

## Rotary International - District 7120



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



**August 2022**

**Ralph Brandt, District Governor**

**Issue 2**

This month I would like to feature the Elmira Club:

The Elmira Rotary Club sends greetings to District 7120! Our Club is 106 years old and consists of 43 dynamic, loving members who believe in community action.

While the Pandemic may have kept us physically apart, the Club flourished via Zoom, adding new members, featuring speakers from all over the country, launching our first Corporate Membership, and hosting a successful online event that brought together Rotarians and non-Rotarians. Our recent efforts to support the people of Ukraine resulted in an astonishing \$4400 being channeled through the Rotary International Disaster Relief Fund.

Corporate Membership allows a company to hold a few membership seats in our Club, and to assign those spots to different employees as jobs and duties change. It's a powerful way to have allies in the business community.

Our Virtual Beer Fest, the brainchild of web guru Tom Brown, brought in more than \$3,000 for two local charities. It was a joyous event that included lots of community members who learned about Rotary.

Elmira held a community rally to show support for the people of Ukraine. The suggestion was made to offer the RI Disaster Fund as a reputable way to donate. Donations came to us for weeks following the event, giving our friends and neighbors a safe, well-established way to send money.

Elmira Rotary also made possible a handsome marker to tell the story of the Lake Street bridge over the Chemung River, complete with a lovely marker noting sponsorship by the Club.

We also found ways to continue our nearly 15 year partnership with Diven Elementary School, our Club adopted school. We sent snacks to the kids, our members read books to them online, we treated the teachers to cupcakes made by our local Meals on Wheels, (Don't tell the kids, they got hummus and crackers!) and when the end of last school year came around, Rotarians showed up to cheer the kids as they and their parents drove by the school to head into summer vacation. We also continued our efforts for highway cleanup and helping to serve at the Community Kitchen.

Our Youth Salute leadership award program is one of our cherished traditions, whereby Rotary supports three local high school students who complete an application, an essay, and an in-person interview. The program culminates in a Fall luncheon where the winners of cash prizes are announced, and all those who participated are celebrated.

Last Rotary year, we tackled a physical project and helped rehab three bridges on the trails of Tanglewood Nature Center. The section of hiking paths we worked on are the only ones that allow hikers to bring their dogs, and we got to watch the very first pup walk across the new span.

The Elmira Rotary Club is a fun-loving, welcoming collection of good people who love their community. We invite you to visit us at our Noon Tuesday meeting at the Clarion Hotel in downtown Elmira.

Just another example of a fun vibrant District 7120 club!

Next month: Honeoye Lake Club

Thanks,

RALPH E BRANDT Jr.  
Rotary District 7120  
District Governor 2022-2023  
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## District 7120 District Governor 2025-2026 Nominating Procedure

A candidate should NOT contact any member of the Nominating Committee, as this would be construed as electioneering, which is forbidden. If any prospective candidate has any questions, contact District Governor Nominee Dave DeMers at 585-764-6648 or by email at demers@gmail.com

Important information for the candidate:

Per District 7120 “Policies and Procedures” and RI “Manual of Procedure”, a nominee for District Governor must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Must have served a full term as a club president and been a Rotarian for 7 years
- Must be physically fit and able to withstand at least two rigorous years
- Must be willing to devote the required time and be able to perform as hereinafter set forth
- Should have at least one year working at the district level in a leadership position
- Should have a good working knowledge of Rotary
- Must not be a member of the sitting Nominating Committee
- Must have the support of his/her club
- The candidate must complete an application for consideration as District Governor.
- The application must be signed by the candidate and the secretary of the Rotarian’s club
- The application must be returned to the chair of the district Nominating Committee by the date on the application
- After receipt of a complete application, the chair of the district Nominating Committee will contact the candidate to schedule a personal interview.
- You will be contacted for an interview time
- The spouse or partner of the candidate is highly encouraged to attend the interview

### District 7120 Nominating Committee 2022-2023

Meg Huff (Chair)  
Colleen Farley  
Ellen Hughes PDG  
Herb Gauch

JJ Johnson  
Scott MacDonell PDG  
Janet Tenreiro IPDG

Bill Gormont PDG  
Lisa Norwood  
Dick DuBois  
Ex Officio: Ralph Brandt DG and Julie Carney DGE

Revised July 13, 2022



The search is on for our D7120  
**District Governor 2025-2026**



## Informational Meeting

**Tuesday September 20, 2022 at the Livingston Country Club**

Our district has begun actively searching for qualified candidates to serve as District Governor for the Rotary year 2025-2026. There are many individuals within our district clubs who have consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities through their Rotary involvement. That individual may be someone you know ... or that "someone" could be YOU!

This information meeting is intended for Rotarians who are considering interviewing for the District Governor position this fall or perhaps in the future, but want to know more about the role, it's responsibilities and the rewarding experience it brings. Our speakers will be individuals currently in the District Governor's track and past district governors, including their spouses/partners.

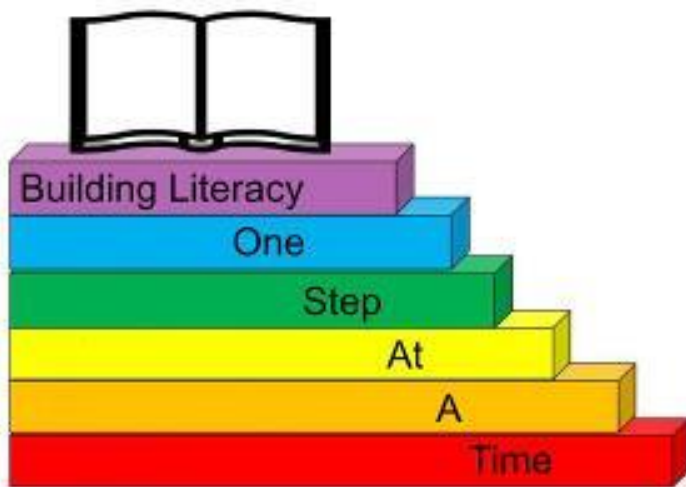
- **ACTION:** We are asking you to encourage qualified Rotarians who have an interest in exploring the role of District Governor to attend this informational meeting.
- **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Individuals interested in serving as District Governor as well as his/her spouse/partner and two individuals from the sponsoring Rotary club. That way everyone hears the same message and can ask clarifying questions.
- **WHEN:** Tuesday September 20, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- **WHERE:** Livingston Country Club, 4436 Rt. 20 A, Geneseo, NY 14454
- Dinner options will be available, allowing you to enjoy a simple salad or one of their delicious entrees. Your cost per meal can range between (\$20.00 and \$25.00), depending on your selections.
- There is no registration fee, but registration is required for accurate restaurant planning.

Please ask the prospective candidates to register the names of those attending on or before Monday, September 12, 2022.

To register or for more information please contact:

**PDG Bill Gormont** billgormont1@gmail.com 585-802-6813

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The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



*Hear ye!  
Hear ye!*

Upcoming  
Events



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A promotional graphic for the Rotary Melbourne 2023 Convention. The background is black with a pattern of colorful, concentric circles and dots in orange, blue, green, and red. Faint, grey DNA helix structures are visible in the background. The text "IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT" is written in large, colorful letters (yellow, pink, green). To the right, the text "REGISTER TODAY AT CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG" is in white, followed by "MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA" and "27-31 MAY 2023". At the bottom, the Rotary logo is on the left, and a stylized rainbow logo with the text "MELBOURNE 2023" is on the right.

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**SAVE THE DATE !!!!**

**Literacy Seminar**

**"Imagine What Literacy Can Do..."**

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

**9 – 11 AM**

**Check-in begins at 8:30 AM**

**Hosted by Bloomfield Rotary**

**East Bloomfield Fire Department Community Room**

**105 Main St., Bloomfield N.Y. 14469**

**Directions: 490 East to Rt. 96 towards Victor. Take 96 south to Bloomfield. Turn right on Maple Ave. and right again on Main St. Fire house is on the right.**

**Please come prepared to share your club's literacy projects and the impact on your community.**

**Email your reservation for the seminar to JoAnn Terry at [Jotee218@aol.com](mailto:Jotee218@aol.com) by Saturday, 9/10. Please provide your name, your club name and the number attending.**

**Refreshments will be served. See you there!**

## Criteria for the 2022-2023 Literacy Recognition

**Theme: Imagine What Literacy Can Do.....**

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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, 2023**. Send to: JoAnn Terry, 41 Ridge Castle Dr., Rochester NY 14622, or email @ [jottee218@aol.com](mailto:jottee218@aol.com)

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

## SAVE THE DATE

I have scheduled the District Foundation Brunch on **Sunday, October 30, 2022**, from noon-3pm at The RIT Inn & Conference Center in Henrietta. Save that date!

The Buffalo Bills are NOT playing that afternoon!

The new Newark Rotary Foundation, Inc. will handle registration for this event.

The Nominating Committee may consider interviewing candidates for DGND that afternoon. If so, I will provide them with the venue's contact person.

I ask the Public Image Team to post this event on the District website, calendar, and Grapevine.

Imagine,

Dave Hannan, Past District Governor

District 7120 Foundation Chair, 2022-2025

## Major Gifts News -- Unique benefits and tax incentives?

Josh Olewiler, Planned Giving Officer at the Rotary Foundation, recently noted that there have been increased numbers of Rotarians interested in **Donor Advised Funds** and **Charitable Gift Annuities** this past year. A Donor Advised Fund gives the owner control over how grants using their funds are distributed. Gift Annuities offer peace of mind by providing a regular income stream back to donors and their spouses for the rest of their lifetimes.

Both these options provide interesting and unique benefits as well as tax incentives. As we approach the end of the tax year, talk with your tax advisor to consider the financial advantages of these programs for you!

Anyone interested in more information can contact Jeff Krans at [jkrans228@gmail.com](mailto:jkrans228@gmail.com) or Josh Olewiler at [josh.olewiler@rotary.org](mailto:josh.olewiler@rotary.org)

## 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  
Nancy Loughlin, 607-425-4530  
Peter Winnett, 607-936-3720

Jeff Krans, 315-536-7180  
Chuck Turner, 585-271-8597



COVID UPDATE:  
KNOW YOUR COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL

May 10, 2022

PDG DAVE HANNAN

There has been a marked increase in the incidence of COVID-19 infections throughout the 11-counties of Rotary District 7120.

As of May 6, 2022, nine counties in District 7120 (MONROE, WYOMING, LIVINGSTON, WAYNE, ONTARIO, SENECA, YATES, and CHEMUNG) have a HIGH level of infection in the community. For these communities, the CDC recommends the following:

1. Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public settings, regardless of vaccination status;
2. Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines;
3. Get tested if you have symptoms;
4. Take additional precautions if you are at high risk for severe disease.

SCHUYLER County is at MEDIUM risk and ALLEGANY County is at LOW risk. In those communities you should still stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and getting tested if you have symptoms.

Please show consideration to those Rotarians who have higher health risks!

Even though Governor Hochul has rescinded the mandate for masks in most venues affecting Rotary club meetings, fund raisers, and service projects, compliance with CDC recommendations is strongly encouraged. For more information, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a tool to help communities decide what preventive steps to take based on the latest data for hospital admissions, bed occupancy, and the number of new COVID-19 cases in the area. Each county is determined to have a LOW, MEDIUM, or HIGH level of infection based on these data. Recommendations vary with the level of infection. County levels are modified each Friday based on the most recent data: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>



Now, more than ever, we cannot let down our guard against Polio. A new case of vaccine derived polio was diagnosed in Rockland County (north of New York City) just this week. He is an unvaccinated adult and had not been travelling.

Also reported recently that polio virus has been detected in the London sewage system.

Please, if you or your club have not donated to PolioPlus lately, now is the time to take action.

Should you wish your donation to be an annual event, you can sign up for the PolioPlus Society if your donation is \$100.00 per year or more. It is NOT necessary. Any amount will be appreciated.



## The Polio Plus Society

As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, **Rotary's Number One Priority**,  
I wish to participate in the Countdown to History as a member of the

### PolioPlus Society of District 7120



I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation as follows (select one):

- \$100 USD per year (minimum amount to become a society member)
- A contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)

I pledge to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the above amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated because ...

***Until the world is polio-free, every child is at risk.***

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin and certificate. Your contribution qualifies for Paul Harris Recognition and Major Donor credit.

To make your tax-deductible donation go to [my.rotary.org/donate](http://my.rotary.org/donate) and click on "Polio Fund". You can choose a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice (We suggest \$10/month as the "easy way" to become a PolioPlus Society member.)

Name (please print)\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name\_\_\_\_\_. District # \_\_\_\_\_

Please email form to [janettenreiro@gmail.com](mailto:janettenreiro@gmail.com) or mail to **Janet Tenreiro, 4069 Whitetail Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424**. Your PolioPlus Society certificate and pin will be presented at a club meeting to make sure you are recognized for your commitment to polio eradication.

**Sign up today!**



# The PolioPlus Society of District 7120

As a member of the Society you pledge to donate a minimum of US\$100 **each year** until the world is certified polio free. This is a great opportunity to do good in the world.

Joining the Society is a 2 step process.

**1<sup>st</sup> Step**, complete the PolioPlus Society Pledge Form (next page), then scan and send to District PolioPlus Chair Janet Tenreiro at: [janettenreiro@gmail.com](mailto:janettenreiro@gmail.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Step**, make your donation. You can choose to donate in various ways, either by credit card online, or by check. If you choose a credit card, go to: [myrotary.org/donate](https://myrotary.org/donate) and choose "Polio Fund". You can then:

- Make a onetime donation of \$100 (or more) with your credit card by clicking on the "One-time donation" button and choosing the appropriate amount from the boxes below. Or...
- The other choice is what we call the easy or "painless" way to become a PolioPlus Society member by utilizing the monthly payment option. Click the "Recurring Donation" button. For frequency choose "monthly" and for amount choose "other" and enter \$10 in the "enter other amount" box. If you wish to donate more, or quarterly or annually instead, you have those options as well. (To donate online, make sure you have registered on [myrotary.org](https://myrotary.org) for a My Rotary account for you and your club to receive proper credit. Signing up is quick and easy).

**Or...**you can also donate by writing a check to "The Rotary Foundation" with "PolioPlus" in the memo section and submitting to your club's Foundation Chair. Help Rotarians reach every last child and achieve our vision of a polio free world.

Rotarians and their friends who join the Society will be honored with a special pin and a certificate which will be presented at a Club meeting. And you will receive Paul Harris Credit and Major donor Credit. **Of course your donation will be matched 2 to1 by the Gates Foundation.**

## Sign up Today!



# CALLING ALL TALENT!



**The 2023 District Conference's  
Entertainment Committee  
is looking for talented performers...  
Musicians, bands, jugglers, clowns, gymnasts,  
dance groups, cheer groups, a face painter, caricaturists, etc. Anyone  
with a talent we might consider showcasing!**

**Are there such performers in your club?  
Do you know of someone?  
Now's the time to get in touch for  
The conference will be held Saturday May 6, 2023  
Veterans Memorial Park, Bloomfield**

**Send suggestions, contact info and any website info to:  
[colleen1031@yahoo.com](mailto:colleen1031@yahoo.com)**





## 2022 DISTRICT 7120 GOLF TOURNAMENT

### YOU ARE INVITED

- WHAT:** District 7120 Golf Tournament
- WHERE:** Charleston Pines Golf Course at Lima Country Club
- WHEN:** **Friday, September 9, 2022;** Registration at 11:00 – 11:45 A.M. tee off at 12:00 P.M.  
Cocktail Hour at 5:00 P.M. Buffet Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Awards at 7:00 P.M.
- FORMAT:** Scramble
- COST:** \$85.00 per person - Cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner, gifts and prizes!  
\$30.00 per person for dinner only option
- CONTESTS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Men's; Women's; Mixed Team      Putting Contest  
Closest to the Pin - Men's & Women's      Best Dressed Team  
Longest Drive – Men's & Women's      Team that Got the Most Exercise

**PLEASE NOTE:** To be eligible to win first place, a team must have at least (3) registered players and finish the event.

**TO REGISTER:** Please click on this link: <https://rotary7120.myeventscenter.com/event/2022-District-7120-Golf-Tournament-66277>. If you prefer to not register online, send team information and payment to Tom Vonglis, 14 Amalfi Dr. Avon NY 14414. Make check payable to District 7120 Golf Tournament.

**RAFFLE ITEMS:** Each Club is asked to donate a raffle item or basket valued at \$25.00. Please bring the raffle item with you on the day of the tournament. NO TIME TO SHOP? You may send a \$25.00 check, made payable to: District 7120 Golf Tournament and mail it to Tom Vonglis, 14 Amalfi Dr. Avon NY 14414 and he will do the shopping for your Club.

**CONTEST SPONSOR:** Please consider a personal or business sponsorship donation of \$50 towards the golf contests. Your name will be posted at the course and listed in the program. Email Tom Vonglis with the name/business name & logo – [tvonglis@gmail.com](mailto:tvonglis@gmail.com)

**Deadline to register, pay for golf, sponsor the contests, and send money for shopping is August 30<sup>th</sup>!**  
The net proceeds this year will benefit 2022-2023 Governor Ralph's initiative.

*Join us for this fun-filled afternoon of  
golf and district-wide fellowship!!!*



## Penfield Rotary

On July 11, Penfield Rotary brought a summer picnic to residents and staff Nucor House, CDS Warriors Salute program for veterans.

Submitted by PDG Linda Kohl





## Geneseo Rotary

Good Neighbor Committee Sponsors Visit to Alpaca Farm on June 5

We had 25 participants, 7 Rotarians and 1 Community Member

Howard Stewart, Debby Emerson, Patti LaVigne Gary and Anne Anderson, Tim Cornell (Community Member) and Paul Kreher and Heather Ferrero

Photos and info submitted by Paul Kreher,.  
Photos also by Debby Emerson and Heather Ferrero.



Pizza in the pavilion at Hemlock Lake Park.



## Pal-Mac Presents Paul Harris



Rollo Black was honored at a lunch meeting in July. He has been an active club member for seven years, but finds it necessary to step away. He accepted our invitation to become an honorary member and received a Paul Harris. The latter is given to those who display exemplary service.

Here Leslie Vecchiotti "pins" Rollo after reading a citation.

Sent by Jeff Crawford





## Elmira Rotary

Tanglewood Nature Center was selected by the Rotary Club of Elmira for their Rotary 2021-22 President's Project, an annual undertaking Rotary clubs do to meet the needs of their community.

Tanglewood's Personius Woods trail system was in desperate need of bridge repair to allow hikers to safely cross several streams on the property. Working with Tanglewood volunteers, Rotarians worked to repair and refurbish three existing structures— from replacing treads, to completely rebuilding two of the bridges.

Tanglewood volunteer Matt Smith, owner of Laminated Concepts, Inc. in Big Flats donated his bridge engineering expertise, materials and time to help design and build the new structures. Volunteers DeLos Blackwell, Tyler Smith, Rich Gridley and Gerry Caruso also dedicated many hours of labor to the project.

The Elmira Rotarians enjoyed the experience of making such tangible improvements in our community that will be enjoyed by Tanglewood visitors for many years to come.

Submitted by Laurie Liberatore



*(l-r) Tanglewood volunteer Tyler Smith and Rotarians Dick DuBois, Matt Weibel, Karl Schweisinger, and President Maggie Barnes finish installing hand railings to complete the new 20' span.*



*A new 20' bridge with railings was built to replace an old 12' footbridge that was falling into the creek. (l-r) Tyler Smith and DeLos Blackwell, Rotarians Karl Schweisinger and Matt Weibel, and Matt Smith are in the process of installing new treads to the stringers.*



*Rotary Club of Elmira volunteers replaced the treads on the 32' span. (front l-r) Angela McInerny, Marshelle Elliott, President Maggie Barnes, Polly Smith-Blackwell; (back l-r) Karl Schweisinger, Ryken Ruuspakka, Tim Von Neida, Matt Weibel, Joy Perry and Dick Dubois.*



### Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotary



HF-M Rotary welcomes our new 2022-2023 Board!

Pictured left to right: Assistant Treasurer Barry Kissack, Membership Chair Linda Goodrum, Vice President Chip Raines, Past President Jeff Klein, Secretary Lauri Hofmann, President-Elect Amy Harris, and President Sheldon Boyce (not pictured: Treasurer Shaun Fowler) We look forward to using the coming year to continue serving others in our community and the world, and promoting goodwill, integrity, and peace wherever possible.

photo credit: Honorary member Dave "Bippy" Boyer

Sent by Amy Harris

### Canandaigua Rotary Club Changes Presidents

At a recent lunch meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club, President Mike Schiller passed the gavel over to the new 2022-2023 President Marty Potter. The Rotary year runs from July to June. Past President Mike reviewed the Club's accomplishments and fund raising despite the pandemic. Past President also thanked all the Club members and the community for being very supportive. New President Marty Potter outlined her plans for the coming year.

Pictured are Past President Mike Schiller and President Marty Potter exchanging pins:

Submitted by Jack Kellogg





## Webster Rotary



The Webster club had a jam packed Changeover Dinner on July 7th. We welcome Tom Smock as President for the 2022-2023 as he officially took the baton from Robyn Whittaker. We thank Robyn for a great year and wish all of the best to Tom as he embarks on his year.

We welcomed Logan Paeth to the Webster club. Logan was looking for a way to give back to his community and has found a home with Rotary. We are excited to have Logan as a member of the club and look forward to working on many exciting projects!

Finally, we were excited to present our 2022-2023 scholarship to Jillian Alexander. Jillian is a graduate of Webster Schroeder and was the President of her Interact Club. She will be attending Cedarville University in the fall and will be majoring in Economics. We wish Jillian all the best as she heads off to college and look forward to her visit during winter break.

Submitted by Joe Corona

## Clifton Springs Rotary

The Clifton Springs Rotary Club was honored to name Matt Sickles a Paul Harris Fellow at the July 19, regular meeting. After serving as superintendent of the Midlakes schools for the past five years Matt is moving on to the same position in



the Cobleskill-Richmondville school district Matt has done a great job and has been a loyal Rotarian over these past five years. He, and his wife Laurie, stepped up and took on the major responsibility of hosting our exchange student from Italy when we were in need of a host family. He assured the future of Interact at the high school by ensuring that the advisor position is now a paid position. He has kept the club informed and updated on all the challenges, and successes, the school district has faced during the difficult time of Covid. We wish Matt and his family all the best. Pictured are Matt, Laurie, Past District Governor Scott MacDonell, and Past District Governor Dave Hannan who assisted in the presentation.

Submitted by PDG Scott MacDonell



## HAMMONDSPORT STUDENT ATTENDS RYLA

The last week in June on the campus of Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua twenty-four students, sponsored by their community's Rotary Club, participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program (RYLA). Blake Wright, son of Bob and Tonya Wright of Hammondsport, who recently completed his junior year at Hammondsport Central School, attended the workshop; he was sponsored by the Bath Rotary Club. At the local school Wright was the Alumni Association Junior Class Representative, Student Council President, and member of the school's track and cross country teams. He has been elected by his peers to serve as Senior Class President. He has been consistently on the High Honor Roll at the local school.

Wright stated that the RYLA program included a rigorous and very informative series of lessons and activities that truly demanded the attributes of leadership from each individual. The discussion-driven lessons with Chris MacDonald as the instructor and bouncing ideas among all participants about various leadership skills and situations were his favorite parts of the program. The biggest challenge for him was leaving his new friends at the end of the week. However, he will always be able to recall his experience and remember these new friends by looking at the 2022 RYLA Yearbook on which he worked as a staff member.

"This opportunity to connect with a great mentor and fellow student leaders has been an amazing and magical experience," remarked Wright. "It has simply been one of the highlights of my leadership career. Going forward I hope that I can take a little piece of everyone I met at the program and incorporate it into my leadership roles. I cannot advocate enough for this program, and I hope it continues to have an impact on students like it did on me."

Written by Elaine Tears

Pictures by Blake Wright



Blake Wright, a student at Hammondsport Central School, attends RYLA 2022.



Fellow RYLA 2022 participants (standing left to right) are: Erika Newcombe, Ella Frazer, Cassie Cook, Erika Allison, Maggie Bacon, Mollie Asquino, Troy Dingman, and Blake Wright.



## Penfield Rotary

On July 28 Penfield Rotarians visited the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp while Camp Haccamo was in session. Dolly Kujawa from Camp Haccamo gave a wonderful tour and updated on the camp.

Submitted by PDG Linda Kohl





## FAIRPORT ROTARY TO HELP FILL 300 BAGS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Once again, Fairport Rotary will be supporting Learning Links of Fairport, a tutoring and mentoring program at the Pines of Perinton, with efforts to give enough school supplies and backpacks to all students living at the Pines.

They will be holding their weekly meeting at the Pines on August 22 to finish stuffing the 300 bags that will be distributed on August 24. Kudos Fairport Rotary!

Submitted by Past President Becky Wilson



## V-F ROTARY CLUB SUMMER PICNIC & SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club held a summer picnic at the Mertensia Lodge in Farmington that included a scholarship presentation to a 2022 Victor Senior HS graduate.

Mackenzie Coleman, a resident of Victor and an Honorary Rotarian, was the recipient of the 2022 Al Rosbrook Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship honors the late Al Rosbrook, a long-time member of the club and well-known Rotarian in District 7120.

Mackenzie will be entering Nazareth College in Rochester in the fall and pursue a career in education.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



## Project addresses literacy and the environment

The Rochester Latino Rotary Club carried out a project that addressed literacy and the environment. In collaboration with the teachers at the Eugenio María Charter School in Rochester, the club provided a bilingual book to all the kindergarten students as part of the Parents as Reading Partners: Kindergarten Project. Besides the book that students take home, parents are provided with information about the importance of reading with the children. This school offers a dual language curriculum to students in kindergarten to third grade.

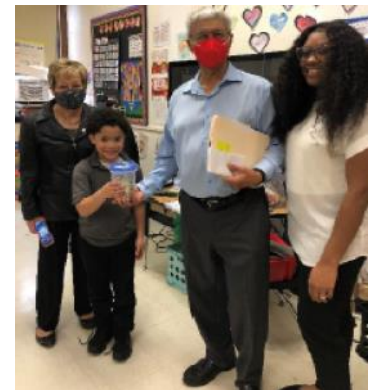
This year, the teachers included the book as part of the classes, discussing the importance of trees. After club members read the book to the students, they were asked to answer questions based on the book. Students were asked to collect coins to donate to the OneTreePlanted organization. After a month, they had collected \$121, matched by the club. Thus, the \$242 donation equaled 242 planted.



The bilingual book



Students in one of the 3 classrooms proudly show the book they received



Student gives money collected to Julio Vázquez

## Interact Rotary Sponsored Club

### New Interact club is born

In collaboration with the Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School in Rochester, the Rochester Latino Rotary Club sponsored an Interact Club. In a recent club meeting, the new members were inducted into the Interact club. Natalie Vázquez, a social worker at the school and a member of the RLRC, was the main organizer of the Interact club with the assistance of Miriam Vázquez, past president of the RLRC.

This has been a goal of the RLRC for several years, and now it is a reality. Since its inception, the club has focused many of its projects on youths realizing that many Latino and African American youths are often underserved by existing programs. Submitted by Luisa Baars



New Interact club members with RLRC members



## Newark Rotary



The Gift That Keeps on Giving- Several years ago, the Newark Rotary Club started a weekly 50-50 drawing as a fun event, added to each meeting. Rotarian Doug Doeblner, in his travels, had become involved with helping an orphanage in Haiti and asked if some of the 50-50 money could go to this well deserving cause. The result was that Newark Rotary had adopted the Kay Espwa Orphanage in Haiti and Doeblner, a real estate developer, would be the go between. All 50-50 money would now go to Kay Espwa, and change their standard of living. Even though they still struggle, the Kay Espwa orphanage recently asked permission to

share some of the help that Newark Rotary gives to them with another village near St Marc Haiti, and it would feed them for an entire month. Photo: A thank you from the Kay Espwa Haiti Orphanage.

Submitted by John Zornow

## Newark Rotary

Newark Rotary Club recently inducted their latest corporate member. Wendy Hilferer, is a fifteen-year employee and branch manager of ESL Federal Credit Union. She is married and has two children who attend school at Midlakes.

Submitted by John Zornow



Wendy Hilferer is shown with Past District Governor Norma Madayag Reilly.





## Gananda Rotary

At the Gananda Rotary Changeover picnic in July, Outgoing president Patti Holdraker and incoming president Christine Casaceli proudly pose with Assistant Governor Sharon Garofanello and Governor Ralph Brandt and the new Rotary logo/motto for the year "Imagine Rotary".



Christine and DG Ralph

The Gananda Rotary Club members pose for their annual group portrait to Ring in a new year. The changeover picnic was hosted by Rotarian Don Reeners and his wife Joanne at their beautiful home in Macedon.

Incoming Gananda Rotary President for 2022-23 Christine Casaceli listens as District Governor Ralph Brandt addresses the club.

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Gananda Presidents and District Governor



## Victor-Farmington Rotary



Mike Kaufman, the General Manager of Eastview Mall in Victor recently addressed the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club on the mall's current status and future operational plans. Eastview Mall is one of the largest shopping malls in upstate New York. Located just off New York State Thruway, the mall serves the entire Metro-Rochester, NY region, attracting customers from throughout Western NY. Visitors to the nearby Finger Lakes Vineyards and nearby resort lake towns also shop at Eastview Mall. It is a key factor in the prosperity of the Victor business climate and surrounding communities in Ontario County.

The immediate area around the mall has seen a continuing expansion of shopping plazas, stand-alone name-brand stores, restaurants, and commercial businesses. Recently, DICK'S House of Sports established a large sporting complex at the mall. A Tesla supercharging station was added to the mall parking lot in 2017.

The mall was originally opened in 1971. It expanded in 1995 and 2003. Mr. Kaufman discussed a variety of issues including changing trends in the way people shop, the impact of the covid shutdowns, internet shopping, mall security issues and future for a business complex located in the town of Victor. Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

## BATH ROTARIANS PLAY IN CAMP STAR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Twenty-five teams, comprised of Rotarians from the Bath, Canisteo, Corning, Chemung Sunrise, Elmira, Elmira Heights, Horseheads, Prattsburgh, and Watkins-Montour Rotary Clubs, recently participated in the Camp Star Golf Tournament on the



Bath Rotarians recently participated in the Camp Star Golf Tournament on the grounds of Indian Hills Golf Course. Standing left to right are Jay Maslyn, Cheryl Muller, Nancy Latour, and Brandi Graham.

greens of Indian Hills Golf Course in Painted Post. Four members of the Bath Rotary Club, Brandi Graham, Nancy Latour, Jay Maslyn, and Cheryl Muller, participated in this benefit tournament.

Camp Star is an annual, sleepover camp which provides a weeklong program, carefully designed to provide needed recreation compatible with a wide range of therapies for children who have a physical or developmental disability. The program, sponsored by the above-noted nine local Rotary Clubs, will be held August 14 - 19 at The Y at Watson Woods. "The Camp Star Golf Tournament, which profited \$18,500 this year, is our biggest fundraiser for the campers! We don't want our campers to pay anything to attend camp," remarked Latour who is the Chair of the Camp Star Board of Directors. "The nine clubs really outdid themselves this year by providing sponsors, prizes, and teams. Marianne Kalec, a member of the Horseheads Rotary Club and the Treasurer of the Camp Star Board of Directors, did a phenomenal job! Thank you to all who contributed."

Written by Elaine Tears  
Picture by Brandi Graham



## Avon Rotary

### Foundation Moment

Avon Rotarian Karen Vanderbilt was surprised when presented with her Paul Harris plus 1 pin.

Congratulations and thank you for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation Karen.



### Jacob's off to Austria

Avon Rotary's exchange student Jacob Davis gave our club a presentation in German that he will be giving to his host club when he leaves for his exchange in August. Jacob is a recent Livonia grad and will be doing his exchange in Austria for the next nine months. Good luck and safe travels Jacob, we can't wait to see your updates from Austria!

### Party in a bag Service Project & More

At a recent meeting, the club prepared party bags once again for the Avon Food Pantry Organized by Cat Jensen, 30 bags will be delivered. Many thanks to the club members who donated the supplies!

Submitted by Laurie Vonglis



**Corning Awards 7 Paul Harris Awards**

At the change-over picnic at Corning at the end of June, seven club members received long awaited Paul Harris pins. John Brown received his +5 pin, Jim Webb received a +2 and +3, Wendy Winnett received a +2, Paul Tick and Gilbert Sweet received their +1's, and Jan Harvey and Nancy Dubendorf received their first Paul Harris pins.



Paul Tick and Gilbert Sweet congratulate each other on their +1 Paul Harris pins.



John Brown (+5) and Wendy Winnett (+2) celebrate their awards

Corning's change-over picnic, held June 23, 2022, was attended by over 40 people who pigged out on great food and camaraderie while celebrating new president Stu Sammis.

Submitted by Jan Harvey





## Dundee Rotary Presents Paul Harris Awards To Two Members

Dundee Rotary is always so proud to announce recipients of the Paul Harris Award, the highest award of Rotary International. At our August 3, 2022 meeting, two members of our club were awarded this honor for their generous contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Segrid Dombroski, a past Secretary of the club, received her first Paul Harris Fellowship. Richard Heinonen, a past President, was awarded his second Paul Harris Fellowship. Pictured here are (L) Richard Heinonen, (C) Segrid Dombroski, and (R) current club President, Robyn Ballard.



Submitted by Lauren Snyder



## Pal-Mac Rotary



On a recent Thursday, club members, Leslie Vecchiotti and Georgette Smith presented special awards to Pal-Mac high school students, Jaheem Barclay and Adam Perkins. Each recipient received a monetary gift to either place in a savings account or use as they see fit. They were selected from a class that focuses on functional academics, social and life skills, and job training.

Here is a picture of the happy students with Leslie on the left and Georgette on the right.

Sent by Jeff Crawford





## Pal - Mac News

Our Rotary Club was asked to read at the Palmyra Canal Town Nursery School's camp in July. Here is club member and immediate past club president, Bob Sloan, having fun with the youngsters.

He reminds me of the Pied Piper...

Sent by Jeff Crawford

## Gananda Rotary

The Gananda Rotary Club welcomed upcoming Gananda Senior Gabe Parulski to their recent meeting to give details and a review of the leadership program the club sponsored him for. The RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) program is a week long camp where high school students are chosen to participate. Young people sponsored by Rotary Clubs attend the event run by the club's district committee. Participants are chosen for their leadership potential. The clubs and the Rotary District cover all expenses for the participants. The format most commonly takes the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Gabe found the camp to be a great experience and will encourage other students to consider applying. Gabe also has been a volunteer at the Gananda Rotary Club's Annual Haunted Hayrides in October.

Sent by Patti Holdraker



Pictured with Gabe are 2022-23 Gananda Rotary club president Christine Casaceli (left) and club president 2021-22 Patti Holdraker.

## Geneva Rotary



Natalie McFadden, Interact member and daughter of Geneva Rotary Club Treasurer Bob McFadden, attended the district RYLA program this year.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a leadership program coordinated by Rotary Clubs around the globe. Each year, thousands of young people are chosen to participate in this highly selective program. Young people ages 13–30 are sponsored by Rotary Clubs to attend the event run by the club's district committee. Natalie spoke about her experience in the RYLA program at a recent Geneva club meeting and she was joined by RYLA Director Julie Carney of Avon Rotary, who also is the district governor-elect. Natalie will be a senior at Geneva High School this fall.

Past Geneva President Dave Cook recently returned from a trip to Morocco and he showed up at the Rotary meeting Aug. 3 in full Moroccan garb, partly because his luggage was lost both leaving and returning. Dave presented an impromptu program on his travels, which included Rotary meetings. The

trip was organized to raise money for the Rotary Children's Fund, which is not affiliated with Rotary International. The group of 13 travelers attended changeover dinners for four Rotary clubs and met the district governor, whose district includes four countries.

Submitted by Phil Beckley





## Water Conservation Project in India

Join us in Nov. 2022 to build our 13th Dam! Construction Funded by the Rotary Foundation under Global Grant #GG2013987 with Contributions from Rotary Clubs and Districts in USA and Australia

Dear friends and fellow Rotarians,

Approaching my twentieth Rotary project in India, I am delighted to announce that our Rotary Dream Team will at last return to Incredible India in November 2022!

We will participate in constructing our thirteenth water catchment dam in an arid area of Rajasthan.

The Trip description and other details are attached. Please email your Trip application form (pages 9-10) to: [damteams@gmail.com](mailto:damteams@gmail.com)

Please pass the word to your friends and fellow Rotarians about this unforgettable opportunity to change lives. By harvesting the monsoon rainwater, these projects have a cascading effect on the community's well-being. Increased crop yield leads to economic prosperity and, in turn, better education and health.

The dates include the Thanksgiving weekend for Americans. What a wonderful gift for the villagers! It will also be a memorable gift for us to experience the magic and warmth of India and its colorful people.

I look forward to a reunion of past Dream Team participants and meeting new members.

See you in November!

*Elias*

*Contact Barbara Harper, Wolcott*

*Rotary Club*

bharper7120@icloud.com

*For full brochure*

### Trip Costs In US\$ Per Person

Service Main Trip:  
Project only

Extra cost:  
Pre -Tour - A:  
Himalayan Cultures

Extra Cost:  
Post – Tour B:  
Jaipur & The Taj Mahal

Land services based on sharing  
Twin / Double Rooms

\$ 1552 Per Person \$1259 Per Person \$ 852 Per Person

SUPPLEMENT for single Room  
(optional)

\$ 489 \$ 216 \$ 114

The above costs include the following services as per the enclosed itineraries:

- Airport transfers and all land transportation by private AC vehicles.
  - All city tours and activities mentioned in the itinerary including entrance fees to places of visit.
  - Meeting and assistance at all airports in India.
  - Local English- speaking guides at each city.
  - Transportation and Portage of one suitcase per member up to 25 Kg each.
  - Train fare for the sector Delhi – Kathgodam – Delhi in AC Chair class in Pre - Trip A.
  - Accommodation in base-category rooms at the hotels/camp indicated below or similar, including Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- Hotels Included in the Main Trip: Rotary Project only (07 Nights)

## Honeoye Lake Rotary Summer Fundraisers

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament took on a new venue this year and we welcomed 24 teams on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The weather was great, the food was super and our new venue was very enjoyable. Golfers were also offered the opportunity to win prizes and join in our silent auction. Each golfer went home with a goodie bag, some hand sanitizer and some sanitizer wipes. Pictures were taken with our big board as a foreground and included in the thank you notes to our participants. Our newest amenity was the coolers left at various places on the course where our golfers could help themselves to drinks on this very warm day. Thanks to all who joined us and supported our fundraiser so we can continue to serve our Honeoye Lake community with our various service projects.



Our next endeavor will be our First Annual Walking Tacos event at Noble Shepherd Brewery on Route 20A just east of the Wizard of Clay. We will share this fun food fundraiser the afternoon of August 20<sup>th</sup>. Come share some food and fun with the HLRC so we can again add some funds to work with as we serve our community both locally and internationally.



On Saturday September 10 we will be hosting our Fifth Annual Craft Sale. This will take place at the Gazebo on Main Street, Honeoye, from 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM. All crafts offered at the sale are made by HLRC members and Friends of HLRC. Most items are made from pallet wood and stained/painted by our Crazy Crafters group. We do have knitted and crocheted items to offer as well. A holiday theme will be found on our tables but there will also be a few general items offered for your shopping fun.



Watch for more information on our fall Rotary Road Rally experience. This will take place in October with a starting point in , NY! Sent by Jeanne Hamele

## Honeoye Lake Rotary PACKS TOTE BAGS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For many years now, the HLRC has gathered a variety of school supplies for students at HCS who may need some assistance in making sure they have what is needed to kick the school year off with comfort. These "Treasure Boxes" resulted from an idea presented at District 7120's Literacy Seminar and our club has continued the tradition.

A reusable tote bag is used to house five pocket folders, a spiral notebook and a composition notebook. Next we fill a plastic shoe box with a box of crayons, index cards, a bottle of glue, a pack of colored pencils, a pack of colored markers and a ruler. We then add a plastic pencil box with pencils, pens, highlighters, a pair of scissors, glue sticks, a pencil sharpener, a cloth pencil case and erasers (block and pencil toppers.) This is placed in the bag along with the folders and notebooks. This year we were able to add a bottle of hand sanitizer to our "Treasure Boxes".

Thanks to club members, we were able to meet our goal of forty boxes. These tote bags were delivered to school where elementary office personnel and our school nurse will monitor distribution.



Sent by Jeanne Hamele



## Brighton Rotary Inducts New Members

### Dr. Bruce Baker

A fifty-nine year Rotarian, Dr. Bruce Baker, MD recently moved to Brighton is transferring his membership from LeRoy Rotary which he joined in 1963. Nancy, his wife, is pictured participating in the induction.



Dr. Baker, a retired family physician, served as many officers, including President, active on many committees and hundreds of projects through the years. Bruce remarked that he could not imagine what life would have been without Rotary.

### Roy Allen

Roy Allen is being inducted by his sponsor, Ram Shrivastava. Roy is founder and representative of smallMatters Institute, the club's second Corporate membership.



Brighton Rotary has partnered with Roy and smallMatters Institute to build a Peace Garden at a local school. The organization's overall purpose is summed up by one sentence in a book authored by Roy, "Preparing Children to Inherit a Healthy Planet"

Submitted by  
Roland Steorts

## Spencerport Rotary

The club participated in Spencerport Canal Days for the first time, setting up a booth to sell Italian Sausage. Special thanks to the Brockport, Gates and Greece Rotarians as well as Rotoract members who volunteered to help us over the weekend.

Submitted by Colleen Farley





## Naples Rotary



"Life is a rainbow" was our theme for this year's Sixth Annual Walk of Life 2022. Life, being like a rainbow, encompasses all the experiences we have in our lifetime(s), whether they be positive or negative ones. The Walk of Life, sponsored by the Naples NY Rotary, seeks to focus on the beauty, quality, and gift of life, in all formats, and this Annual Event honors those who have fought a courageous battle, whether they have won or lost. The Walk of Life supports the Naples Hospice House and the Margery Pawluk Cancer Fund. The important aspect to note is that all lives are honored whether the persons are living or deceased. Everyone matters!

The month of July was busy for the Naples Rotarians. We had two specific days when Walk of Life Events took place. On Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> we hosted Singers and Speakers, and we enjoyed Sweets and Supper at Brew and Brats in the Naples Area. The Pulled Pork Dinner was delicious, and the desserts were amazing! The Live Silent Auction garnered some welcome funds! On Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, more events took place such as the Rotary Chicken BBQ, the continuation of the Live Silent Auction, the Walk of Life Pinwheel Sales, the Pet Parade, and the Go-Go Goat Bingo.

The On-Line Silent Auction ended on 7/31/22. The Naples NY Rotary is appreciative of all who helped to support this Annual Event! Together, we can imagine Rotary!! Sent by Patrice Lysell

## Spencerport Rotary Presents Scholarships



Two scholarships were awarded to deserving local high school students.

The Spencerport Rotary Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Cami Brescia (left) and the Peter Scot Mueller Scholarship was awarded to Orlensy Castillo Brito.

Sent by Colleen Farley



## Introducing Inbound Exchange Student Kethlyn Hosted by the Greece Rotary Club

My name is Kethlyn Cristina Domingos, I am 18 years old, from Mococa - Sao Paulo, Brazil. I live with my parents and 2 dogs. My father is a tractor mechanic, my mother is a supervisor in a large furniture store. We vacation once a year at a Brazilian beach.



My favorite food is feijoada, a typical Brazilian food made of black beans and pork. I really like horror and thriller movies and books, my favorite author is Stephen King. In my free time I like to go out with my friends to eat, talk and play cards, especially "truco", a popular game in Brazil.

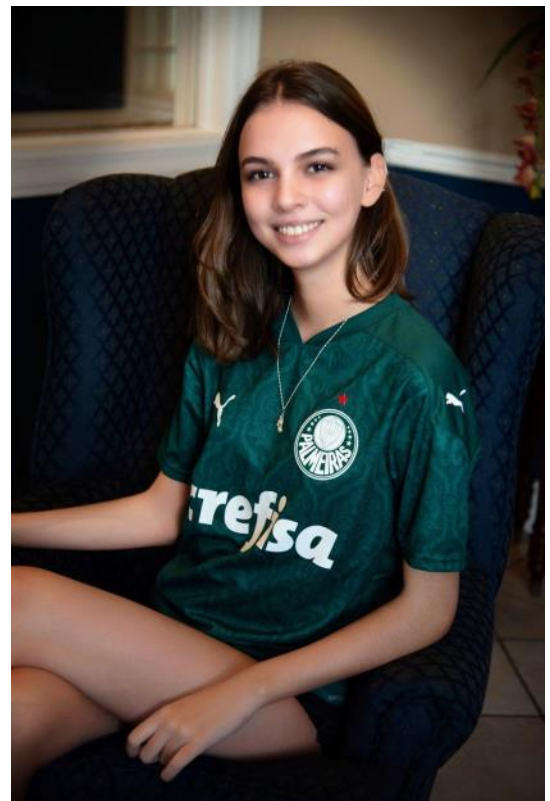
Soccer is really important in my country, everybody stops to watch Brazil in the World Cup, even those who don't like soccer. Although I don't play soccer, I like to watch the leagues in Brazil to support my team Palmeiras who won the last two Libertadores (the most important championship in South America).

It is every Brazilian students dream to go on an exchange, when I won the exchange scholarship from Rotary District 4590 I knew I couldn't say no. This experience will help me grow, deal with challenges and learn a new culture. While I'm here I hope to improve my English, watch a lot of American sports, participate in new holidays, like Halloween and Thanksgiving and make new friends.

I arrived on August 7<sup>th</sup> and I have already helped in a big Rotary event, the annual Greece Rotary golf tournament and Red Wings concessions. Some differences that I noticed here are the USA flags on people's houses, this only happens during World Cup in Brazil, the houses here are more spaced apart with big yards and you can leave your cars outside, we can't do that in Brazil, because it is dangerous.

I am very excited to experience life here and share my culture.

Submitted by Brenda Herman



Rotary



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exchange



## Camp Haccamo News

### Camp Haccamo Completes Another Amazing Season of Making Smiles 150 Youth and Young Adults Served

Initially, Camp Haccamo faced a staffing shortage that could have sidelined its ability to host camp this year. The camp put out a call for help in local media and in just a few days boosted its counselor numbers guaranteeing sessions would be held on July 25 for ages 7 to 18 and August 1 for adults ages 19 to 30.

“The economy, inflation, and the pandemic have taken quite a toll on camp,” said Executive Director Dolly Kujawa. “It was good to be back offering a fantastic and meaningful experience for kids and young adults with special needs in our area. Camp Haccamo truly is a place where smiles grow and where individuals are welcomed and embraced for who they are,” she added.

Camp Haccamo is supported by 13 area Rotary Clubs: Brighton, Brockport, Fairport, Gates Chili, Hilton, Honeoye Falls-Mendon, Irondequoit, Monroe South, Penfield, Pittsford, Rush Henrietta, Spencerport, and Webster.

“Some camps in our area had to close because of costs and lack of counselors and nurses,” Dolly said. “Thankfully, with a little help from our dedicated and committed supporters we had a successful two weeks serving 150 youth and young adults and we are all looking forward to next year.”

The Camp Haccamo team of volunteers and board members have much planned for the off season so please stay tuned by visiting [www.camphaccamo.org](http://www.camphaccamo.org). Submitted by Neal Gorman



## Spencerport Rotary Awards Five Paul Harris Fellows

Five Paul Harris Fellow awards were recently presented by the Spencerport Rotary Club. Recipients include:



Courtney Converse, Camp Haccamo Director  
(center in photo)



Dave DeMers, DGN and current club President

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Dick Turner, our beloved senior club member, Kos Mihalitsas, Past President 2020-2022  
Michele Mihalitsas, Our "First Lady" 2020-2022



### Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest

The Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest is laser focused on 2 events right now! On September 17, we will be hosting the first annual Roc River Ride. It is a bicycle ride along the very scenic and historic Erie Canalway and Genesee Riverway Trails. Our club has “adopted” a portion of the trails and strive on a monthly basis to beautify it! It is challenging, and we hope that by familiarizing community members with this tremendous asset, they might be motivated to assist in our efforts!! We have received support from a breadth of community organizations and would welcome Rotarians to participate. If you are a cyclist- great! If you are an expert in local history-fantastic! If you have a printing resource- oh my!! If you are just interested-fantastic!

SEE PAGE 52 for Poster

Please scan the QR code or register on Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/3bvUQuB>.

We are hoping to have a small success with this event and then grow it into and a larger and eagerly anticipated annual community event!!

We are very proud to announce that groundbreaking has begun on an accessible sensory playground at 133 Kenwood Ave. Our club already maintains Kailee’s Little Free Library and a community garden at that location. The funding for the sensory playground has come from Kaboom and ESL. We are working closely with 540 W. Main, the Barbara J. Burger Izone, Adlai E. Stevenson #29 school, the 19th Ward Community Association, the Arnett Branch Library, the Arnett Block Association, and the SW Neighborhood Service Center. This will be a play area that is accessible to children of all abilities! Finally, let me just say, that the neighborhood is really showing up to support us! That, my friends, is what this is all about!

Submitted by *Marcella C. Richer*



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## Obituary



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**WILLIE PUGH BILANCIO**  
**MAY 1, 1936 – JULY 3, 2022**

Willie P. Bilancio, a member of the Bath Rotary Club since 2019, passed away on July 3, 2022. She received her bachelor's degree from Emory and Henry College and her master's degree from the University of Virginia.

Willie was a longtime educator, teaching at almost every level, including college. She was not only an outstanding teacher but also a role model for her peers. Upon retirement she enthusiastically built and grew a successful antique business. Her love of art imbued every aspect of her life. Willie traveled globally on her own before marriage and later with her husband, Terry.

Willie joined the Hammondsport Rotary Club in 1990. She was a very active member of the local club, serving on countless committees and in many positions, including twice as club president. While a member of the Hammondsport Rotary Club, she was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow +2. When the Hammondsport Rotary Club dissolved, both Willie and Terry, who had also been a member of the local club for over twenty years, joined the Bath Rotary Club. During her three years as a member of the latter, Willie served as the club's Foundation Chair.

The following was part of the inspirational invocation delivered at the July 7<sup>th</sup> weekly Bath Rotary Club meeting in Willie's memory:

We give thanks for the life of Willie Bilancio.

We give thanks for her service in Rotary.

We give thanks for her concern for other people.

We give thanks for her courage living with her medical problems.

We give thanks that her medical pain is now gone.

We give thanks for her friendship.

Surely she had a life well-lived.

We pray for her husband, Terry, and their family during their time of grief.

Amen

Willie is survived by her husband, Terry; her son, William, and his companion, Linda; her granddaughter, Avery.

In lieu of flowers it was Willie's wish that donations be made to The Rotary Foundation.

Submitted by Elaine Tears





## Obituary



### IN MEMORIAM - PETER J LOVIER

The Fairport Rotary Club has lost a dear member. One who's memory will linger on as long as the Club exists. Here are some of the highlights from the rich, full life he enjoyed:

Peter grew up in Rome, NY, and received a hockey scholarship to play at American International College, graduated in 1971, and was offered a professional hockey tryout with the Boston Bruins. He decided he had to get a better paying job other than moving around the minor league circuit, so he and his wife Marian moved to Maine where he taught school for three years. In 1975, he entered the insurance industry, and in 1978 moved to Fairport.

Joining the Club in 1980, he was an active Rotarian, and after many attempts to encourage him to become the president of the club, finally accepted the challenge in 1998-1999. Pete served on many committees, was Director numerous times, and was active on the District Conference Committee in 2008, again in 2018, and was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

He passed away on his way to play golf, one of his passions, on July 28th.

Peter will be missed by all.

Submitted by Past President John Hall



**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>

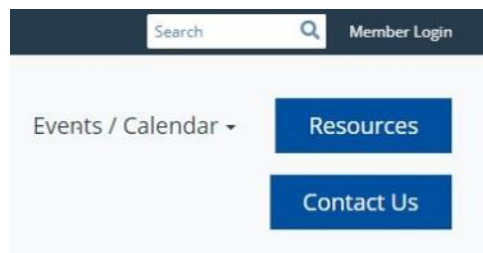
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

2) If your club does not use Club Runner, go to the District Home Page: <https://rotary7120.org/>

And under **Events / Calendar**, chose :

**Club Calendar Submission Form**

Complete it and click the submit button.





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Friday Evenings 7pm- 9pm

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**July 8th**

Dady Bros (Irish folk)

**July 22nd**

Don Newcomb Band (Mix)

**August 12th**

Paulsen, Baker, Chaapel  
and Warren Paul (folk)

**August 26th**

Mr. Mustard  
(Beatles Tribute Band)

Questions? Call either Linda Evenski of Honeoye Lake Rotary (585)229-1008 or  
Marilyn Passer of Honeoye Lake Rotary (585)229-5474

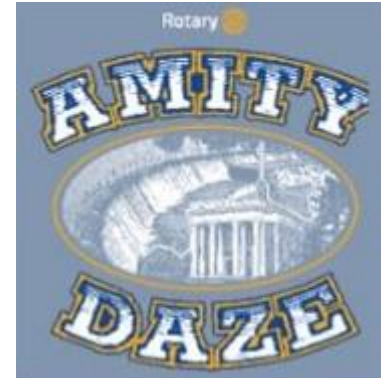
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## 35<sup>th</sup> Amity Daze 2022 Schedule of Events

Friday, August 12, 2022

- Yard Sales All Day
- 7:00 p.m. – Historical Presentation by Craig Braack
- "Belmont Then and Now"
- Upstairs in the Library
- 5 – 8 p.m. – NYS Police Rollover Demonstration
- UMC Church Parking Lot
- 5 – 8 p.m. – Car Show – Park Circle
- Food vendors available

Saturday, August 13, 2022



- Yard Sales All Day
- Pickleball Tournament – Lenny Kalkbrenner, 585-808-9349
- 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- WilMac Park
- 8 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Belmont Rotary 5K Run/Walk
- Depart from Allegany County Court House parking lot
- Registration - \$20.00 before July 29<sup>th</sup> – includes t-shirt
- Contact Dana Hand at 585-610-6133 for more information
- Register online at <https://belmontrotaryclub.ticketspice.com/35th-amity-daze-2022>
- Walk-up registrations welcome
- 9 a.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Belmont Rotary Club Allegany County Road Rally
- Depart from Allegany County Court House parking lot
- \$40.00 Registration Fee – includes 1 voucher for chicken BBQ and t-shirt
- Register online at <https://belmontrotaryclub.ticketspice.com/35th-amity-daze-2022>
- Drive-up registrations welcome
- Contact Steve Fleischman at 585-610-6254 for more information
- 11:30 a.m. 'til gone – Belmont Rotary Stearn's Chicken BBQ
- UMC Parking Lot
- \$12 per meal
- Mike's On the Corner Pizza Wagon
- WilMac Park – 11 a.m. – 'til
- 1 – 5 p.m. – Library Open House – come poke around! Snacks available.
- Noon – 5 p.m. Belmont Fire Company
- Smokin' on the River BBQ Competition
- Belmont Fire Hall – details at [www.belmontfireco.org](http://www.belmontfireco.org)
- Judging around 4 p.m.
- 1 p.m. – Belmont Fire Company Fire Demo at the fire hall
- 2-4 p.m. – Youth League Skills Challenge – Wilmac Park
- Dusk - Family Movie at Wilmac Park (bring chairs and blankets)
- "Minions 2"
- Popcorn and snacks available





**Saturday, August 13, 2022**  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

For More Information  
Visit [www.avonrotary.org](http://www.avonrotary.org)

★ **FEATURING** ★

Free Admission, Parking & Shuttle  
Live Entertainment All Day  
Corn Eating Contest at Noon  
Delicious Festival Food  
Arts & Craft Vendors  
Souvenir T-Shirts  
50/50 Raffle  
Kids Zone



Avon Rotary Beer Garden:  
Premium Craft Brews, Wine & Cider



**Avon Rotary's Famous Food Booth:**  
Fresh J & A Sweet Corn,  
Corn Fritters & Salt Potatoes

**Free**

**Skycoasters Concert**  
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm



**August 22nd**

**Midvale Country Club  
10am to 5pm**

**[www.rochesterrotary.org/wp-content/  
uploads/2022/07/2022-Invitation.pdf](http://www.rochesterrotary.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2022-Invitation.pdf)**



## ROCHESTER DEAF ROTARY CLUB

presents

## DINGO

**\$15**  
Game  
Only



**CASH  
PRIZES**

All proceeds will go to RDR Funds  
A Rochester Deaf Rotary Club Fundraising Project

**Saturday, August 27, 2022**  
**Dingo Game 6 pm**



PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED-  
MASKS OPTIONAL

**Rochester Recreation Club for the Deaf**  
**1564 Lyell Avenue, Rochester, NY**



**Hot Dogs & Drinks  
for Sale by RRCD**

*Rochester Deaf Rotary  
will not provide food  
for this event*

*For details: visit our website-  
[www.deafrotary.org](http://www.deafrotary.org)*

*Must purchase tickets by  
August 20, 2022  
Debit, Credit Cards or PayPal*

**50/50 RAFFLES**

**5 TICKETS- \$5**  
**12 TICKETS- \$10**  
**25 TICKETS- \$15**

*Event Coordinator:*  
**John Haynes**  
[jhaynes28@gmail.com](mailto:jhaynes28@gmail.com)

**Rochester Deaf  
Rotary  
Club**



**IMAGINE  
ROTARY**  
2022-2023  
International Theme



## District 7120 Golf Tournament & Fellowship Event



You are cordially invited to attend the annual District 7120 Golf Tournament

**Friday, September 9, 2022**

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

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**More Details to Follow**

Tournament Contacts: Kirk Vanderbilt [kevanderbilt@gmail.com](mailto:kevanderbilt@gmail.com) Tom Vonglis [tvonglis@gmail.com](mailto:tvonglis@gmail.com)



1st Annual

**Newark Rotary  
FAMILY FEST**

Saturday, September 10, 2022  
11:00am-7:00pm

**NEWARK FIREMAN'S FIELD  
100 BARKER PKWY  
NEWARK**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Food Trucks • Craft Vendors • Games
- Live Music • Dunk Tank • Silent Auction
- Beer Tent •

***BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE  
NEWARK ROTARY CLUB AND FOUNDATION***



**5th ANNUAL**  
*HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY CLUB*

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**CRAFT SALE**





**SEPTEMBER**  
**10, 2022**

**9:00 TIL 1:00**

**GAZEBO**  
**MAIN STREET**

**ALL ITEMS HANDCRAFTED  
BY HLRC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

**Wooden Turkeys, Pumpkins, Little Kitties and Ghosts,  
Paint Brush Santas, Knitted/Crocheted items and lots  
more**



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## *'Service Above Self'*



### **Pittsford Rotary Club's 'Service Above Self' Charity Golf Tournament**

#### **Set for Sept. 11**

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual "Service Above Self" Charity Golf Tournament is set for Sept. 11 at the Victor Hills Golf Club's South Course, 1450 Brace Rd. in Victor.

The event starts at noon with a pick-up lunch, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start with foursome scramble play. Dinner and awards start at 6 p.m. with awards going to team low score, closest to the rope, closest to the pin and putting contest.

Fees are \$125 per golfer with a cart. Golfers may register online via the club's website at [PittsfordRotaryClub.org](http://PittsfordRotaryClub.org).

Among prizes in the tournament raffle this year are two Thursday grounds tickets to the 2023 PGA Championship at Oak Hill Country Club in Pittsford. Raffle tickets are \$5 each (or five for \$20 or ten for \$40) and also are available online.

"This is one of our major fundraisers to benefit our club's support of local and international humanitarian services," said tournament coordinator Pat Mallery. "It's a day full of fun for all of the men and women involved and we're looking forward to another great turnout this year."

A variety of tournament sponsorship opportunities also are available through the registration site or by contacting Mallery directly at [pjmallery@aol.com](mailto:pjmallery@aol.com).



## Wayland Rotary Club

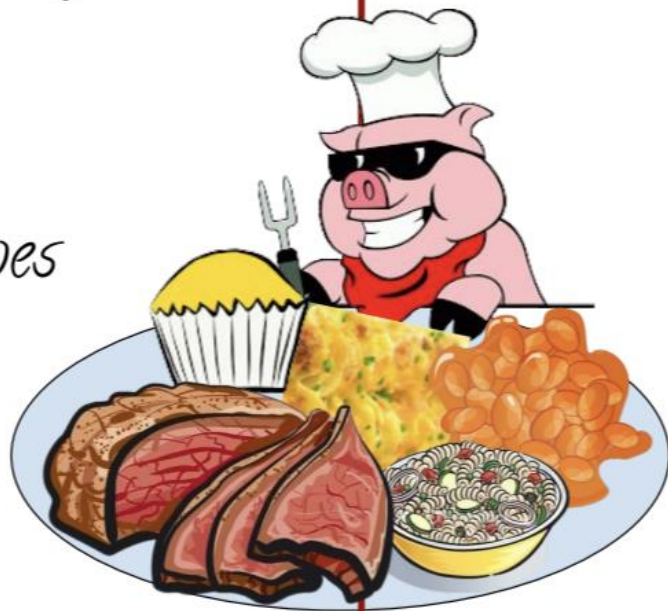


### Brisket & Pulled Pork Dinner

*by Corning Catering*

- Beef brisket
- Pulled pork
- Au gratin potatoes
- Beans
- Pasta salad
- Corn muffin

**\$14**



**Saturday, September 17**

**Pick up:** 12 - 3pm @ Wayland Historical Society

Presale tickets available until 9/9  
@ Quinlan's Pharmacy,  
from any Rotary member,  
or send a message to our FB page

**Benefit:**  
Rotary  
Community  
projects



Learn more  
and sign up  
below!



# ROC RIVER RIDE

Come explore Rochester's history and natural beauty on a bicycle ride along the scenic Erie Canalway and Genesee Riverway Trails.

## ROC RIVER RIDE WILL FEATURE:

- a ride up to 10 miles
- local artists and storytellers
- bike check-ups from R Community Bikes
- bicycle rodeo at the starting location
- ice cream novelties and snacks

**THIS EVENT  
IS FREE!**



**Rotary**  
Rochester SW



Canal  
Corporation



This event is funded in part through the generous support of the NYS Canal Corporation and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.

**ROTARY CAMP ONSEYAWA ANNUAL DINNER**  
**OCTOBER 14 2022**  
**6:00- 9:30 pm**

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CAMP ONSEYAWA.

ENTREES ARE: CLUB 86 CHICKEN BAKED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS. TOSSED SALAD,

BAKED WHITE FISH BAKED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS. STUFFED MUSHROOMS- BAKED POTATOES AND GREEN BEANS PASTA

PRIMAVERA BAKED POTATOES GREEN BEANS AND SALAD.

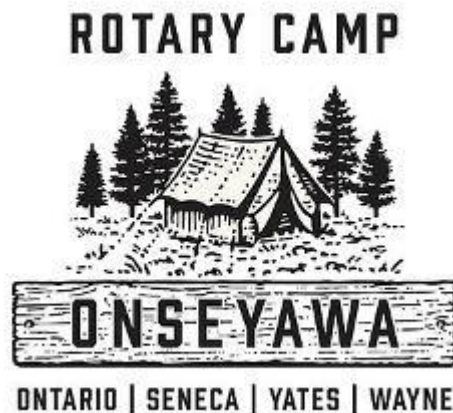
DESSERT IS PROVIDED BY BAGELS AND CAKE

COST OF THE DINNER IS STILL \$50.00 PER PERSON

THERE WILL BE A SILENT AUCTION THAT EVENING  
DANCING TO THE BAND BAD JUJU

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE WITH YOUR ROTARY ONSEYAWA BOARD MEMBER OR WITH ; ROSEMARY MCCULLOUGH @ CRMCCULLOUGH1@GMAIL.COM

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CAMP





We now have the on-line Sign up registration link "live" for our Oct 20 Fellowship Dinner, please register below.

If you have any problems please let me know.

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=4a4da169-32f0-4aa0-b0cd-c189d28dfe09>

I am inviting you to Save the Date for the Area 9 Fellowship Dinner on Thursday Oct 20 at Ridgemont Country Club from 6-9pm.

I have asked Rotarian Don Alhart to be our guest speaker for this evening, he has graciously accepted this invitation. I have attached the flyer for your review. The cost is \$25.00pp, we are having Italian Tasting Stations Buffet.

We will have the online signup form on the Greece Website within the month. This should be a great event for all the Area 9 Rotary Clubs and the district executives to have fellowship with other great Rotarians.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Chuck Gannon

Greece Rotary/Area 9 -Assistant Governor

Cell- 585-202-2859



**Save the Date**

**Rotary**  |  **IMAGINE  
ROTARY**

**Area 9**

**Fellowship Dinner**

**Greece, Gates-Chili,  
Brockport, Hilton, &  
Spencerport Rotary Clubs**

**Thursday, Oct. 20 6-9pm**

**Ridgemont Country Club - \$25.00pp**

**Special Guest Speaker**

**Don Alhart - WHAM TV13  
Anchor, Former District 7120  
Governor 1987**

**Sharing his Rotary Experiences**



# Greece Rotary

## Casino Night Fundraiser



GAMING, RAFFLES, SILENT  
AUCTION, GRAZING STATIONS &  
MORE

Tickets are  
limited!  
\$75 per person  
includes \$500 in  
gaming tokens

Featured Raffle!!  
Vidanta 5 night Mayan  
Palace Vacation  
Valued at \$1,720  
**\*\* Purchase your event tickets by  
August 10th to receive 2 free  
raffle tickets for this trip valued  
at \$20 each!**



Visit [greecerotary.org](http://greecerotary.org) to get your tickets or  
become a sponsor!



NOVEMBER 12TH  
5:30 REGISTRATION  
6:00-9:00 EVENT



RIDGEMONT COUNTRY CLUB  
3717 W. RIDGE ROAD 14626





### Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar  
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



### ⚙ September 2022

September 9 District Golf Tournament

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September 9 District Golf Tournament

September 10 Newark Rotary Family Fest

September 10 Honeoye Lake Craft Sale

September 11 Pittsford Rotary Golf

September 17 ROC River Ride 10 am

September 17 Wayland Rotary Club Brisket &  
Pulled Pork Dinner

### ⚙ October 2022

October 14 ROTARY CAMP ONSEYAWA  
ANNUAL DINNER

October 20 AREA 9 Fellowship Dinner

### ⚙ November 2022

November 12 Greece Rotary Casino Night  
6 PM-8:30 PM

### Upcoming CLUB Events

### ⚙ August 2022

August 12 Belmont Rotary 35th. Amity Daze

August 13 Avon Royary Corn Festival 10 AM-6 PM

August 22 Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp Golf

August 27 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club  
DINGO



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