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January 2022

Janet Tenreiro, District Governor

Issue 7

Wow! Half the Rotary year is gone already! It's been a wild ride, and I was lucky to get all my club visits in before the upsurge in Covid cases really exploded. This would be a good time to reflect on what your clubs have accomplished; to celebrate those accomplishments and continue to implement your club's goals and plans for finishing this great year.

With all of the disruptions to our daily lives from this on-going pandemic, let us all be thankful for our first responders and frontline workers. This month is Vocational Service Month, the very essence of Rotary. Rotary International effectively declares that "the concept of vocational service is rooted in the second point of the Object of Rotary which calls on

Rotarians to encourage and foster 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." Our first responders consist of law enforcement, fire and rescue services, EMT's, and all of our healthcare workers. Their vocations allow us to lead relatively normal and sane lives safely. A big shout out to them all!

Spencerport Rotary backs the blue with donations of teddy bears and books. The teddy bears went to Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter, Deputy Green, and Chief Chris Mears of the Ogden Police Dept. The bears ride with patrol officers so if a child is transported they have a friend to hang on to.



Have a Happy and Safe New Year!

Janet Tenreiro

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COVID UPDATE:

MAXIMIZE TELEWORK

January 10, 2022

PDG DAVE HANNAN

With the intensity of the COVID disease incidence confronting us, I am now recommending that Rotary Clubs in District 7120 maximize their implementation of telework, i.e. preferential use of electronic communication over in person meetings to conduct club and district business whenever possible. This is a precaution we take due to the stress on our health care system, the low percentage of vaccinated people in our communities, the high degree of contagiousness of the omicron variant, and the relative risk for some of our more senior Rotarians. GET VACCINATED, USE HAND SANITIZER, AND UPGRADE TO A KN-95 MASK!

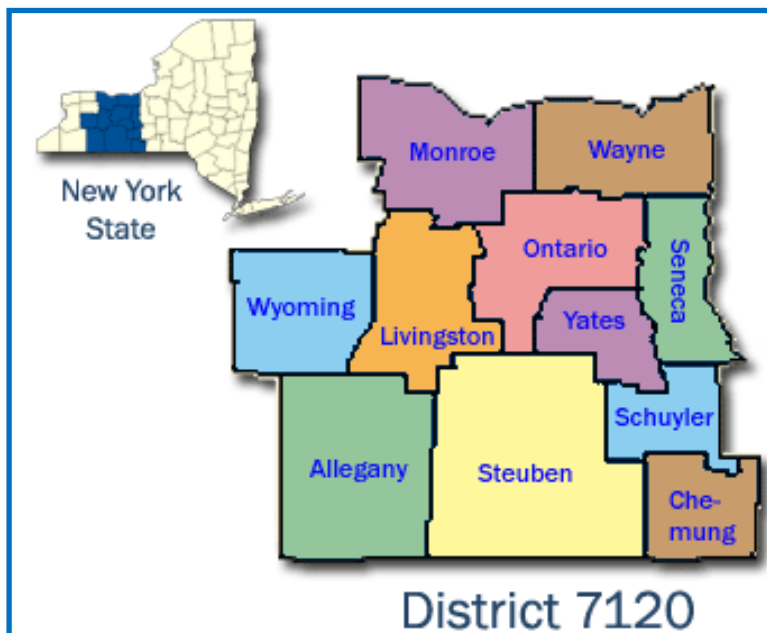
I reiterate from last month: NY Governor Kathy Hochul reinstated a statewide mandate for wearing masks at indoor public events beginning Monday, December 13. This applies to Rotary meetings, fundraisers, and projects that are held indoors at a public facility. There is an exception for events where all participants provide proof of vaccination, i.e. the digital Excelsior Pass or the CDC vaccination card. This is expected to be enforced by county health departments. This mandate is in effect at least until January 15, 2022. (I expect that it will be extended.)

Here are some options for Rotary clubs:

- Hold virtual meetings.
- Hold hybrid meetings at a public facility where those attending in person provide proof of vaccination (as referenced above).
- Hold in person meetings at a public facility at where all those attending wear masks throughout the meeting (as referenced above).
- Hold in person meetings at a non-public facility. (Check with your county health department to ascertain their concurrence that the facility is "non-public.")

Please reach out to your meeting facility manager and your food vendor as soon to maintain a good working relationship with these people.

Despite the "COVID fatigue" which we are all experiencing, it is truly important for clubs to continue meeting, now preferably electronically, and serving our communities. It is also important, whether or not we agree with Governor Hochul's decision, that Rotarians comply with these directives to protect our members and to maintain a favorable public image in our communities.



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 jkran228@gmail.com or Josh Olewiler at 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

New Custom License Plate for NYS Rotarians



A new custom Rotary license plate will soon be available for New York State Rotarians!

The new custom plate will feature the Rotary logo and our motto, ***"Service Above Self"***.

District 7120 Governor Janet Tenreiro along with District 7040 Area Governor Michael Griffin are taking point on this project, which has the support of all nine district governors in New York State.

The new plate will take the place of Rotary's current custom plate in New York, which uses the old logo and has no motto.

In order for New York State to move ahead on printing the new plates, we need to get at least 200 New York State Rotarians to express interest in ordering the new custom license plate.

If you are interested in ordering a plate, please fill out the short form online at <https://forms.gle/sQAhXsejZBanX25K8> or print out and mail in a form.

After we get our 200 Rotarians signed up, we'll let those interested know, share the list with New York State and the project will move ahead!

Personalized custom plates (you pick the characters, i.e., "RTRY"), and custom plates that include the Universal Symbol of Access (formerly "handicapped" plates), for individuals who qualify, will also be available.

An initial fee and an additional annual renewal fee, in addition to your vehicle registration renewal fee, will be billed for the plates every two years when you renew your registration.

We hope that you consider supporting this exciting project, which will spread our Rotary message around the state and country!

If you have any questions, please email us at ny-rotary-plate@potdamrotary.org.

Thank You.

Submitted by DG Janet

Rotary
District 7120



SAVE THE DATE!!! Literacy Seminar

Saturday, February 12, 2022

9 to 11 a.m.

Via ZOOM

Host – DG Janet Tenreiro

Speakers:

Suzanne Pettifer	Head of Curriculum & Instruction from Greece Central School District
Stacy Wicksall	Director, Macedon Public Library



From the District Literacy Committee

“Literacy” – whenever anyone says that word, many of us envision a child with a book in his hands learning to read.

But literacy covers many other skills besides imprinted words and children. There is comprehension, usage and related numbers. Numbers? Yes, in planning a budget, balancing the checkbook, or reading a notice from the bank, you need to comprehend the words next to the numbers.

What comes to mind when someone says “illiterate”? A person with disabilities? A refugee who doesn’t speak English? Someone who cannot express his needs in a way that you can understand? Someone who cannot understand the notices that provide safety for the family. Someone who cannot read or write?

Rotary can promote literacy for persons of any age, income, or abilities. The mission statement of the District Literacy Committee is to encourage and provide ways for clubs to address the many facets of literacy. Sessions at the annual Literacy Seminar or the sessions at the District Training Assembly can provide ideas for your club.

Submitted by Mary Ann Mady

As one of the Rotary areas of focus, we know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development and promoting peace.

Opportunities for gifting include:

Donating books to your local clothing/food closet for distribution

Purchasing books to distribute to elementary school students

Promoting an at risk student reading club in school and provide prizes for improvements

Organizing a reading or writing contest in elementary school and reward with books.

Providing magazines or books to “English Speakers of Other Languages” classes

Submitted by Nancy Aumann

Criteria for the 2021-22 Literacy Recognition

Theme: How Can Rotary Energize Literacy

CATEGORIES: IDEAS / SUGGESTIONS

Do a total of 5 different things, which may include:

1. General Ideas:

Attend the Literacy Seminar

Show how your club observed September 8th, either as the International Day of Reading or recognizing the month of September as Literacy Month.

Use an idea from the Children's Agenda Website, thechildrensagenda.org

Your own idea _____

2. Birth to 4 years old:

Volunteer at a day care or library.

Create Baby Bags with a book and brochure.

Make individual book shelves 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.

Make and place in the community a Blue Book Shelf.

Place Books in Food Pantry, community centers, laundromats.

Create a "Reading Corner" for a classroom.

Make and distribute treasure boxes.

Throw a Literacy based party for your School or Library.

Your own idea _____

4. Ages 13 and above

Sponsor an author visit.

Make and install a Little Library or continue to stock one already in place.

Bring/Send some teens to the Teen Book Festival.

Award scholarships.

Donate a periodical subscription.

Purchase and donate word search books in large print for Senior Centers or Nursing homes.

Your own idea _____

5. International

Donate books or funding to Books for the World.

Collect and donate school supplies to a disadvantaged country.

Your own idea _____

Name of Club _____

Contact Person _____

Form must be submitted by **March 30, 2022**. **Send to:** JoAnn Terry, 41 Ridge Castle Dr., Rochester, NY 14622,
or email @ jotee218@aol.com



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!!!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

WHAT: DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

WHEN : Saturday, April 9, 2022

WHERE: Honeoye Central School

Honeoye, NY

**WHY: LEARN MORE ABOUT BEING A CHANGEMAKER FOR YOUR CLUB
AND HOW TO PUT THE PUZZLE PIECES TOGETHER TO ENHANCE YOUR CLUB**

**WHO: CLUB OFFICERS, CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
CLUB MEMBERS NEW AND OLD**

**EVERY ROTARIAN IS INVITED TO ATTEND!
(registration information will be coming soon)**



Earth Day is
Friday, April 22, 2022

Our District cleanup will be

Saturday, April 23

Save the date!

Stay tuned for registration details!



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**GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR (GMS)
for Global & District Grants in the 2022-2023 Rotary Year**

To participate in Rotary Foundation Programs including Global and District Grants during Rotary each year, a club is required to become certified/re-certified and accomplish the following four tasks:

1. Each club President-Elect and Foundation Chair, or their representatives, are required to complete a district-sponsored Grant Management Seminar (GMS) or the Rotary.Org Learning Center online course.
2. Club president and president-elect must sign a Memorandum of Understanding (Club MOU) per The Rotary Foundation
3. Club president and president-elect must sign the District 7120 Addendum to the Club MOU, which is available on District 7120 website.
4. Each club must adopt the document retention and financial management policies required by the MOU.
5. Additionally, clubs must have donated \$25 average per capita in the 2020-2021 Rotary year in order to qualify for grants in 2022-2023. (Next year that amount increases to \$35.)

In 2020-21 and following, participants may complete an online course offered by Rotary International. The course includes 9 modules that can be completed at the participant's own pace. There is a recertification module for those who completed the online course in a prior year. A participant can save and leave the site and pick up their training later at their own pace. The course can be accessed as follows: Note many browsers and phones/tablets/laptops work a bit differently.

Sign into "My Rotary" at Rotary.org (You may create an account if you do not already have a My Rotary account.)

Click on "Learning & Reference" header at mid-top of the page, then "Learning Center," then "The Rotary Foundation" View box.

A list of courses will appear.

At the left on the 2nd row of courses, click on "Grant Management Recertification 2021" or "Grant Management Seminar."

Enroll in one of these courses. The Recertification Course is only for those who completed the online course last year, and NOT for those who completed a live or Zoom District course in the past.

The Grant Management Seminar has 9 modules. Each module has a learning test at the end.

Upon completion of the "Grant Management Seminar", you will be able to print a completion certificate for each module and for the entire course. Please email only the entire course certificate to trogers@frontiernet.net.

Our District Foundation Team will also offer live Grant Management Seminars on 3 dates: Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 9:30 AM at St. John Vianney Parish Center, 32 East Morris St., Bath, NY 14810 (COMPLETED);

February 12, 2022 at 9:30am at Brighton High School, 1150 S. Winton Rd., Brighton, NY 14618;

March 5, 2022 at 9:30am at United Methodist Church, 1 E. Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432.

If you wish to attend, please email Tom Rogers at trogers@frontiernet.net with your name, Club, and desired meeting.

Rotary 2022 Convention to be Held in Houston

The event will bring more than 20,000 participants from around the world and deliver \$30 million in local economic impact

HOUSTON (July 22, 2021) – During a joint news conference held at George R. Brown Convention Center today, Rotary and Houston First Corporation representatives announced that more than 20,000 service-minded people from around the world will gather in Houston for Rotary's 113th annual international convention on **June 4-8, 2022**.

The coveted international event is returning to Houston for the third time, marking the 50th anniversary of the 1972 international convention. The Bayou City also hosted the 5th Rotary convention in 1914. The event is expected to deliver \$30 million in economic impact for the city's hotels, restaurants, retailers and attractions....

Houston Host Organization Committee chair, Rhonda Kennedy, representing 62 Houston-area clubs and its 2,400 members, said, "as a proud member of the Rotary Club of Sweeny, I am excited not only to welcome our fellow members from around the world to our beloved city, but also to show how Houston-area clubs are taking action to make the world a better place at home and abroad."

Complete story available at

[Rotary 2022 International Convention to be held in Houston | Rotary International](#)

More info about the Convention is available at

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston/convention-promotion>



2022 Rotary Rose Parade Committee Float Theme:

Changing Lives Through Education

The 2022 Rose Parade marks the 42nd consecutive year the RRPFC has spearheaded Rotary's representation in America's New Year Celebration. This year's theme, "Changing Lives Through Education," aligns with one of Rotary's seven areas of focus, Basic Education and Literacy. A sixteen-foot-tall owl embodies both the spirit of self-improvement and Rotary's determination to make the tools of education available to everyone in every land. Books, a quill pen and a hybrid apple/globe symbolize the importance of education throughout the world.



Rotary International's Entry in the 2022 Rose Parade, Pasadena, California

Geneva Rotary

Members of the Geneva Rotary Club have been ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign for years on Christmas Eve and the tradition continued this holiday season.

Some members make it a family affair, such as Kelsey Journell and her three children (left to right) Liam, Natalie and Skylar.



Others, like Mike Rusinko (left) and Dick Austin, Rotarians and good friends, enjoy each other's company.

And lastly, Geneva High School Interact members (left to right) Lily Silver, Ella Seidel, Mikayla Myer, Natalie McFadden and Clare Canario got some community service experience with Rotarian and adviser Susie Flick.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



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Canandaigua Rotary Club Presents Paul Harris Awards

The Canandaigua Rotary Club presented Awards to two of its outstanding members for a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community. Mary Green received her Paul Harris Plus 7 Award, and Jodi Kaufman receiver her Paul Harris Plus 2 Award. Submitted by Jack Kellogg

Pictured below are President Mike Schiller and Mary Green:

Pictured at the bottom are President Mike Schiller and Jodi Kaufman:



Newark Rotary Scholarships

Past President Bob Bendix presented 2 Newark Seniors with the Rotary Service Award in the memory of Charles Baldwin who provided over 50 years of service to Newark Rotary.



RACHEL GEORGE has a GPA of 98.4. She will be attending Nazareth working towards a bachelor's degree in both Music Therapy and French Horn Performance.



MICHAELA COLACINO has a GPA of 95.5. She is attending Nazareth College with a long term goal of attending medical school to become an anesthesiologist. She is majoring in biochemistry.

Submitted by John Zornow

AVON ROTARY SERVICE PROJECTS:

School Support Project

December 1: Avon Rotarians, Interactors, and family members took part in a service project making and holding signs of encouragement to let our Avon School District teachers and support staff know how much we appreciate them. The event that was the brainchild of Rotarian Karen Vanderbilt was intended to simply put a smile on the faces of our hard working teachers and support staff that have had a rough time working through a pandemic the last couple years and to let them know that we have their back. Thank you to all our Avon teachers and staff! As one of the signs says: "You are doing a freaking great job!" *Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media*



Photo: Karen Vanderbilt, Laurie Vonglis, Tom Vonglis, Jill Wall, Ginny House, Kirk Vanderbilt, Bruce Amey, Katie DeGraff, Rod George, Heather Ayers, Bob House

Holiday Spectacular Service Project

December 4: A crew of Avon Rotarians, served up delicious, fresh made crepes in front of the Hurricane Technologies building at the Avon Holiday Spectacular. Led by crepe chef, Dom Lalisce and his wife Nadine, volunteers cooked and served through the cold and wind. All proceeds raised go to benefit Avon Community Cares. In addition, our Avon Interact Club spent the afternoon assisting children writing letters and mailing to Santa.

Many thanks to all involved. *Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis*



Photo: holiday spec. L-R Nadine & Dom Lalisce



Avon Rotary Presenting A Christmas Carol

December 11: Josh Tonra led a crew of 11 volunteers and organized a wonderful holiday event for the Community of Avon. The one man show featuring Kim Tenreiro telling the classic story of A Christmas Carol, was held at The Avon Park Theatre. This beautifully renovated facility was a perfect venue for this event, which hosted over 70 patrons. Refreshments were provided and donated (or discounted) by the generosity of the Tonra's, Lovullo's, Helen Zamboni, Geneseo Wegmans, Avon Tops, Avon Dunkin Donuts and All Seasons Wine and Spirits. All proceeds raised will benefit the Avon Food Pantry and Avon Community Theatre.

Great job everyone!

Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis

AVON ROTARY**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

December 7: Avon Rotary grew by five. Please join us in welcoming back to the club Paul Warren and Nick Lovullo both who left the club and now return after their hiatuses.



L-R: Jaime Lovullo, Josh Tonra-sponsor, Will McLaughlin, Cat Jensen, Kirk Vanderbilt-sponsor

We also would like to welcome and congratulate our three newest members: Jaime Lovullo, Will McLaughlin, and Cat Jensen.
Submitted by: Mike Ford



L-R: Paul Warren, Tom Vonglis-President, Nick Lovullo

FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

December 14: On this occasion two club members were presented with their Paul Harris plus pins for their continued contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Kirk Vanderbilt was awarded his Paul Harris plus 2 pin and Jerry Dougherty was awarded his Paul Harris plus 5 pin. Laurie Vonglis, a foundation committee member gave the presentation which recognizes their gifts as truly selfless actions and demonstrates a commitment to our common goals of world understanding and peace. Kirk and Jerry were thanked for using their time, talent and treasure to enhance the lives of others. Congratulations Kirk and Jerry!



L-R: Laurie Vonglis, presenter, Jerry Dougherty, Kirk Vanderbilt



L-R Bob House, Laurie Vonglis, presenter

December 21: At our holiday party, Rotarian Bob House was presented his Paul Harris plus 1 pin for his support to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations Bob for your generosity which supports improving lives all over the world.

Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis



Rush Henrietta Rotary

It was another successful Project Christmas for the Rush Henrietta Rotary. Many poinsettia's and gift cards were given out the area seniors in the Henrietta community.

All of the volunteers were rewarded with smiles from the recipients.

Submitted by Steve Synesael



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Webster Rotary

On a blustery and windy Saturday night, the Webster Rotary Club helped Santa Claus spread some Christmas cheer as he visited with the children at the Webster Recreation Center. Over 200 kids visited with Santa, played in the bounce house, took part in arts and crafts, and enjoyed Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

On behalf of the Webster club, we hope all have a wonderful holiday season and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Submitted by Joe Corona



Newark Rotary Awards Paul Harris on January 6



Lucina Hallagan is Newark Rotary's newest recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow recognition. In presenting the award, Foundation Chair Dr. Fred Hicks shared some inspiration from Jane Goodall's new book - "The Book of Hope" "I know these four great challenges by heart" First, we must alleviate poverty, if you are living in crippling poverty, you will cut down the last tree to grow food. Second, we must reduce the unsustainable lifestyles of the affluent. Third, we must eliminate corruption. And finally, we must face up to the problems caused by growing populations of humans and their livestock.

Submitted by John Zornow

Photo: Lucina Hallagan, Newark Rotary President Melissa Corriea



Rush Henrietta Rotary

It was another great holiday party for the Rush Henrietta Rotary.

We had a nice turnout and everyone had a fun time which included the traditional auction. The event was hosted by Wild Wood Country Club

Submitted by Steve Synesael



Geneseo Rotary

At the January 10, 2022 meeting PP Don Livingston [left] inducted new member Gary DeBolt [center] into the club. PP Art Hatton [right] was pleased to sponsor Gary, who is our 50th active member. Membership Chair PP Art urged Club members to think of friends, colleagues, or neighbors they might invite to join Geneseo Rotary

Submitted by Art Hatton
Photo by Tim Hayes



Elmira Rotary



Tim VonNeida with his pre-K students

One of our Rotarians, Tim VonNeida has been working with teachers in their classroom since our affiliation began. We are very proud of Tim's dedication.

Students have said that the favorite part of their day is when Tim comes into their classroom. He has made a lasting impression on these young students.
Submitted by Laurie Liberatore

Elmira Rotary Club "adopted" Diven Elementary School over 12 years ago.

Our "adoption" meant that we supported the school by engaging in monthly efforts such as providing extra snacks for classrooms, purchasing pumpkins in October, purchasing and arranging for trees to be planted in the playground area and many other efforts. However, one of the most significant efforts we have engaged in is working with Diven teachers in their classrooms.



Tim VonNeida with his first grade students



Greece Rotary Membership News

Greece Rotary Inducts Laura Bruno -Laura is a retired GCSD teacher, she is sponsored by Mike Sofia. She is looking forward to giving back to the community through Greece Rotary and we are fortunate to have her expertise and experience!

Submitted by Melissa Jordan



Newark Rotary Group Photo

At a recent meeting of the Newark club members took time to gather for a group photo and give thanks for the holiday season. Below is a caption for the photo by Rotarian Mitch Ruffalo that he gave as an alternative to the customary invocation. Submitted by John Zornow



INSPIRATION - by MITCH RUFFALO President Elect Newark Rotary Club

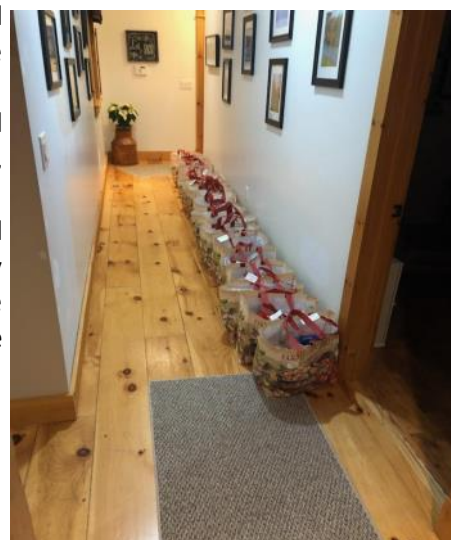
We are not asked if we're a Protestant, a Hindu, a Muslim, a Jew, a Catholic or a Buddhist.
We're not asked because all religions are welcome in the Rotary family.
With our friends beside us, and no person beneath us,
With the bonds of Rotary between us, and our worries behind us,
With a thirst for knowledge, and a dream for a polio-free world,
We are thankful for our Rotary friends and the meal we are about to share.

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club's Vittles for Vacation Tote Bags

It was another proud moment for the HLRC when we were able to drop 20 tote bags filled with easy to prepare meals and snacks for some of our secondary school students. These were delivered to the nurse's office so she could determine which students qualified to take them home for use during the holiday break.

Thanks to Sandy Hubble and Linda Evenski for making sure the bags were full and to the Honeoye Food Pantry for supplementing needed supplies. Thanks, too, to Mary Beth, Tonkery, our school nurse, for helping with distribution and to West's Shur-fine for their donation of tote bags. This collection of food stuff was such a success we will be able to distribute more totes for February break. It is our hope that we will be able to commit to this community service project four times this year – December, February, April and June breaks are our target times!

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Watkins-Montour Rotary



The Club Elves 'shopped 'til they dropped' at the Watkins Glen Walmart, for our annual gift giving drive to benefit Schuyler Outreach.

With the club donation of \$1,000.00 and individual member donations totaling \$660.00, we were able to fill the carts with LOTS of gifts for deserving local children and families!

Submitted by Emily Peckham



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Geneseo Rotary

The Geneseo Rotary Club and Geneseo Community Main Street sponsored the annual ChristmasSing which was held on Friday, December 3rd.

A crowd gathered for caroling, tree lighting in the Village Park and hot chocolate and cookies.

Santa arrived by fire truck to the delight of the youngest participants. Submitted by Marilyn Lyon



Photos by Leah Fletcher



VICTOR-FARMINGTON ROTARY GIVING TREE

The period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is traditionally a busy month for the Victor - Farmington Rotary Club and 2021 has been no exception. The club once again sponsored their annual Giving Tree with the support and cooperation of Tops Market in

Farmington. Club members set up the Giving Tree in November and will continue to collect donated gifts provided by shoppers and residents. The 2021 tree marks the thirty-third consecutive year of the project that provides holiday gifts for the less fortunate. Club members, in addition to the tree project, also provide over 350 stuffed Christmas stockings for children from low-income and/or single parent homes and facilities.

The club works with facilities and organizations that serve shut-ins, the elderly, low-income families, single parent families, nursing facilities, schools and social service agencies. This project and the cooperative relationships that have developed annually provide over 1,500 gifts to make it a happier holiday season for the recipients.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Staff from Wilson Commencement Park at V-F Rotary meeting to pick up Christmas stockings – Rotarian Galen Powers



Victor – Farmington Rotarians, family and friends - work group sorting gifts



L to R – V-F Rotarians Karen Parkhurst, Jim Crane and Galen Powers delivering Christmas gifts to Ontario Center for elderly and shut-ins

Bath Rotary

HAPPY HOLIDAY HELPFULNESS

During a recent, weekly meeting of the Bath Rotary Club Amanda Chafee, President, and Mike Slovak, Treasurer, thanked the club members for their generous donations, including those from Fines and Confessions, which allowed the club to contribute funds to district and local projects.

A check for \$1000 was sent to DG Janet for the District Stove Project. Congratulations, DG Janet, for such an innovative idea! We are certain that those who receive the appliances will be greatly appreciative of the service provided by Rotary.

As for the past 15 years, the local club participated in the Greater Bath Area Thanksgiving project which helped to provide everything needed for a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner for the community members in need. A check for \$1000 was sent to Bob and Mary Dunham, two of the project co-chairs and Honorary Members of the Bath Rotary Club, for this community project.

Again this year the local club sent a check for \$1000 to Turning Point, a service priority of Catholic Charities of Steuben. A recent publication of the latter stated that its mission is to build communities that care for all people by strengthening and enriching the quality of life for individuals, families, and children by working to reduce poverty and advocating for social justice. The Bath Rotarians hope that this holiday contribution provided needed food and gifts for several local families.

When the local club learned that Turning Point was in great need of personal hygiene items, it decided to donate the \$900 realized from one of its chicken barbeque fundraisers to this cause. When Slovak delivered the check to Turning Point, the employees were most grateful not only for this contribution but also for the continued partnership it has had with Rotary over the years.

Although the club had to cancel Kim Tenreiro's performance of "A Christmas Carol" due to Covid-19 restrictions, it decided to donate \$2500 to the CHAMP program at ProAction which had been originally designated as the local charity to benefit from the proceeds of the performance. This program provides funds for community members who have some type of need not supported by other programs at ProAction. Finally, the club continued its monthly participation in the Red Door Community Kitchen which provides a free lunch to community members in need. It prepared a hearty, bag lunch for Thanksgiving and prepared and funded a delicious lasagna, bag lunch for Christmas. The participation in this project allows the Bath Rotarians to continue their involvement in community service projects and to display dedication to the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self."

We hope that all Rotarians in District 7120 and throughout the world enjoyed a happy holiday season and are staying safe and healthy.

Submitted by Elaine Tears



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Naples Rotary Club

Naples Rotary inducted its two newest members at our Noon Meeting on November 29th. The Induction Team welcomed Jo Anne and Albie Alliet into our club, with longtime member, Nancy Linehan as their sponsor. Each member of the Induction Team spoke on the various aspects of being a Rotarian, and Nancy provided Albie and Jo Anne with their membership materials. Jo Anne, who is an Artistic Consultant, has worked very closely with the Naples Rotary Club, since she has been involved with the Naples Grape Fest for many years. Albie, who is also an artist, will certainly bring some fresh ideas into the club also. As our membership continues to grow, we are certain that this couple will help to make our club even more vibrant!



It wouldn't be Christmas at Naples Elementary without a visit from Santa, now, would it? On December 22nd, Santa (Bo) and his trusty Elves (Shanna and Carrie) delivered books to the students in Grades UPK through Sixth. The children were delighted with their new books, and many were very glad to be able to keep them for their very own! In the spirit of promoting Literacy, Naples Rotary has given books to the Elementary Students at Christmastime, since 2015! We wish to extend a note of thanks to the Budding Readers Program, which has partnered with the Naples Rotary in helping to provide high quality books for our young readers!

Submitted by Patrice Lysell



Serving to Change Lives in 2021



The first half of the Serve to Change Lives Rotary year has seen us hold yet another successful Make a Difference Day Pasta Dinner and once again conducting it by a drive through service. We also inducted three new members to our organization. Welcome Scott, Brad, and Tanya! We completed two District Grants, one from PP Mark's year and one from this Rotary year. It was great to see our members wielding hammers, saws, power drills, paint brushes, shovels, rakes, hoes, pruners, and pushing wheelbarrows to complete these projects. Well done Fairport Rotarians!

In our last Grapevine submission, we briefly mentioned the **Shelter Project** that Fairport Rotary participated in. But we'd like to share with everyone a link that showcases the impact this project had on the Rochester community: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHwvWYby9bc>



In time for winter, Fairport Rotary completed building 2 shelters and delivered them to their permanent location at Peace Village in the City of Rochester as part of the Homes 4 the Homeless initiative. Peace Village is an officially recognized encampment for unhoused people in the city of Rochester. A special kudos to Tom VanBuskirk and Ed Johnston for their relentless commitment to seeing this project through!



“From Tragedy, a Good Thing Shall Arise...” The tragedy was the death from leukemia, at age 8, of Christie Simonetti. The story of the Good Thing that Arose was deftly spun by Christie's younger sister, Fairport Rotarian Nicole Simonetti. As they noted, “Flying by the seats of their pants”, Christie's parents, David and Lorrie, together with Rochester entertainer, “Gary the Happy Pirate” distributed toys to children in the hospital with their daughter. The calming and comforting effect the toys had on the recipient patients was miraculous. This effort did not stop with Christie's death and morphed into what is now known as the Pirate Toy Fund. The Pirate Toy Fund is the only nonprofit organization in the country dedicated to distributing new toys year-round to children-in-need throughout the Greater Rochester region. The Pirate Toy Fund has distributed almost 400,000 toys since 1995 and continues to actively pursue new avenues to expand its mission.

Submitted by Megan Rinaldo



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Perry Rotary



Perry Rotarians Tammy Kelsey, Arlene Lapiana and Mike Grover, who is Perry Police Chief, plus a score of elf-volunteers brought Christmas to children throughout the community for the annual Caravan for Christmas aka the Toy Train on Dec. 24, 2021. They offered personal greetings along with gifts in the popular goodwill program. Flashing lights and sirens heralded the caravan's arrival at many stops to the delight of families.



The club ended 2021 with a program on the Titanic presented by history teacher Greg Kinal who shared many facts known yet forgotten as well as new information on the fated liner that sank after striking an ice berg on its maiden voyage in 1912. Kinal is an in-demand speaker on several historical topics when he is not teaching at Pembroke Central or leading annual tours of Washington, D.C. Kinal said mistakes made in its construction and operation led to industry changes and safety regulations still in place. It was a fascinating look-back. With the onset of 2022 and the rise in COVID-19 positivity in the Finger Lakes/WNY region, the club adapted its weekly meetings to offer hybrid/Zoom sessions. Overall attendance in person and virtually has been very good.

The Christmas Caravan in Perry was organized by three Perry Rotarians who had help from a legion of "elves."

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm

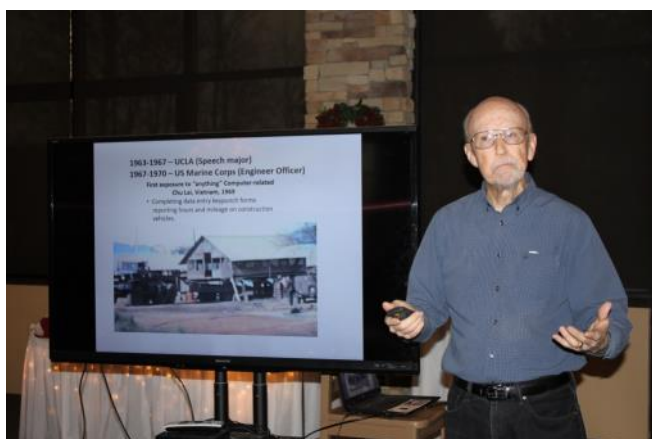
Perry Rotary Club President Jane Kelly welcomed Dec. 30 speaker Greg Kinal, whose topic was the Titanic.

Victor - Farmington Rotary COMPUTER PRESENTATION

Bloomfield Rotarian Travis Piper, a Victor resident, was recently the featured speaker at a meeting of the Victor – Farmington club. His presentation, “From the Mainframe to Your Pocket”, traced his early professional career at Xerox and the subsequent creation of his own technology company to address the business needs of companies and individuals in an era of rapidly expanding computer technology.

Travis experienced first-hand the need to be innovative and to “think outside the box” when adapting to the modern technology. He traced the history of the earliest days of Apple computers, Windows operating systems, OES2, etc., to our computer dominated world of today – all of which has taken place in most people’s lifetime.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Travis Piper presenting to V-F Rotarians and guests



Canandaigua Rotarian George Herren, Travis Piper – VF Club President Bruce Chapman

Canandaigua Rotary Club Bestows Honors



The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently honored Canandaigua Attorney Marty Muehe for his Paul Harris Plus 3 Award.

Pictured are Rotary Club President Mike Schiller and Marty Muehe: Submitted by Jack Kellogg.



Greece Rotary

2020-2021 District Grant Project Crutches for Africa has been completed with 950 mobility devices filling a 26 foot delivery truck. Approximately \$3,000 raised to help ship the cargo containers to Uganda and Kenya, where they will be received by helpful community members.

Coordinating with the Greece Lions Club enabled a portion of devices to stay locally for our community too.



District Grant 2021-2022

New Hope Children's Village Protective Wall is complete. This wall will protect the orphanage and school.



Submitted by Melissa Jordan

Spencerport Rotary

Spencerport Rotary continues to serve breakfast once a month at the Open Door Mission in downtown Rochester. Volunteers must be willing to be early risers as cooking starts at 6:00 a.m.! One Rotarian also volunteers to purchase all the groceries needed for the breakfast.

Pictured here at the last breakfast are Rotarians Dave DeMers, Courtney Converse, Kristen Swann and Kathy Magin, plus Kathy's friend helping out, Yen Doan.

Great job, everyone!

Submitted by Colleen Farley





Pittsford Rotary

Several members of the Pittsford Club took part in the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign during Pittsford's Candlelight Night over the holidays.

In addition, Interactors from Pittsford Mendon and Sutherland High Schools staffed the kettles at Eastview Mall during a busy weekend.



It's an annual tradition of the club in support of the good work of the Salvation Army.
Submitted by David Irwin



Pal-Mac Rotary

The Christmas season Red Kettle Campaign was a huge success. The Pal Mac Rotary Club organized event involved a kettle at Breen's Grocery store in Palmyra. Over \$2,100 was raised to help persons with needs in the area. Club member, Cindy Surline, scheduled members and friends to ring each day. Another club member, Dianne Sloan, handles requests for help.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Jeff and Bev Crawford



Rebecca and Iain Kerr, Olivia Fishell and Brooke Drake, friends of the club, help out.

Dansville Rotary



Dansville Rotary was hustling and bustling in December starting off with our annual Book Givaway and Sponsorship of the Horse drawn wagon ride that the Dansville Winter In The Village. We handed out 100+ books to children in a range of ages.

The next event was our largest fundraising event, The Dansville Rotary Basket Ball Tip Off Tournament that was a 3 day event between 4 area schools.



This year's Champions were the Dansville Mustangs wearing their Tournament shirts.



Our club took a day and rang the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive.

Pictured are Nancy Wolfanger, John Alioto and Jennifer Howe.

Submitted by Jennifer Howe

Canandaigua Rotary Donates to American Legion

At a recent meeting the Canandaigua Rotary Club made a donation to the Canandaigua American Legion Post 256 for a new range hood. The Legion has been making some serious renovations and upgrades to their kitchen in the last few months.

Pictured are Rotary President Mike Schiller and Legion Commander Larry Gamba:

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



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>

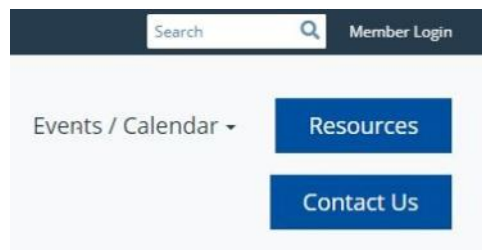
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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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Rochester Deaf Rotary is the only Deaf Rotary Club, and we support many organizations:

- Sponsorship of RSD students' annual trip to Italy
- ASADV fundraising supporter
- Delivered appreciation/gift bags to deaf educators during COVID
- Set up food pantry at Rochester Recreation Club for the Deaf
- Donated to Challenger Miracle Field of Greater Rochester, Webster, NY
- Sent school supplies to Guam to support their Deaf school
- Met the goal to match the grants for 75 children in Turkey to receive new hearing aids
- Donated to DEAAF, Deaf Education & Arts for African Families, Livingstone, Zambia,
- Raised money for Rotary International to support their efforts on projects, including: Polio Eradication, Safe Water, Literacy, and more

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! WAVING HANDS!
Rochester Deaf Rotary Club



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Wings & Wheels of Love

Online Fundraiser for Tabi, Mexico

Water Project

Sponsored by Newark Rotary Club
and Living Waters for the World



**AUCTION OPENS JAN. 26TH AT 8:00 A.M., CLOSES
FEB. 4TH AT 5:00 P.M.**

Looking for that special gift for your Valentine? Check out the items we have available! You'll find a variety of libations, chocolate, kid stuff, lottery tickets, gift cards, and more!

All proceeds will help fund rental cars that will be used while this wonderful team of Rotarians, Presbyterians, and friends are installing a pure water system and training health educators in the rural community of Tabi, Mexico.

Watch for login information in the next couple of weeks.

Dansville Rotary



TRIVIA NIGHT

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**Then come and join us
Saturday, February 19, 2022**

at Dansville Community Center, 43 West Ave., Dansville, NY

Doors Open at 6PM • Trivia Starts at 6:30PM

Form your own team of up to 8!

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SUNSHINE VALENTINE

Give your loved one some sunshine this Valentine's day! Back by popular demand, the Sunshine Camp will be holding the Sunshine Valentine event in February 2022.

This year we will be bringing back our classic packages along with some new and exciting options for your sweetheart. Packages will be going on sale in January 2022



**Visit SunshineValentine.com or
scan the QR code**

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Upcoming CLUB Events

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes



⚙️ February 2022

Saturday February 12
Literacy Seminar on Zoom

Our **District Foundation Team** will offer live Grant Management Seminars on 2 dates:

February 12, 2022 at 9:30am at Brighton High School, 1150 S. Winton Rd., Brighton, NY 14618

March 5, 2022 at 9:30am at United Methodist Church, 1 E. Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432.

If you wish to attend, please email Tom Rogers at trogers@frontiernet.net with your name, Club, and desired meeting.

⚙️ April 2022

District Training Assembly
4/9/2022 Honeoye Central School
Honeoye, NY

April 23 Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup
Details to follow

⚙️ January 2022

January 26 to Feb.4
Newark Rotary Wings & Wheels of Love

⚙️ February 2022

February 13
Sunshine Valentine Day Event
Delivery: 10 am to 2pm

February 19
Dansville Rotary Trivia Night
Dansville Community Center, 43 West Ave



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