories: Ideas/Suggestions
Do a total of 5 different things, which may include:

1. General Ideas

Attending the Seminar,
 Show how your club observed September 8th, either as the International Day of Reading or recognizing the month of September as Literacy Month.
 Using an idea from the Children's Agenda Website, thechildrensagenda.org

2. Birth to 4 years old

Volunteer at a day care or Library
 Baby Bags with book and brochure
 Individual book shelf with books
 Give needy parents financial aid (scholarship? Assistance?, etc?) to help with day care expenses.
 Your own idea _____

3. Ages 5-12

Provide Books and Healthy Snacks for the weekend
 Blue Book Shelf
 Place books in Food Pantry, community centers, Laundromats
 Create a Reading corner for a classroom
 Treasure boxes
 Throw a Literacy based Party for your school or Library
 Your own idea _____

4. Ages 13 and above

Author visit
 Little Library
 Bring/Send some teens to the Teen book Festival
 Scholarships
 Periodical subscription
 Word Search books in large print for Senior Centers or Nursing Homes.
 Your own idea _____

5. International

Books for the World
 School Supplies

Name of Club _____

Contact person _____

Form must be submitted by **March 31, 2021**. Send to: JoAnn Terry, 41 Ridge Castle Dr., Rochester NY 14622, or email @ jotee218@aol.com

Please use the back of this form if you need more room

SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021
GREAT LAKES CLEANUP INITIATIVE!

All Rotary Districts that abut the Great Lakes will be participating in a **massive** lakeshore cleanup.

If your club isn't near the lake, pick another project closer to home – a river, creek, lake, pond, or canal - that can use a cleanup! Invite others to join you, including your Interactors/Rotaractors and other friends of Rotary!

Wear Rotary gear and take pictures! ***More info to come.***

Questions: contact DG Linda Kohl at lkohl58@aol.com



JANUARY 18, 2021
7:00 PM



6 PANALISTS
SHARE THEIR STORIES
HOW CAN YOU IMPROVE YOUR CLUB EXPERIENCE?

FACILITATED BY:
DR. SIM COVINGTON, JR.
REGISTER AT:
<http://bit.ly/MembershipDEI>



V – F ROTARY CLUB GIVING TREE PROJECT

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club, in cooperation with Tops Market in Farmington, successfully completed their annual Giving Tree Project with the delivery of over a thousand gifts to senior citizens, shut-ins, low-income families and less fortunate individuals the week before Christmas.



V-F Rotarians Bruce Chapman and Ed Reed – taking a break from gift sorting work

This was the 32nd consecutive year that the club has sponsored this effort to make certain that less fortunate individuals and families are not forgotten during the holiday season.

During the Thanksgiving – Christmas season the club collects gift-wrapped presents that are left by shoppers under a Rotary Christmas tree located at Tops Market on Rt. 96 in Farmington. Rotary club members maintain the tree daily and place small cards containing the wishes of the recipients on the tree. Shoppers can select a card and return a gift under the tree before Christmas.

Rotary club members collect the donated gifts and take them to a designated location for storage and separation prior to distribution. The club also receives donations from individuals and merchants that are included in the special Christmas stockings that are included with the gifts for children.

Among the organizations that were recipients of the gifts were the Ontario Center at the Ontario County complex in Hopewell, the Friendship House in Middlesex Valley and the Wilson Commencement Park in Rochester, a residential center for single parent and/or low-income families.

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club is sincerely appreciative of the cooperation and involvement of the management and staff at Tops Market and the many individual donors and merchants whose generous donations have sustained this project for more than three decades.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Rotary Asst Gov Mary Green and VF Club Secretary Karen Parkhurst



Rotary Club President Jim Crane unloading gifts at Ontario Center

BATH ROTARY CLUB THANKS LOCAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS



Bath Rotarians assembled 300 holiday, goodie bags for the dedicated, health care workers at Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital, Fred and Harriet Taylor Health Center, and the Steuben Center, all in Bath. Standing left to right are: Nancy Latour, Woody Latour, Cheryl Muller, and Amanda Chafee. Taking the picture was Angela Mattoon.

retractable pen, and a black, dry erase marker, were adorned with a holiday, gift tag which read: From the Bath Rotary Club! Happy Holidays! Enjoy! Thank You! Bath Rotarians Amanda Chafee, Nancy Latour, Angela Mattoon, and Cheryl Muller as well as Latour's husband, Woody, spent three and one-half hours assembling the 300 bags while enjoying friendship, wine,

A few days before Christmas Bath Rotary Club members delivered holiday, goodie bags to the health care workers at Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital, Fred and Harriet Taylor Health Center, and the Steuben Center. "We wanted to make a small, individual gesture of appreciation in honor of the essential workers caring for our loved ones at the hospital and senior centers in Bath," remarked Angela Mattoon, Bath Rotary Club Webmaster. "Nancy Latour, our club secretary, was inspired by stories of similar projects shared at her church and spearheaded the Rotary campaign with the help of a small group of volunteers."

The goodie bags, consisting of a large bag of trail mix, beef jerky, a bag of coffee from Keuka Lake Roasters, chocolate kisses, Christmas candies, two packs of gum, a



Bath Rotary Club provided holiday, goodie bags for the essential workers at Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital and Fred and Harriet Taylor Health Center. Standing at the left is Nancy Latour and at the far right are Cheryl Muller and Woody Latour.



Bath Rotarians delivered holiday, goodie bags to the health care workers at the Steuben Center in Bath. Standing left to right are Jessica Thomas, Bath Rotary Club President, and Nancy Latour, Bath Rotary Club Secretary.

cheese, and Christmas music.

The holiday, goodie bag project supports one of Rotary's primary purposes, i.e., a global network of volunteers who provide humanitarian service. The club was most pleased to recognize the incredible service of the health care workers who have faced many patient care challenges with utmost courage and total commitment during the Covid-19 pandemic. "Over the past months these workers have indeed demonstrated Rotary International's ideal of "Service Above Self", noted Mattoon. "The local Rotarians feel great pride and joy as the local, health care workers enjoy the holiday, goodie bags."

(Pictures by Cheryl Muller, Written by Elaine Tears)

Spencerport Rotary

The Spencerport Rotary Club decided to adopt a family who needed help during the holiday season, to make Christmas special for their 7 children. Four of our club members – Kathy Magin, Michele Mihalitsas, Kris Kelly and Alexandra Rambali-Piwonski volunteered to do the shopping. The mother sent along the ages and gender of her children and their Christmas wish list to follow.



The Mom was so very grateful for our help, she fought back the tears while she thanked the club members making the delivery, saying “Thank you all for your help, your interest and the donations to this project. Cheers!”

She also emailed the club, saying: “I can’t thank you enough for what you have done for my family. I’m truly so grateful and I’m beyond blessed to have you help us so much in this time of need. Thank you. ☐ Merry Christmas to you all!”

Truly touching and certainly it will “Build Good Will and Better Friendships” and be “Beneficial to All Concerned”!

Happy New Year to all of our fellow Rotarians!

Submitted by Colleen Farley

Newark Rotary

The Newark Club continues to partner with Wayne County in providing Foodlink services to area residents. This photo was taken recently at the Fairville Fire Department north of Newark.

Submitted by John Zornow



Rush-Henrietta Rotary



The Rush Henrietta Rotary gathered December 12 for their annual Project Christmas.

The club's volunteers delivered gift cards and poinsettias to area seniors.

Submitted by Steve Synesael



Elmira Rotary

Elmira Rotary and Arctic League Arctic League is a local charitable, volunteer run organization established over 100 years ago whose sole mission is to provide gifts on Christmas morning to needy children in Chemung County. For example, in 2019, due to the generous support of our community through donations and volunteer hours, we were able to purchase and deliver gifts to around 1,400 families on Christmas! Every year the Elmira Rotary Club dedicates an evening where we assist in the assembly and packing of a number of those gifts for local families.

This year, because of the pandemic, we were presented new challenges on how to participate and stay safe. Arctic League had it all figured out, we were each signed in, temperature taken, questionnaire completed, masked, gloved and shielded. To be in compliance with State requirements, we were a limited crew compared to prior years. We worked hard but felt so good knowing we were providing Christmas for children who might go without.

Submitted by Laurie Liberatore

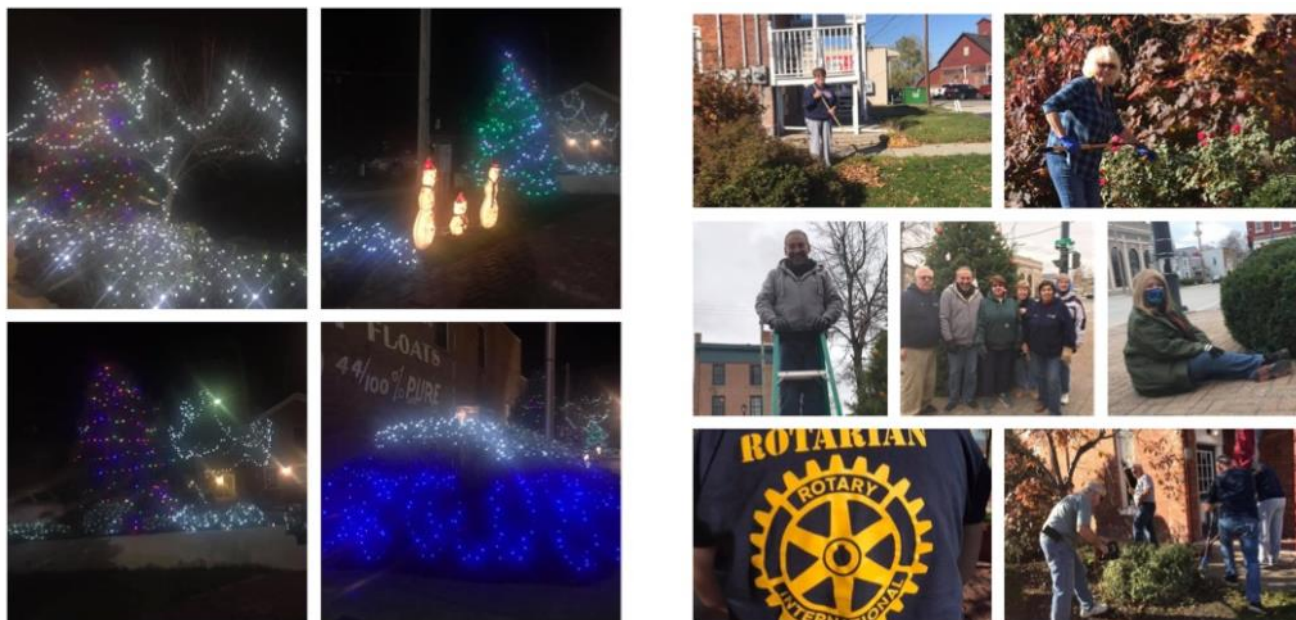


Mt. Morris Rotary

Pocket Park is located on the corner of Main Street in the Village of Mount Morris. Our club has "adopted" it around the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We clean up the grounds, trim the bushes and get it ready to decorate before small business Saturday.

Once the clean up is complete, we decorate the park with Christmas lights and figurines along with a Christmas tree we purchase and set up in the park to be adorned with lights and ornaments. The ornaments are purchased from our club with sentiments posted on tags and placed on the tree. All the lights are turned on except for the Christmas tree which is part of the Christmas in Mount Morris event we have every year.

Submitted by Linda Lomnicki



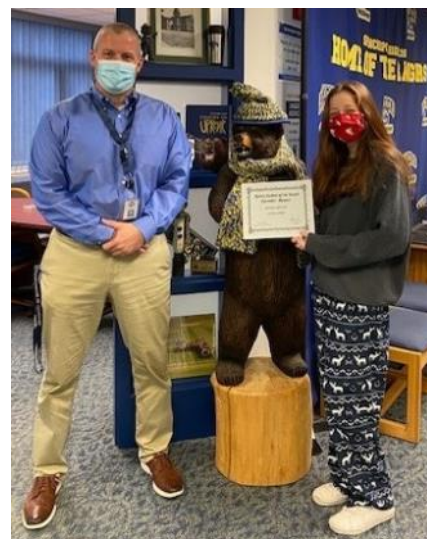
Spencerport Rotary

Spencerport Rotary recently launched a new "Student of the Month" program, in partnership with the Spencerport School District. Each student chosen receives a certificate as well as a gift card to a local merchant, purchased by the club. We feel this program has four positive results:

- Spotlights a deserving student
- Strengthens our partnership with the school
- Highlights a great Rotary program to the community
- Supports a local merchant by purchasing a gift certificate from them

Pictured is Rotarian Sean McCabe, who coordinates the program at the school and senior Jamie Lynn Gallagher who was selected as December's Student of the Month for Respect. Congratulations Jamie Lynn!

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Corning Rotary Donates \$2,000 to Corning Community Food Pantry

The Rotary Club of Corning is committed to serving the critical needs of our local community during these challenging times. In an effort to help reduce hunger and rising rates of food insecurity in the greater Corning area, Rotary recently donated \$2,000 to the Corning Community Food Pantry.



L to R: Corning Rotary President Paula Smith presents a check for \$2,000 to Corning Community Food Pantry Executive Director Mary Caruso.. Photo credit: Corning Community Food Pantry.

According to its website, the mission of the Corning Community Food Pantry is "to eliminate hunger in our area through the distribution of food and information; without regard to race, color or creed, in the most understanding and sympathetic manner, recognizing the dignity and equality of all people under God."

On Friday, December 11, Corning Rotary President Paula Smith presented Corning Community Food Pantry Executive Director Mary Caruso with its contribution to help provide healthy food to area residents in need. This donation was the latest example of Corning Rotary's ongoing support of the Food Pantry through both financial contributions and volunteer service. On two separate days in November, Rotarians volunteered at the Corning Community Food Pantry's community garden, and helped pack 440 Thanksgiving meals for donation to local families.

Especially during this unprecedented holiday season, Corning Rotary takes its mission of "Service Above Self" seriously. To learn more about joining the Rotary Club of Corning and to view the current Zoom meeting schedule, visit: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/7812/>.

(Submitted by Ted Goldwyn)

TAKE NOTICE

*Rochester Rotary Club has
rescheduled Valarie Wafer, 2020-22
Rotary International Director for
February 23rd at noon
until 1:30 pm.*

*If any Rotarians would like to join the
meeting please have them contact
me kellianne@rochesterrotary.org.*

Submitted by Kellianne Mohorter

Happy New Year from the Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club

Our club would like you to know that we are all doing well through this pandemic. It has been rough going since March 2020. Can we meet? Where can we meet? How do we meet? At first, we weren't sure what to do. Our meeting location was an assisted living facility! Yikes, we can't meet there. So, no meeting for a while. We met outside once in the summer. Fun but the next time we were rained out! TA DA! we found ZOOM. We met that way for a while. Then, we found a large meeting place Chemung County Meals on Wheels. We were very appreciative. It was good to meet face to face (social distancing & masks!) But the pandemic got worse in our county. So we are back to ZOOM which allows us the great opportunity for speakers from all over the world (South Africa & Honduras).

We've completed two projects since March. We started the purse project Feb. 2020. This was a collection of gently used or new purses and bags. We filled the bags with toiletries, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The dental items were donated by Lalor Family Dentist. The filled purse & bags were passed out by several social services in our county.



The second project was crockpots for the homeless. WHAT! How can homeless use crockpots???? Our county house the homeless in motels until they can find an apartment for them. The crockpots can be used in the motel and taken to start their new kitchen with an appliance. So, we filled the crockpots with soup and attached a serving spoon as well.



We are a small group but all of us are grateful to be Rotarians. Service above self!

(Submitted by Louise McIntosh)

Perry Rotary

Rotarian Tammy Kelsey, right foreground, and Rotary spouses Sandy Brick, left, and Ellen Heiby, right, look the name-label of bags of Covid-19 test kits to give to County Health Department worker in the background to administer to over 190 citizens at the Rotary-County-Fire Department Drive-Thru test site in December. -

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



Clifton Springs Rotary

At the Clifton Springs Rotary Club Zoom meeting of Dec. 22, we were pleased to announce the awarding of a \$3250 grant to the Clifton Springs Fire Department.



This grant, which was partially funded by a Rotary District 7120 grant, has been used toward the purchase of a Super Vac Battery Operated Ventilation Fan.

Representing the fire department were First Assistant Chief Steve DeCook, Captain Wayne Conklin, and Firefighter Rev. Brian Fellows. They explained that the new system is lightweight, very portable, and will be able to clear the smoke away from a burning building very quickly without worry about a loss of power. This is a "game changer" for the fire department enabling them to better save property and, potentially, lives.

Submitted by PDG Scott MacDonell

Avon Rotary Foundation Giving Continues



At the December 15th meeting our club was able to award two members with Paul Harris plus pins for their continued contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Helen Zamboni was awarded her Paul Harris Plus 2 pin via Zoom and Bruce Amey was awarded his Paul Harris Plus 7 pin in person. The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. The Rotary Foundation is also consistently ranked as one of the world's top charitable organizations year after year.

Congratulations Helen and Bruce! By: Mike Ford



Mt. Morris Rotary News —November

Members of our club worked with Food Link in partnership with Catholic Charities at Mount Morris Central School to hand out Meat, Produce and Dairy products. This year has proven to us that



we would have to change the way we do a fundraiser. We decided on a Beef on Weck drive thru dinner. The Boyd-Parker VFW Post 547 let us serve out of their building and fellow Rotarian, Patrick Wills owner of the Genesee River Restaurant, prepared our beef and macaroni salad. We added pre-packaged cookies and a bag of chips. All in all it was a success. Submitted by Linda Lomnicki

Geneseo Rotary Delivers Food Baskets and Gifts

On Saturday December 19, Geneseo Rotary assisted the Geneseo/Groveland Food Pantry deliver Christmas Food Baskets & Gifts to approximately 65 families. The photo shows food baskets being prepared by Food Pantry volunteers at the Geneseo/Groveland Food Pantry (housed at Central Presbyterian Church in Geneseo).

Rotarians delivered more than half of the food baskets. The balance of the baskets were picked up at the Food Pantry by recipients. Thanks to the following Rotarians who assisted with deliveries: Darcy Lynch, Howard Stewart, Heather Ferrero, Don Livingston, Bonnie Swanson, Kim & Tom Cox, Tim Hayes, John Lanpher, Patti LaVigne, Mary Kay Yanik, Paul Kreher, Sally Fox, Mary Alice May, and Steve Kelley Submitted by Howard Stewart



PENFIELD ROTARIANS COMBINE DSG WITH TOWN, STATE FUNDS TO BUILD INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND



Rothfuss Park Inclusive Playground
Penfield, NY
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Penfield Rotarians gathered with Town Of Penfield and State Officials to dedicate an Inclusive Playground in Rothfuss Park on October 3. The one-acre site provides playground equipment for wheelchair/handicapped persons. It rests on a poured-in-place recycled materials safety surface. The playground includes a swing set, xylophone, roundabout, teeter totter bouncing chairs and a ramp with an accessible glider at the end. Providing a playground for children with cognitive and mobility challenges has been a Penfield Town priority. The Rotary District Simplified Grant combined with Town and State funds to build a playground that met common objectives. Penfield Rotarians at the dedication included Jack Best, Club President Barbara Power, Tara Dumont, Laurie Dietrich, Marie Cinti, Ken Kohl and District Governor Linda Kohl. Penfield Rotary has used prior District Simplified Grants to fund a Little Free Library, Bocce Court Renovation and a Pavilion at the Town Community Garden.

For further information contact Tara Dumont: c: 585-733-9200.

(Submitted by Jack Best)

Dundee Rotary Honors October and November Dundee Central School Students of the Month



October's awardee is Ian Thompson, the son of Emily and Kyle Thompson.

Ian is a member of Mrs. Demitry's sixth grade class at Dundee Central School. He takes great pride in volunteering and assisting at school and in his community. Ian is also a STAR student at DCS.

Jasmin Ager, November's Student of the Month, is the daughter of Jessica and William Ager Jr. Jasmine is a senior at DCS and is involved in numerous activities and clubs. Jasmine is planning on attending Finger Lakes Community College after graduation.

Ian and Jasmine are pictured here with DCS Superintendent and Rotary member, Kelly Houck, and Rotary President 2020-2021 John Frederick.

The Student of the Month award is given to a student who displays positive representation of the school, characteristics of good citizenship, and school and community involvement.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Avon Rotary – People of Action

December 7-11: This week Avon Rotarians continued their annual tradition of ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Despite the restrictions of one ringer at a time due to Covid, we were still able to raise just shy of \$1,900 to help our neighbors in Avon in need. *By: Mike Ford*



Bob House



Bruce Amey



Mike Ford

HLRC KEEPS BUSY IN DECEMBER

December found the HLRC members in a giving spirit. Our first project was collecting toys and gift items for the Marine's Toys or Tots campaign. We joined with Howard Hanna Realty for this project and we were able to collect a respectable amount of toys considering the circumstances of our lives this season.



In addition to this project we once again were able to donate 16 tote bags of food to our high school students in need so they would have supplies and snacks over the holidays when breakfast and lunch are not available to them at school. This occurred thanks to the generosity of our club members who designated our weekly happy dollars to be used for this specific venture. Sandy Hubble and Linda Evenski did the shopping and then the bags were filled at Sandy's. Sadie Beeman and Tyler Bailey made sure they made it to school for us. Thanks to HCS nurse Mary Beth Tonkery for making sure the totes were distributed appropriately and thanks to Brent Ames for donating the tote bags for packing! We will be sure to continue to designate Happy Dollars to this community service project so that in June we can do a summer shopping and delivery.

Our thanks go out to community members who have donated returnable cans and bottles to our club so we can add to our treasury. We will pick up any donations and take them to the redemption center. The center in Lakeville has an account for the HLRC so if you would like to help us out you can just let them know to designate the money to us. This is an easy way to help the HLRC and we are very appreciative of any donations.

As we continue our "Book A Month" project at the elementary level, we have also heard from appreciative parents. Thank you notes have been received with some including monetary donations to help us out as we continue this distribution through June. This project ensures each elementary student selects a book for his/her personal library each month. The set of books we received from a community member was also added to the collection of books we have for students to choose from. These generous donations make all our work worthwhile!

(Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)

Avon Rotary – People of Action

On December 8th, our club conducted our 8th Red Cross Blood Drive and I'm happy to report that it was our most successful drive to date. In 4 hours, 36 units of blood were collected. As one unit of blood can assist up to three people in need, we helped up to 108 patients.

Thank you to Jen for the use of her beautiful Inn, the Red Cross staff, the eight Avon Rotarians who donated that day and to Rotarian Kirk who once again was my temperature checking technician and worked the entire drive with me.

Here are some facts associated with blood donations:

- ◆ Donating blood saves approximately 4.5 million lives each year in the United States. Although the blood donation process is very safe and only takes about 15 minutes, only one person out of ten in the U.S. donate.
- ◆ Your body holds between 8 and 12 units of blood. When you donate a unit (1 pint) your body will replenish the blood entirely in 56 days.
- ◆ Blood donation has minimal side effects. In a recent survey of 5,000 donors, only 1% experienced a side effect which typically involved the area of the needle intrusion or some weakness. Being hydrated and having a full stomach helps reduce any feelings of weakness.
- ◆ There are different types of blood patients need. A single unit of blood can be divided into whole blood, plasma and platelets which explains how a single unit of blood can assist up to three people in need.
- ◆ Blood shortages are a reality. A lot of blood is required each year.
- ◆ Car accidents killed over 30,000 people last year and injured over 4,000,000. Fifty or more units of blood can be required for the injured accident patient.
- ◆ Organ transplants can require up to 50 units and the same amount is needed for trauma patients.
- ◆ Bone marrow transplants can require 45 units and burn victims up to 20.

As you can see, it takes 50 people donating to provide enough blood for any major accident or trauma patient. The need is ever present. We'll do it again on March 30th, same time – same place. *By: Karl Sawicki*



Laurie Vonglis & Kevin VanAllen



Bruce Amey



Kirk Vanderbilt & Karl Sawicki,

Perry Rotary



Perry Rotarians Jeff Fitch, Police Chief Mike Grover and Mike Fitch at host Harding Plumbing and Heating kicked off the annual auction that raised over \$1600 in about an hour for Caring About Perry and the Community Food Pantry. The men are speaking with club members bidding via Zoom. The event as most club activities go was filled with good humor. Items featured included premiere wood creations by Rotarian Don Felix and club supporter Tom Pedlow, wine made by Rotarian Joe Gozelski, baked goods from Rotarians Nancy Fitch and Don O'Geen, and much more.

Perry Rotary Club President Kim Brown-Webster presented a framed certificate of appreciation to Darrel Draper and employees at Daryl's Pizzeria in Perry. Draper presented a check representing \$3,114 raised for Rotary through the pizzeria's November campaign to donate \$1 from every pizza sold to the civic organization. Rotary was honored by the generosity and thanks all who participated.

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



Spencerport Rotary

Katherine Welch, the Interact Service Club Advisor, recently informed the Spencerport Rotary Club of an Interact project.

Katherine wrote "I wanted to reach out to share what the club has been up to in the last few months. As I'm sure you can imagine, our meetings and ability to do a lot of activities like the last few years has been completely different due to so many COVID restrictions. We have students who are only in school certain days and no after school opportunity, so we have been able to hold monthly Zoom meetings and have had great participation still! It's amazing how much the kids still want to help out in the community and do good.

Since there are so many restrictions and protocol right now (no student can touch anything or physically be in school all together at any given time like normal), we are limited as to what we can do. However, the kids wanted to spread some positivity, so they created a Bookmark Project - and each student made a handful of bookmarks with positive messages on them. They will be laminated and sit for a few days, and then be distributed to students who check out books at our library. I attached a few pictures so that you can see some of the bookmarks that were created."

Kudos to the Interact Club members and Katherine for staying positive and spreading that positive attitude to other students as well.

Submitted by Colleen Farley

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Geneva Rotary

Three Geneva Rotarians organized and carried out unique Christmas projects that made spirits brighter in Geneva for the Christmas season. While they weren't official Rotary club projects, Rotarians took the lead ... as they often do in Geneva and around the world. Brian Finnerty's family often had a Nativity Scene as he was growing up and he wanted to bring it back ... and boy did he bring it back. The display at his Carter Road home featured the live Nativity scene, live animals and lit tall evergreen trees on the property. A long line of cars drove by slowly, taking it all in. Contributions were collected from the viewers that will be donated to charity soon.



Geneva Rotary annually runs a very popular Santa Train where kids get to talk to Santa and ride a Finger Lakes Railroad train.

This year, the Pandemic canceled the Santa Train so club President Dave "Santa" Cook and Rotarian Ray "The Bear" Ciancaglini came up with a Drive Through Santa experience for kids and parents in the parking lot at Ventosa Vineyards.

Charity also will benefit from this project.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



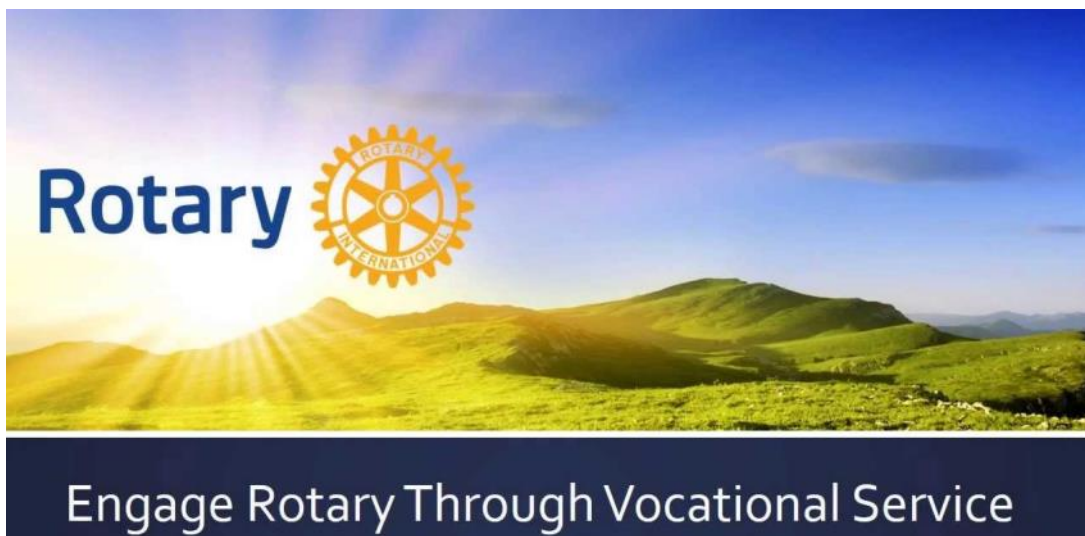
Penfield Rotary

The Penfield Rotary Club was active in holiday activities around the town. A group of Penfield Rotarians rang the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign on Saturday, December 19. Jack Best headed that volunteer effort.



Donations from the Penfield Rotary Club helped several local families enjoy holiday meals. Club Member Laurie Dietrich and Ria Tafani are ready to load purchased items for delivery. Also, club member Nancy Aumann worked with the Penfield Ecumenical Food Pantry to provide turkeys on behalf of the club. Submitted by Barbara Power

On Dec. 5, a hearty group of Penfield Rotarians met at the town's Four Corners to decorate the Christmas tree given to the town by the club. Former Penfield Rotary president Marie Cinti and her husband donated the tree as they have done before. The town tree is a joint project of the Penfield Rotary Club, Canandaigua National Bank, and the Town of Penfield Department of Public Works. Admiring the decorations are (from left) club members Ken Kohl, Paul Marinucci, Nancy Aumann, Jeanette Cooper, Marie Cinti, Tara Dumont, and District Governor Linda Kohl.



VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY PROJECT IN NICARAGUA COMPLETED

A two-year project of the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club to bring clean water to a village in the north central portion of Nicaragua has successfully been completed with installation of a community water tank and distribution system.



The V-F Rotary club, using club funding as well as financial support from fifteen other Rotary clubs, ten individual donors and a grant from the Rotary Foundation, raised sufficient funding to successfully implement the \$67,000 project. The 700 residents of the village of La Palma will now have access to clean water for their homes, replacing their former usage of water from an unregulated well. Water contamination has been a problem in the past for La Palma residents.

The project will also provide potable water for two local schools and a medical facility serving over a thousand people in the region. The villagers participated in the project by helping dig trenches and install piping. Each villager will have a spigot outside their residence and will pay a nominal fee for usage of the water. Training is being provided to ensure the system is operated and maintained in a safe and efficient manner.

The V-F Rotary club worked with the Rotary Club of Estelli, Nicaragua, who provided on-site management of the grant project in cooperation with the village officials. They recently sent pictures to the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club of the special ceremony that inaugurated the usage of the new system.



This is the 4th Nicaraguan project (the second water project) sponsored by the Victor - Farmington Rotary Club. Club secretary Karen Parkhurst has visited Nicaragua many times and has been a driving force in initiating Rotary grant projects that originate locally but have a sustainable impact internationally in impoverished areas such as La Palma.

Last year, the club donated funds to a project in the village of El Sauce, Nicaragua, that is utilizing a special teaching program developed at SUNY Geneseo that provides English language training to local students.

This language capability will enable them to compete in the competitive job market.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

JANUARY 2021 FAIRPORT ROTARY UPDATE

After enjoying the opportunity to participate in a few hybrid meetings in November, Fairport Rotary members returned to Zoom meetings at the end of 2020. Members and their guests joined President Mark for close to two hours of information and fun-packed video fellowship on December 14th, in a program that continued the Club's annual holiday party tradition.



Participating Rotarians flitted through the drive-thru portals at Eagle Vale to pick up treat bags that housed tasting portions of Casa Larga wines and comestibles. Once all were home and virtually united, Corey Amlee, from Casa Larga, provided a run-down on the history of the vineyard on the hill (Turk Hill Road) -- describing the idiosyncrasies of its varietal planting, touching on Casa Larga's big presence in the Ice Wine market, and praising Fairport Rotary member, Nancy Ragus', wine-pairing prowess. His was a fact-filled and riveting presentation.

Soon after the sommelier presentation, Mary Catherine Ragus -- professional virtual trivia host based in NYC -- plumbed the depths of trivia wells in the mindvirtual s of contestants. Mary posed three types of questions: relating to Fairport/Perinton, relating to the Holidays, and relating to Rotary, in general. Participants were



assigned to teams. Team members were segregated into Zoom Rooms where they discussed matters of importance -- including selection of a team name, and the answers to trivia questions. It is safe to say that all who attended had a fabulous and memorable time.

Kareen V. Zeitounian



Newark Rotary

Lucina Hallagan, new to the Newark club in the past year, attended Rotary International's first webinar on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She was tapped by Newark President Donna Johnson to lead Newark Rotary's new DEI Committee because of her interest and background in Human Resource Management.

Hallagan commented: "Rotary's vision statement is "together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change -- across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." The last part of this statement ... to take action to create lasting change in ourselves ... this is where I see the role of the DEI committee having the most impact. Our purpose is to help our club to see where we might not be living into our vision as Rotarians and by seeing the areas where we need to grow create a more diverse and inclusive culture that can be a role model for our community. We are all good people who are earnestly trying to "do the right thing", but we all must face the truth that we sometimes fall short of our ideals. We sometimes need to shift our focus a bit to see a new truth. It is not an easy process, but my experience of Rotarians tells me that we are people who would rather take on a challenge rather than avoid a hard truth."

Three primary goals have been set for this Rotary year --

- * Education- look at different ways to begin the process of educating ourselves and our club regarding the need to be diverse, equal and inclusive.
- * Create or adopt a position statement and begin presenting it to the club.
- * Partner with organizations in our community that can help with the education process.

With a focus on these goals, the club has scheduled speakers for the January meetings.

The position statement that was adopted by Newark Rotary's Board of Directors in November:

As a member of a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, the Rotary Club of Newark, NY values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, values, socioeconomic background, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or point of view. We also recognize that Newark Rotary Members may be physically different, have different intellectual interests or have different abilities. Newark Rotary will create experiences where all people feel welcomed, respected and valued. We welcome people of all backgrounds, cultures, experiences and identities. We strive for the fair treatment, opportunity and advancement of all participants. We will actively and continually look for opportunities for growing and diversifying, to reflect our community. We will keep this in mind during all recruitment and partnership opportunities and as we plan and implement service projects. We commit to be an organization that is open and inclusive, fair to all, will build goodwill and will benefit our community. The Rotary Club of Newark, NY will embrace differing perspectives and ideals that will help us take action to create lasting change in our community and around the world.

Submitted by John Zornow



Pal-Mac Rotary



The Pal-Mac Rotary Club had fun while raising funds for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign during December.

Organized by club member, Cindy Surline, we raised \$1,754 to be used to help folks in the Palmyra and Macedon area. This money will be matched by the Salvation Army.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford

Left
Kim Clement and Cindy Surline
decked out!

Right:
Bob and Dianne Sloan hamming it
up..

Below
Jeff and Bev Crawford enjoying the
moment.





Obituary



Stanley G. Gilbert, 86 years of age, passed away Sunday December 7, 2020 at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville.

Stanley was born December 1, 1934 in Sparta, NY the son of Milo and Clara (Parsons) Gilbert. He grew up in the Sparta/Dansville areas and moved to Wayland in 1970. Stanley has remained a resident of the Wayland area ever since. He was a 1953 graduate of Dansville Central School and then earned an Associates of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Stanley and Betty Cooley were married February 11, 1967 and together celebrated over 41 years of marriage prior to Betty passing away on November 28, 2008.

Stanley's employment career spanned many different areas. He was an instructor for the US Army for 30 years; he owned and operated Gilbert's Wholesale (distributor of paper products); owned and operated the Wayland Family Shoe Store; and was the Vice President for Serv-Rite Food Service Corp. His hobbies were many as well. Stanley enjoyed antiques, odds and ends, finding a deal and woodworking. Stanley was community oriented and enjoyed volunteering in different organizations. He was a past president of the Wayland Rotary Club; assistant director of the Wayland Historical Society; and he was very active with the Wayland Potato Festival Rotary Food Tent. Stanley was also a member of the Springway Baptist Church in Wayland for many years.

Stanley was pre-deceased by his parents, Milo and Clara Gilbert; his wife Betty Gilbert; his brother, Seymour Gilbert and his sisters, Esidean Rawleigh, Isabelle Mulley and Beatrice Swartz. He is survived by his son, Richard Gilbert of Seminole, FL; his step-son Glen (Jean) Schuster of Rochester; his grandchildren, Richard Jr and Jacob Gilbert and Ani and Kaylene Schuster; and special friend Sheila with whom he was friends with for many years.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic there will be no funeral services at this time. A memorial service will take place at a later time. Interment will take place at Kiel Cemetery in Sparta. Contributions in memory of Stanley G. Gilbert may be made to Springway Baptist Church, 8997 NY-15, Wayland, NY 14572. Please visit www.stgeorgefuneralhome.com for online condolences and memories of Stanley.

Submitted by Jean McMillan

DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

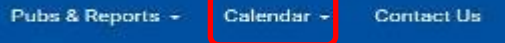
1) If your club is using Club Runner use this link:

<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



Submit Event (docx)

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

JANUARY 18, 2021
7:00 PM



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The stage is set for the first ROC CITY UNCORKED event in over ten years. And . . . due to the Covid19 world we are still living in, it's going to be an **On-line** event. This February, some 200 Rotarians representing six area Rotary clubs are conducting this auction featuring award-winning wines and distilled spirits from all over the world, combined with exceptional culinary and epicurean treats.

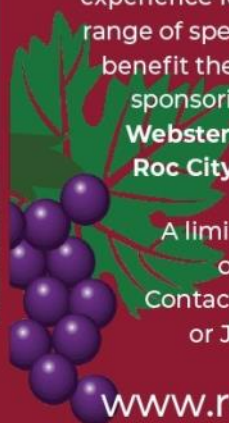
The week-long **On-line** auction will include over 150 auction items with dozens of great food, beverage and leisure packages as well as some really unique and special items.

The funds raised will benefit Rotary **Camp Haccamo** which over its 64 year history has provided a FREE, safe and fun summer camping experience for children and adults with a wide range of special needs. Auction funds will also benefit the projects and charities of the six sponsoring Rotary clubs: **Irondequoit, Webster, Spencerport, Rochester SW, Roc City** and **Honeoye Falls-Mendon**.

A limited number of sponsorship opportunities available.

Contact Dan Dwyer at 585-709-1234
or Jack Best at 585-261-0073

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WAYNE COUNTY ROTARY SPELLING BEE
 February 2021
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We are so sorry that we can't "Bee" together this year!

In lieu of an event, the Wayne County Rotary Spelling Bee Committee has launched a campaign for donations to support literacy programs in our community. We invite all Rotary Clubs, past Spelling Bee Team members, Sponsors, Advertisers, Prize Donors, and any others to join us in supporting this worthwhile cause through these difficult times.

The Spelling Bee Committee will collect funds up through February 20th, 2021 – the time when the Bee would normally be held – and forward the grand total to Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County.

Please use the form below and submit your donation to:

Corrine Veith
 c/o Community Bank, N.A.
 100 Church Street
 Newark, NY 14513

Make checks payable to*: *Wayne County Rotary Spelling Bee*

While we are not able to produce an advertising program this year, we intend to publicly acknowledge donations through our newsletters and social media. All funds must be received by the deadline of February 20th, 2021 in order to be listed.

**If circumstances require you to donate directly to Literacy Volunteers, please contact Chris Edgar at LVWayne@rochester.rr.com*

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Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Upcoming CLUB Events

Check the District Calendar
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⚙ January 2021

January 18 2021

Membership Monday Seminar on Zoom,
7pm

⚙ April 2021

New dates April 10 & 17 Virtual Training
Assembly

April 24 Great Lakes Cleanup Initiative!

⚙ May 2021

May 8 Virtual District Conference

⚙ January 2021

January 24—February 5

Winter Boutique Benefit Auction, Online
Canandaigua and Red Jacket Rotary Clubs

January 31 Rochester AM Rotary Virtual Wine
Tasting, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

⚙ February 2021

February 1-8

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June 21 Penfield Annual Golf Tournament,
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