Rotary International - District 7120







March 2022

Janet Tenreiro, District Governor

Issue 9

Happy Almost Spring!

March is Water and Sanitation Month at Rotary International, so I thought that I would promote the Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup Initiative that will be occurring in April. I'd like clubs to get this event on your calendars, and have you invite other groups to join you in the cleanup. This would include other service clubs, your Interact, Rotaract, Boys and Girl Scouts, church groups, your Chamber of Commerce Members, maybe your veterans, your friends and neighbors – pretty much anyone you can think of! Our project day will be centered around Friday, April 22nd, which is this year's Earth Day, so many clubs are planning to do their project on Saturday, April 23rd. Please let Gary Anderson or DG Janet know your plans. We had a great turnout last year, and we would really like to increase our visibility with this project this year, so this is the time to start promoting it!



Cleanup in Canandaigua last year



Newark Rotary spiffs up their waterway!

As I'm sure everyone is aware, the situation in the Ukraine is very distressing to all of us. RI has made an appeal to all Rotarians:

In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, The Rotary Foundation has created an official channel for Rotary members around the world to contribute funds to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts and has designated its **Disaster Response Fund** as the main avenue for contributions. To this end, The Rotary Foundation has approved:

- Now through 30 June 2022, designated Rotary districts that border Ukraine and the Rotary district in Ukraine may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 each from the Disaster Response Fund. These expedited disaster response grants can be used to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine and clothing.
- During this same period, other impacted Rotary districts that wish to offer support to refugees or other victims of the crisis in their district can apply for \$25,000 grants from the Disaster Response Fund.
- Now through 30 April 2022, Rotary districts can transfer unallocated District Designated Funds (DDF) to support the Disaster Response Fund, directly supporting these Ukraine-specific humanitarian grants.

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- Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund in support of Ukraine can be made at the link below by copying it into your browser. All funds need to be received into the Disaster Response Fund by 30 April 2022 in order to qualify for use in support of the Ukrainian relief efforts.
- Although the Disaster Response Fund will be the main avenue for Rotary Foundation support, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are also encouraged to create their own responses to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. In addition to support provided through the Disaster Response Fund, the Foundation is coordinating with partners and regional leaders, exploring effective solutions to the increased humanitarian needs.
- We are in contact with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees – USA to prepare for and respond to the needs of those being displaced in Ukraine and to neighboring countries.
- ShelterBox, our project partner for disaster response, is in communication with Rotary members in Eastern Europe to explore how it may offer support with temporary transitional housing and other essential supplies.
- The Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration is also mobilizing its resources to assist in this crisis.

A million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

We will continue to monitor the situation in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Visit My Rotary and follow Rotary on social media to stay updated on how clubs can get involved and what actions Rotary members have taken and the impact it has had for people in the region.

For all other questions and to obtain more information, please contact the Rotary Support Center at rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund

Janet Tenreiro 585-721-5721 Rotary International District 7120 DG 2021-2022









District StoveTeam Project Exceeds All Expectations!

Submitted by DG Janet Tenreiro

In the fall of 2021, District 7120's Environmental Action Committee launched a district-wide project to raise money for StoveTeam International. After watching a video about the inexpensive stoves being manufactured locally in Central America, and distributing it to the clubs in the district, a request was made by the chair of the committee, Gary Anderson, and District Governor Janet Tenreiro for clubs to consider contributing at least enough money to purchase 1 stove (\$100.00). The committee's goal was to raise \$10,000 to send to StoveTeam International. Upon hearing that open fire cooking causes more black carbon in the air than all of the cars in the world produce, many clubs stepped right up with a commitment. The Environmental Action Committee then went to Rotary International with the intention of applying for a global grant to multiply our donations exponentially. Unfortunately, RI is currently not funding global grants for stoves at this time. We considered trying to apply under Economic Development, or Maternal & Child Health, but we were advised that that route was also not going to provide results. Nevertheless, the clubs in our district came through with amazing results! 35 clubs blew through the \$10,000 goal and we raised it to \$15,000. We smashed through that and increased it to \$20,000. As the winter progressed, so did the contributions, and ultimately we ended up with \$21,475.00 from 35 clubs and several individuals. As District Governor, I had funds available to use for a project, so the district added \$3,925.00 to the pot, with the goal of bringing the total up to \$25,000. And we actually exceeded that to reach a final total of \$25,400.00 for StoveTeam International. I cannot tell you how proud I am of every club that contributed, as well as every club that considered this project. This money will provide 254 new stoves for communities in Central America. The company that builds the stoves will be owned by a local craftsman. The building of those stoves will provide jobs for many people in the local community where they will be used. Once a stove is installed in a home, the amount of black carbon smoke in the building decreases to nearly nothing, making it safer to breathe for the women and children in the home. There will no longer be an open fire where a child or woman can get burned if they trip and fall. The necessity to search for firewood decreases by at least half, enabling the children to spend more time in school, and saves some deforestation. The benefits are many.



If your club considered this project but didn't respond previously, there is still time. Just make your contributions out to StoveTeam International and mail them to me at: Janet Tenreiro, 4069 Whitetail Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424. I would like to be able to credit your club when I send in this Project to Rotary International. StoveTeam's innovative model for launching local projects in Latin America has been awarded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Partnership for Clean Indoor Air Award for Developing Local Markets for creating local employment while improving health and reducing air pollution. To date, local projects started by StoveTeam in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Mexico have produced more than 78,000 stoves, improving the lives of more than half a million people and preventing nearly one million tons of CO2 from entering the atmosphere.



COVID UPDATE:

KNOW YOUR COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL

March 10, 2022

PDG DAVE HANNAN

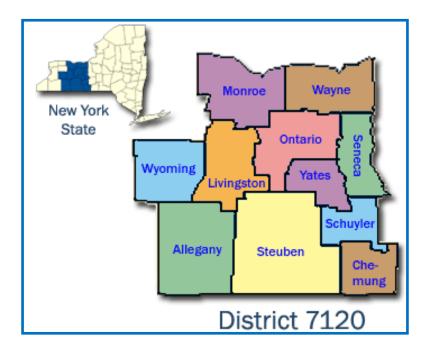
There has been a marked reduction in the incidence of COVID-19 infections throughout the country. Governor Hochul has rescinded the mandate for masks in most venues affecting Rotary club meetings, fund raisers, and service projects. The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created 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

As of March 4, 2022, the 4 westernmost counties in District 7120 (MONROE, WYOMING, LIVINGSTON, and ALLEGANY) have a LOW level of infection in the community. For these communities, the CDC recommends staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and getting tested if you have symptoms.

The 7 easternmost counties (WAYNE, ONTARIO, SENECA, YATES, STEUBEN, SCHUYLER, and CHEMUNG) have a MEDIUM level of infection. For these communities, the CDC recommends that those at high risk for severe illness talk with their healthcare provider about the need for wearing a mask and taking other precautions, in addition to staying 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!





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 tac 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 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@potsdamrotary.org.

Thank You.

Submitted by DG Janet



Contact Person _



Crite	eria for the 2021-22 Literacy Recognition
Them	e: How Can Rotary Energize Literacy
	EGORIES: IDEAS / SUGGESTIONS 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

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 YOU 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)

See Next Page for additional information

Rotary District 7120 Training Assembly

April 9, 2022

Honeoye Central School

The Honeoye Lake Rotary Club is pleased and honored to host the District 7120 Training Assembly on April 9, 2022, at Honeoye Central School, 8528 Main St., Honeoye. This letter serves as an invitation to all the clubs in District 7120 to register their members for this training event. This half day event includes breakout sessions for new or experienced Rotarians, club officers, and all those interested in more information and involvement in Rotary.

For the DTA, it is the expectation that clubs with less than 20 members are assessed for 3 members at \$15.00 per person and, clubs with 20 or more members are assessed for 6 members at \$15.00 per person. Each additional registrant from a club will also pay \$15.00. The registration fee includes all programming as well as a light breakfast and a boxed lunch. The boxed lunch can be enjoyed on site with the fellowship of other Rotarians or taken to eat on your drive home.

Please complete the registration form as a club attaching additional pages as needed.

Registration deadline is Friday, March 18. The registration process will not be deemed complete until forms and club checks have been received from your club and all clubs.

<u>Auction Basket</u> Each club is requested to donate an Auction basket with a minimum value of \$25. For further information about the basket raffle and to let us know what your basket will contain please contact Honeoye Rotarian Linda Zukaitis at 585-737-3572 or lzukaitis@rochester.rr.com.

<u>50/50 Raffle</u> The proceeds from this raffle will directly benefit the numerous charitable causes and activities of the Honeoye Lake Club. The winner will be drawn during the closing session.

Advertisements In The Program We are offering advertising spaces in the program and hope your club or members utilize these spots to highlight your club's events or activities and the businesses of individual Rotarians. Prices are - quarter page \$25, half page \$50 and full page \$100. Ads must be submitted by February 28. For further information contact Honeoye Rotarian Jeanette Owejan at 585-775-6107 or jeanette.owejan@gmail.com.

Please wear your club nametag if you have one. Blank ones will be available if needed.

We look forward to seeing you at this event. For any further questions please contact Honeoye Rotarian Marilyn Passer at (Home) 585-229-5474; (Cell) 585-314-4833; or MIPPT@hotmail.com.



<u>Registration</u>

Rotary District 7120 Training Assembly

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Honeoye Central School 8528 Main Street, Honeoye NY 14471 (School entrance is around the corner on Allens Hill Rd.)

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Member Name Current Club Position Years in Rotary New Member (yes/no)				

Please Note:

- Registration deadline is March 18, 2022
- Each Rotary Club is asked to donate one auction basket. Suggested minimum value is \$25. Proceeds will be used to offset extra costs in hosting the assembly.
- Registration & breakfast will be 8:00 8:45. Program begins promptly at 9:00.
- Registration questions, contact Marilyn Passer
 585-229-5474; 585-314-4833; MJPPT@hotmail.com
- Please mail completed registration form(s) with your club check payable to Honeoye Lake Rotary Club by March 18 to:

Marilyn Passer

P.O. Box 668, Honeoye, NY 14471

Thank you for your support!! We look forward to Rotary fellowship with you!

Have you registered yet? District Training Assembly!!!

If you haven't yet, check out the schedule below and see if there is/are breakout session(s) that would interest you. In addition, this is our first time in a while to socialize IN-PERSON with our fellow Rotarians!!!

Won't You Join Us!

See you there!!!! From PDG Norma, District Trainer





Facilitator/Presenter

District 7120

District Training Assembly Saturday, April 9, 2022 Honeoye Central School 8528 Main Street, Honeoye

Order of the Day:

8:00 a.m 8:45 a.m.	Registration & Light Breakfast
8:45 a.m 9:00 a.m.	Transfer time
9:00 a.m 9:30 a.m.	Opening General Session
9:30 a.m 9:40 a.m.	Transfer time
9:40 a.m 10:25 a.m.	First Breakout Session
10:25 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Transfer time/BREAK
10:40 a.m 11:25 a.m.	Second Breakout Session
11:25 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Transfer time
11:35 a.m 12:20 p.m.	Third Breakout Session
12:20 p.m 12:30 p.m.	Transfer time
12:30 p.m 12:50 p.m.	Closing General Session
12:50	Lunch - Eat in or Take away
	& Fellowships

Brief Description

Breakout Session

Topics

Topics	Bilei Description	racilitator/Fresenter
2021-2022 Club Presidents	How is Your Year Going?	DG Janet Tenreiro
Club Presidents-Elect - 2022-2023	Are We Ready? 2022-2023 Plans, Goals, etc.	DGE Ralph Brandt
Club President Nominees	Too Early to Plan? Come and Find Out.	DGN Julie Carney
The Rotary Foundation Your Club's Role: "Doing Good in the World" PDG Dave Hannan 2 sessions (repeat)		Dave Hannan
Polio Eradication	Your Club's Role: "Getting to Zero"	PDG Dave Hannan
Public Image	Your Club's Public Image! How To Enhance It? 2 sessions	Tom Brown, District PI Chair
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	How DEI started, where it is now, & PDG I	inda Kohl

the benefits of pursuing DEI within Rotary Clubs.



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	District DEI Initiatives- where are we? Where are we going?	Dr. Sim Covington
Membership Session #1	You and the Rotary World: What are the less talked about facets of Rotary?	John French
Membership Session #2	Successfully Grow Your Club: Key attributes of clubs that have grown and how they grew their club.	Don Cicchinno Dave Irwin
Membership Session #3	Attracting Younger members	Alison Schmitt
Club Secretary Training District	Basic secretary duties, using Clubrunner and Rotary Club Central	Marc Kreuser, Asst. Executive Secretary,
Club Treasurer Training	Treasurer's Basic Duties" The ABCs & More Accounts, Budget, Cash, Reports, Audit, etc.	Galen Powers
Club Committees	Club Committees-Role, Duties & Responsibilities 2 sessions (repeat)	DG Janet Tenreiro
Club Board	Club Board-Role, Duties & Responsibilities	PDG Scott MacDonell
Strategic Planning	Removing the "fear" of Strategic Planning 3 sessions (repeat)	PDG Bill Gormont
Rotary Basics	Enhance, enrich your Rotary knowledge! New or long-term members are welcome! 2 sessions (repeat)	Bridgette Stewart, AG Jim Dickson, AG
Youth Exchange Program	Come and hear the "new" or updated information on the Youth Exchange Program Larry 2 sessions (repeat)	Nancy Loughlin, Evarts, Dan Cole
Rotaract	Why Rotaract? From Two Perspectives: the Rotaract Club members and Rotary Clubs	Stephanie Hesler & selected Rotaract
Service Projects	Bath Rotary Club Serving its Community and Changing Lives. Bath Rotary and a surprise partner presenting!	members Amanda Chafee Nancy Latour





Earth Day is Friday, April 22, 2022

Our District cleanup will be

Saturday, April 23

Save the date!

Stay tuned for registration details!





Enter Your Club in District 7120 Contests & Awards

FACEBOOK CONTEST WEBSITE CONTEST



It's easy AND simple. Check out the criteria for the contest and make your website or Facebook presence a better experience for your next digital visitor.

Details for each contest can be found at:

https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/awards-contests



Club Achievement Awards NOMINATION FORM

Title of Project:	
Avenue of Service	e: (you MUST circle or underline the one and only one that best applies to the project listed)
	If no Avenue is circled, the project will be disqualified.

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

Projects must be completed between July 1, 2021 and March 28, 2022.

You may submit only one project per category. You may not submit any winning project submitted previously.

Club Service Community Service Vocational Service International Service Youth Services

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

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1.	Give a brief description of the project.	
2.	Who and how many benefited from the Project?	
3.	Describe how the Club found out about this Project. What actions did the members t accomplish this Project, besides raising funds for the project?	cake to
4.	How many Club Members were involved in the non-fund-raising activities related to accomplishment of the Project?	the
5.	Was there community involvement? Describe the type of community involvement.	
6.	When was the Project completed and how much did the Project cost?	
Pre	epared/submitted by:	
Ro	tarian's name/Office held (if officer)	Date

NOTE:

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

You may send your submissions/nominations via e-mail: ellenhughes13-14@rochester.rr.com no later than

5: 00 pm March 28.

Or you may send your nominations via regular mail postmarked No Later Than March 25 to:

Ellen Hughes

2461 Brewer Rd.

Waterloo, NY 13165

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







Lake Ontario Event & Conference Center

Each person attending needs to register and pay separately.

Registration price increases after March 31st



DISTRICT 7120 CHANGEOVER DINNER

SAVE THE DATE June 30 2022

Adirondack Room at King's Catering & Party House Canandaigua NY

BBQ with all the fixings
Cash bar
Rotary Casual attire
Cost only \$55 per person

Reservation
information
will be
posted on
District website soon.





Rotary Position Statement on COVID-19 vaccination:

As the first organization to envision a polio-free world through mass immunization of children, Rotary believes the decision to vaccinate is a humanitarian imperative based in scientific evidence. While we acknowledge and respect our members' divergent religious, cultural, and political beliefs, The Rotary International Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees take the following positions:

Global vaccination is critical to ending the pandemic, and we strongly encourage vaccination for all individuals, including our members.

Misinformation hinders the fight against COVID-2o, and we are committed to providing our members with science-based information.

Rotary is engaged in ensuring equity in vaccine access to all people. Through joint efforts with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, we are leveraging our frontline experience with polio to facilitate vaccine delivery.

Rotary salutes health care workers everywhere as clinical and hospital staff, public health workers, and long-term care providers continue to deliver lifesaving services. We encourage clubs to offer recognition and encouragement to these heroes.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to redouble their efforts to support COVID-19 prevention and vaccination efforts.

As one of the greatest advances of modern medicine, vaccines have eliminated or controlled numerous diseases such as polio, smallpox, measles, and Ebola, and save millions of lives each year. COVID-19 vaccines have proven to be safe and effective at helping protect against severe disease and death from the novel coronavirus, including known circulating variants.

The eradication of polio remains the goal of the highest order for Rotary. We can continue to apply the lessons we learned in fighting polio to COVID-19 response efforts.

Submitted by DG Janet Tenreiro





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





Dansville Rotary

In celebration of our 100th year anniversary this year, we are celebrating those who support our club. We are choosing 2 businesses to spotlight as our Businesses of the Month. This month LMC Industrial Contractors and Jack's Place Gaslight Grill are being recognized for there dedicated support in helping our club serve our community, local and international.

Submitted by Jennifer Howe





Newark Rotary Corporate Member

The Newark Club's latest corporate member, Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, is also Wayne County's largest employer.



This membership will allow the hospital gain access to the fellowship and service opportunities of Rotary and help the club as well.

Submitted by John Zornow

Photo: Melissa Corriea, President of the Newark club welcomes Newark Wayne's representatives Christi Rollo and Maura Snyder.





Avon Rotary Service Project for the Veterans Outreach Center



Marianne Sernoffsky, Supportive Services Manager at Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. with President Tom Vonglis

February 22: Avon Rotary was joined by Marianne Sernoffsky the Supportive Services Manager from Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. Marianne gave a presentation on how their organization provides assistance to long time Veterans, aging Veterans, those who have just retired from service, and to homeless Veterans. Additionally, our members and guests put together backpacks with office supplies, personal care items, snacks, etc to donate to the VOC's career development programs. We were also, due to the donation of several of these supplies, able to donate an additional \$250 to VOC to help them in their mission. Thank you to VOC for all they do and thank you to all our veterans and their families for the sacrifices they've made for all of us. Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media



Many thanks to Jake Ayers for arranging the project and donating the backpacks and supplies. Tom Honan with Wegmans, donated food items for the Center. Helping set up are Tom's daughters Kate, Evie and Emmy.



Rotarians lined up to fill each backpack for the career development programs. Once again, many generous Club Members donated vital items for the Center. We filled bags and boxes with a variety of personal care items. At the end of the evening, everyone helped fill Marianne's car.

Coats 4 Kids Winter Service Project

December: I am happy to share that Avon Rotary was able to donate over 40 coats to our Coats 4 Kids drive. In a little over a month we were able to provide an essential winter item to families in need. Thank you to all who participated. When we arrived at Catholic Charities to drop off the donation, they were thrilled to see what our community was able to achieve and so thankful to have our support.

Submitted by: Katie DeGraff, Project Lead



Canandaigua Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellowships

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently awarded Paul Harris Fellowships to two of its members. Judi Gorenflo received her first pin and Clark Kurtz received his PH +3 pin.

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



Pictured are Club President Mike Schiller, Clark Kurtz, and District Governor Janet Tenreiro



Pictured are Club President Mike Schiller, Judi, and District Governor Janet Tenreiro

Pal-Mac Rotary

Our Pal-Mac club serves the communities of Palmyra and Macedon, and surrounding areas. In February we made contributions to the libraries of both Palmyra and Macedon.

We also supported the Palmyra Food Pantry. Our president, Bob Sloan, loves to give our money to worthy entities also involved in serving others! Just look at that smile!! Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Patricia Baynes, Palmyra Librarian, receives a donation.



Stacy Wicksall, Macedon Librarian, accepts a check.



Dave Nagle, Palmyra Food Pantry, is given a contribution.



Canandaigua and Red Jacket Rotary Club's Team Work Pays Off

Rotarians from the Canandaigua and Red Jacket Clubs collected items for the K-6th grade BOCES program along with cardboard boxes at the Canandaigua National Bank local offices. Items were collected during the month of February and ranged from easy prep foods to clothing to personal items.

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



Pictured above are some of the Canandaigua Rotary Club's members and several tables of items collected and ready for boxing up.



Pictured Left: from the Red Jacket Club are President Brad Williams, Don Collins, and Mae Schweikhard:



Canandaigua Rotary Inducts New Member

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Doug Merrill was inducted. He retired from RIT biomedical sciences following 40 years of instruction. All students who were entering a medical school or any other medical profession usually passed one of Doug's classes. He is also a Director for the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association Board. Doug has been married to Rochester Judge Debra Martin for forty years. They have two grown children, and four plus grandchildren.

Pictured are Club President Mike Schiller, Doug Merrill, Sponsor Ellen Polimeni, Mark Sheppard, and Donna Cator.

Submitted by Jack Kellogg





VICTOR FARMINGTON ROTARY SUPPORTS UGANDA LIBRARY & LITERACY EFFORT

The Victor – Farmington Community Library recently contacted the V-F Rotary club for assistance in a project to construct a new library in Nansana, Uganda. The library had been collaborating with several donors in a project to construct a new library for the city of Nansana, Uganda.

An anonymous Victor resident provided the funding to build the library. Colins Alinaitwe, a Uganda citizen residing in Lima, NY, organized volunteer efforts for securing books.

Colins wanted to honor the memory of his late brother and sister-in-law who died in an auto accident in Uganda in 2020. They left two young sons. Colins wanted to provide his nephews, and all the children of Nansana, the opportunity to learn to read and write. He intends to return to Uganda after he has completed the project. One half of the Ugandan population are under age 16 and many are orphans. Colins noted that libraries are scarce in Uganda and literacy is a key concern.

Volunteer efforts secured 22,000 books for the new library. The project needed additional funds to purchase shipping cartons. The V-F Library reached out to the V-F Rotary club for assistance. The club provided the remaining funds to successfully complete the project.

The club donated the monies in honor of John Rugg, a Rotarian dedicated to Rotary youth projects. John was a former educator and member of the Rotary Club of Whitney Point, NY. John was a fifty-year member and Past President of that club. John and his spouse of 65 years, Ellie, moved to Farmington in 2013. John joined the Victor – Farmington club. John and Ellie participated in

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PRESENTATION OF FUNDS IN JOHN RUGGS'S MEMORY – L TO R – STANDING: V-F Club President Bruce Chapman, Project Director Colins Alinatwe, VF Rotarians Judy Luitweiler, Bev Rosbrook, Jim Crane and Dave Luitweiler Seated – Ellie Ruggs, and V-F Library staff Jessica Pritchard and Library Director Tim Niver.

numerous club service projects, including several club literacy projects in partnership with the Victor – Farmington Library. John passed away in 2021, shortly before his 90th birthday.

In early March, a delegation from the club, including John's spouse Ellie, presented a check to the Ugandan library project in John's memory to cover the balance of funds necessary for the shipping cartons. They hope to ship the books in March.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

Attached is a second picture – I took this in 2017 at our club's 50th anniversary. John and Ellie were involved in virtually every club project.

They were married 65 years and started educational careers in Williamson. (Wayne Co) before relocating to Whitney Point.

Ellie resides in Farmington and we all love her, dearly.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Geneseo Rotary



Committee hosted their annual bowling event at Livingston Lanes. This event welcomes families living in subsidized housing around the area to participate in a fun, family friendly event.

Children ages 3-16 enjoyed 2 games of bowling sponsored by

On Tuesday (2/22) afternoon, Geneseo Rotary's Good Neighbor

Children ages 3-16 enjoyed 2 games of bowling sponsored by Geneseo Rotary and a pizza dinner sponsored by the local Salvation Army chapter. In total, there were 43 participants from approximately a dozen families.

Members of the Geneseo Rotary club were on hand to serve pizza and drinks, welcome our guests and get them settled, and assist children with bowling. For a few children, it was their first time bowling. Fun was had by all!

Geneseo Rotary's Good Neighbor Committee hosts 3-4 events a year, including a free Zoomobile to the Highlands apartment complex, Christmas caroling at local complexes with Santa Claus, and a Fall Festival at Deer Run winery. Our next event will involve a visit to Hemlock Hills Alpaca Farm and a picnic on the shores of Hemlock Lake on June 4th.

Article by Paul Kreher Photos by Louise Wadsworth Submitted by Marilyn Lyon





Victor-Farmington Rotary

The Victor-Farmington Rotary Club continued an annual tradition of supporting the Monsignor Schnacky Community Players, a community theater group involving several Rotarians, by attending a fun-filled night at the group's 2022 production of The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux in mid-February. V-F Rotarian Bruce Chapman and Bloomfield Rotarian Travis Piper once again had prominent roles in the cast. All productions of the group are held at the St. Catherine of Sienna Church Hall in Mendon. Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Cast & Crew of The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux – can you pick out the Rotarians? (with permission of Travis Piper – MSCP)



TMB – L to R - Post performance – Rotarians Travis Piper (Bloomfield Rotary), Mary Green & Bruce Chapman



Rotary group – L to R – Mary Green (Canandaigua Rotary), Bev Rosbrook (VFR), Kim Yourch (BVR), Judy Luitweiler (VFR), Galen Powers (VFR), Bruce Chapman (VFR), and Vern Hecker (Red Jacket Rotary)



Dundee Rotary Inducts New Member

Dundee Rotary Club welcomed new member Keven Oliver on December 8, 2021. Kevin, a retired teacher, is a graduate of Dundee Central School, who has returned to Dundee after living and working in California for many years. Kevin is also a member of the Milly's Pantry and Clinton Crest/Penn Yan Manor Boards of Directors.

Kevin's interests include taking care of his Victorian home in Dundee, traveling, and providing estate appraisals and estate sale services.



Pictured here are (L) Walt Verdi who performed the induction ceremony, (C)President Bill McIlvride and (R) Kevin Oliver. Submitted by

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Canandaigua Rotary Receives Recognition

The Canandaigua Rotary Club was recently given a plaque of recognition and appreciation for its contributions of their sponsorship. The Club's donation was in-part from money raised by the Club from the Sonnenberg Garden's Bumpers and Banjos last August.

Submitted by Jack Kellogg





Canandaigua Rotary Honors 2 with Paul Harris Fellowships

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently honored two members with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowships. Preston Pierce received his Plus 2 pin, and Ellen Polimeni received her Plus 5 pin.

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



Pictured are Past President Lynn Holcomb and Preston Pierce:



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Dansville Rotary

Dansville Rotary presented 2021 Scholarship wards to Bethany Wadsworth and Savanah Burley, after completing their first semester of college. pictured are Bethany Wadsworth, Member, Barb Frazer, President Amy Pollard and Savanah Burley.

Submitted by Jennifer Howe





Above: Rotarians Dick Dubois and Joy Perry getting ready to pack cupcakes.

Elmira Rotary Shares Some Love

Elmira Rotarians wanted to do something to show our adopted Diven Elementary School teachers and staff how much they are appreciated. The challenges these people have faced these past few years have been extraordinary and we wanted to do something to show we cared! As we were brainstorming possibilities of what we might do, one of our Rotarians, Katie Boland, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels suggested that their bakery could make special cupcakes for Valentine's Day. We all knew in a minute that was a perfect idea! Elmira Rotary purchased enough cupcakes to provide each teacher and staff person with a box of three cupcakes. We packed and delivered them on February 11th. They were a HUGE hit!



Above: Two of Diven's happy recipients!



Above: Far left, Rotarian Joy Perry, Diven School Principal Jo Legare, Rotarian Katie Boland, Assistant Principal Keary Miller



Elmira Rotary Tasty Tuesday at Diven School







During the week of February 7-11 teachers at Diven Elementary were emphasizing healthy choices that make happy children. They asked Elmira Rotary to support "Tasty Tuesday" where they introduced the children to a healthy snack of hummus and crackers. Elmira Rotary readily agreed to purchase and deliver crackers and hummus for all students. The unofficial poll indicated that 54% of the students liked this snack and 46% were unsure. Submitted by Laurie Liberatore

Elmira Heights Rotary Club honored a past Rotarian for his One Hundredth birthday.

Joseph Along was a long time Secretary and Treasurer of The Elmira Heights Rotary club until he retired and resigned from the club as he aged.

Joe has remained in fair health and continues to keep in touch with our club and our activities. He was unable to come to our meeting for the award.

Club Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Mahendra Shah and Past club President John Kohena went to his home and awarded Joe a Paul Harris plus two pin for his services to our club and the community over the years.

Submitted by: Mahendra Shah



Dundee Rotary Inducts New Member

Dundee Central School Superintendent, Christopher Barnard, was inducted into the Dundee Rotary Club on February 2, 2022. Chris grew up in Geneva, where his parents still live. Chris states that his primary focus is always on his wife and two children and that he feels privileged to be serving the Dundee area community in his capacity as Superintendent. Chris's family currently lives in the Perinton area, but they are looking to re-locate closer to Dundee.

The Dundee Rotary welcomes new member, Chris Barnard. Pictured here is Chris (L) and his Rotary sponsor, Rob Neu (R). Submitted by Lauren Snyder





Watkins-Montour Rotary

The Watkins-Montour Rotary Club had an eventful meeting on February 17th! The Club honored two students from the Odessa-Montour School District, after a pandemic-related 2 year hiatus from the popular Student of the Month program. Senior Camille Sgrecci will be attending Lycoming College. Although still undecided, senior Adian Thurston has been accepted to Glascow University, Scotland.

The Club also welcomed two new members, Fonda Chronis and David Kimble. Fonda is the newly-appointed Schuyler County Administrator and David is a Registered Nurse and Infection Control specialist.



The Club then heard from Reverend Mike Kelly, who spoke to the group about his role as Chaplain for the Schuyler County Sherriff's office, serving not just law enforcement officers and their families in Schuyler County, but also in Steuben, Tompkins and beyond.

Rev. Kelly currently serves the Montour Falls, Odessa-Catharine, and Beaver Dams United Methodist Churches, and hold numerous roles within the Mountain View District of NY.

Submitted by Emily Peckham



Dundee Rotary Honors February Student of the Month

Dundee Rotary honored February's Senior High Student of the Month, Gabe Dillon, at the February 16th Club meeting. Gabe was selected for the award for exemplifying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". Principal Chris Arnold who accompanied Gabe to the ceremony, also spoke of Gabe's broad range of musical talents. Gabe, the son of Josh and Bonnie Dillon, explained that he hopes to be a music teacher one day. Pictured (L) Chris Arnold, Dundee Central School Jr/Senior High Principal, (C) Gabe Dillon, (R) Rob Neu, Rotary member and DCS Board of Education President. Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Canandaigua Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellowship

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Kim Tenreiro was honored with his Paul Harris Plus 8 pin. Yes, he is the same guy that has also raised much money through his one-man performances of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol.



Pictured are Club President Mike Schiller and Kim Tenreiro.

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY CLUB'S BOOKS AND FOOD PROJECTS

The Honeoye Lake Rotary Club maintains its commitment to the community even over the snowy winter months. We resurrected our blue bookshelves thanks to the work of our newest member, Rhonda Hirschler. A wooden shelf that is filled with books for all ages can now be found in the local laundromat. Next to it is a table of magazines that will interest a variety of readers. These items have been donated by Rotarians and community members. "Customers" can read these while waiting for their laundry, take books home to read and return them or take them home for their personal libraries.

The shelf will be monitored weekly and we welcome donations. They can be dropped off next to the shelf at the laundromat or we can make arrangements for pickup.

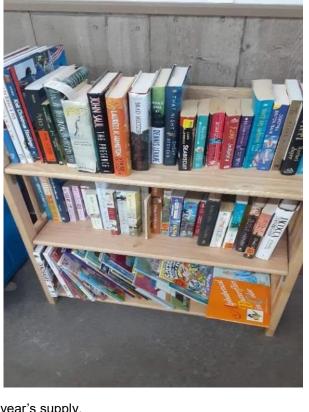
Look for another shelf to pop up at another location in town soon.

In keeping with our goal to increase literacy in the Honeoye Lake community we are continuing our "Gift Book a Month" program. Our February fun occurred February 16th and 17th when Elaine Akroyd -Kelly, Sandy Hubble and Jerry and Marilyn Passer hosted the selection sessions with our elementary students. The books were well received and selections were made very quickly.

Books at all levels and varieties were available for the students to chose from and we will continue to carry out this project again next year. We have added to our stash so to be sure we finish this

school year with flying colors and have already begun ordering next year's supply.





Reading is good for the soul and food is great for the body so we have extended our "Vittles for Vacation" community service project. Once again 20 tote bags filled with snacks and easy to prepare meals were delivered to the high school for students who generally participate in the free breakfast and lunch program to ensure they had some goodies to satisfy their hunger over February break. This activity had usually taken place in December and June but thanks to our members and their generous Happy Dollars, we are able to add February and April breaks to our work.

Thanks to Rotarians Sandy Hubble and Linda Evenski for making sure the tote bags were filled and delivered to school. Once delivered school nurse Mary Beth Tonkery made sure the tote bags were issued to students in time for the February recess.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Crisis in Myanmar too!



As we witness a humanitarian crisis in Ukraine with refugees welcomed into surrounding countries with open arms, a similar crisis has existed in Myanmar (formerly Burma) since February 1st of last year when a military coup (funded by Vladamir Putin) burned villages driving people to the borders of surrounding countries. People in Chin state fled to the border with India, but the Indian government does not recognize these refugees. They are living along the border in the mountains and forests, desperately in need of food.

Rochester Northwest Rotary Club along with the United Nations Association of Rochester is raising money to support *Health and Hope UK, a British*

non-profit with a long presence in Myanmar supporting the people in many of Rotary's Areas of Focus. Today the critical need is food. The Rotary Club of Azawl (Mizoram state) India is purchasing rice that H&H delivers to the refugee camps.



Won't you or your Rotary Club make a donation tday? At www.food4myanmar.org. Contact Paul Minor (minorarch@aol.com) to arrange a program for your Rotary Club. Submitted by Paul Minor

Newark Rotary

Recently, PDG Dave Hannan presented two Paul Harris recognitions to members of his Newark club. Dave Doebler received the PHF +2 and Linda Werts received a PHF +6.

The club was reminded that Paul Harris recognitions may be awarded for service work at Rotary as well as the community.

Submitted by John Zornow





Photo: Dave Doebler, Linda Werts, Dave Hannan



V-F Rotary Club New Member Induction

March 9th induction of Marcy Mitchell as a new member of Victor – Farmington Rotary Club

Dave Luitweiler

L to R: DG Janet Tenreiro, new Rotarian Marcy Mitchell - a representative of Reliant Credit Union, Club President Bruce Chapman



CAMPERS GET READY FOR HACCAMO 2022, AN ANNUAL RITUAL IN ROCHESTER IS BACK FOR ANOTHER GREAT SUMMER

Do you have families and friends looking for a free and fun overnight social opportunity for youth and young adults with disabilities? If so, there's still time to register to be a camper at Camp Haccamo.

Camp Haccamo has officially opened registration for 2022 summer dates: July 25-29, for ages 7 to 18, and August 1-5, for adults ages 19 to 30. Families interested can register online at https://www.camphaccamo.org/applications.



As you know, Haccamo is a truly unique experience offering an opportunity for hundreds of children and young adults with different abilities to live, play, and grow together.

With a mission to provide a safe, fun-filled experience for children and young adults with special needs, respite for families and personal/professional growth for counselors, Camp Haccamo is a place where individuals are welcomed and embraced for who they are. It's also the only camp in our area that serves adults, ages 19-30.

No one can do what Camp Haccamo does, so please spread the word!

Camp Haccamo is supported by 13 dedicated Rotary Clubs: Brighton, Brockport, Fairport, Gates Chili, Hilton, Honeoye Falls-Mendon, Irondequoit, Monroe South, Penfield, Pittsford, Rush Henrietta, Spencerport, and Webster. Learn more at www.camphaccamo.org/support-haccamo. Please click here to make an online contribution https://www.camphaccamo.org/support-haccamo.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Geneva Rotary Club

The Geneva Rotary Club presented Rotary's highest honor, the Paul Harris Fellow Award, to Genevan Lucile Mallard (second from left) at its meeting Feb. 23 at Bella's Sicilian Ristorante. Lucile Mallard has been active in the Geneva Chapter of the NAACP for more than 30 years and also has been involved in numerous community projects. Taking part in the ceremony were (left to right) Rotary Paul Harris Committee Chairman Jim Dickson, Club President Stephanie Hesler and Past District Governor Tom Rogers. Geneva Rotary meets every Wednesday at noon at Bella's. Guests are welcome.

The Geneva Rotary Club hosted the Geneva Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Wednesday evening, March 9, at Bella's Sicilian Ristorante in Geneva. The chamber has a Business After Hours mixer every month at various Geneva businesses. Bella's is where Geneva Rotary has their weekly meetings.

Submitted by Philip Beckley Photo by Neil Sjoblom











Strategic Planning to Plan for Future Success for Fairport Rotary

"Failing to plan is planning to fail," – Benjamin Franklin. Fairport Rotary is taking the steps to plan for future success through the guidance of our District Strategic Planning committee. As a club, we've completed a Club Health Survey and then worked together to do "SWOT" (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threat) analyses in 5 categories: Business and Operations, Club Experience, Service and Social, Members, and Image. The collaborative energy in the room was uplifting! And we're not done yet; a subgroup of our club will join together on March 12th to participate in the workshop to review the results of the SWOT analysis and develop a strategic plan to make us one of the premier Rotary clubs in Rotary District 7120.

Welcoming our newest club member, Dr. Tanya Wilson-Thevanesan!

Welcomed by President John Hall, her mentor Becky Wilson, and her new family of Club members, Tanya was inducted into the Fairport Rotary Club on November 29,2021.

Dispelling the thoughts of some members receiving free advice for aches and pains, Tanya commented, "My Doctorate is in the Educational Field, not Medical".

Her duties at Fairport High School as Deputy Superintendent of School Improvement and Community Involvement, keep her busy during a typical day that starts at 5AM, with "mom duties" she says, stopping to



leave one at day care, and another at a high school, before beginning the thirty-minute drive to Fairport, where she arrives at 8AM, in time to get some work done before the meetings start. Eight to fourteen hours later, she is on her way home.

Where else can a person of this caliber find a place to belong, but to the Fairport Rotary Club...welcome Tanya

Submitted by Megan Rinaudo



In the Friday, February 18, 2022 edition of the Genesee Valley Penny Saver, Webster Rotarian Rich Comins was highlighted and interviewed for all of his efforts surrounding the Crutches 4 Africa program. Crutches 4 Africa collects mobility devices to help deliver them to those in need all over the world. Mobility devices include wheelchairs, crutches, canes, and walkers. If you are interested in collecting mobility devices in your local community, we encourage you to visit www.crutches4africa.org or contact Rich by email at <u>richecomins@gmail.com</u> or by phone at 585-899-9336. Submitted by Joe Corona

From Webster to Africa & Beyond

Crutches

Atrica

ich Comins of Webster, NY, is a quiet man with salt and pepper hair and a twinkle in his eye. He has made friends and changed lives on Nevery continent, except perhaps Antarctica. Rich is a small but mighty link in a chain of Rotarians that deliver 'mobility devices' all around the world. What's a mobility device? Examples include crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, leg braces, baby joggers and strollers, bike strollers, and prosthetic limbs. Rich collects these items for distribution overseas, at no cost to the recipient, through an organization called Crutches 4 Africa, whose mission is to "Collect, ship and distribute

Now if you've visited Hegedorn's Market in Webster, you might have noticed a large plastic barrel near the store's main entrance. On that barrel is a sign "CRUT'CHES 4 AFRICA." Maybe you've seen a couple of pairs of crutches, or a walker or two in the bin, ready to travel. Here's

The whole Crutches 4 Africa operation was started by David Talbot of Boulder, Colorado. Talbot endured polio as a child. He recovered, after surgery and much rehabilitation and exercise. Although he became an athlete in high school and college, he always remembered that painful illness.

Dave traveled internationally, and as he traveled, he realized, as many travelers do, that Americans enjoyed so much. It's scandalous what we throw away. Dave saw a need, especially in Africa. and took action to make a difference. Medical mobility equipment was, and continues to be, in great demand to improve the lives of so many people with temporary or lifelong disabilities as well as many victims of accidents or war or illness.

In 2018, Rich Comins attended an International Rotary conference in Toronto. Rich and Talbot met, and a series of conversations ensued. The next thing you know, as Rich tells the story, "Phil Smith visited the Webster chapter and presented an informational program about Crutches 4 Africa. The Ontario and Walworth clubs had already begun because of the discussion between Mark Wyse and myself in Toronto. I later presented to the Greece Rotary where Btll & Helen Gormont joined in the cause."

All agreed this was a worthwhile project. They began collecting, storing, and shipping a wide array of mobility devices all around the world. In addition to the African continent, equipment has now been shipped to Mexico and Mongolta, El Salvador, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, Thailand, Guatemala, and even Christmas Island. Merry Christmas, Christmas Islanders!

Donations come from individuals nursing homes, loan closets, hospitals, and other organizations with access to "used but usable" mobility devices. The items are inspected first, and minor repairs are made if necessary, before the devices are bundled and

batched for shipment overseas. This involves the work of many hands, and a periodic run across the PA border with a trailer full of donations. Shipping containers are then procured, and the items are delivered to

Importantly, according to Rich, "the equipment is never given to a government; ttems go directly to individuals in need, and always free of charge." How many? "Over 171,000 ttems shipped (and lives changed)!" according to their website. When winter releases her tcy grtp, and shipping containers become available (right now, they're at a premium), three containers worth are ready to go. "Hopefully we'll make shipments this April, May, and June," said Rich.

Rich also passed along the following tips for those wishing to

1. Don't toss; DONATE, please! Your donation will change a life

2. "Used but Usable" equipment only please; minor repairs are OK.

cash contributions.

Additionally, if a

3. No electric scooters, please. The infrastructure elsewhere is not what we have at home. 4. Free pick up is available for larger donations of equipment.

Aside from donations of equipment, Crutches 4 Africa welcomes

generous neighbor nearby has a storage avatlable. Crutches 4 Africa would greatly appreciate the use of tt. Ideally, such a space would be 400 sq. ft. or larger, secure, accessible, and safe from the weather (no leaks). As a 501(c)(3) organization, receipts for donations are available to donors. Crutches 4 Africa is responsible for so many stories, so many lives

touched and improved, all thanks to a brilliant idea, teamwork, and dedication. Please consider joining this international team.

Those wishing to donate may call Rich Comins at (585) 899-9336 or email him at richecomins@gmail.com. To make a cash donation, read about the organization's history, and view recipient testimonials check out the Crutches 4 Africa at www.crutches4africa.org.

Enjoy this article? Check out this week's other great stories online at www.gvpennysaver.com:

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Crutches 4 Africa helps children like this young boy stay mobile!

In addition to

the African continent.

equipment has now

been shipped to

Mexico and Mongolia,

El Salvador, Vietnam.

Cambodia, India,

Thailand, Guatemala,

and even Christmas

Island



David Talbot with joyful child



DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

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.

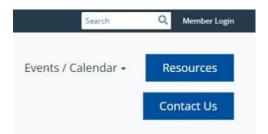
2) If your club does not use Club Runner, go to the District Home Page: https://rotary7120.org/

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**











1st Annual



Bowl-a-thon 9=X Fundraiser

SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2022 Rose Bowl Lanes 725 W. Miller St. Newark, NY 14513

12pm REGISTRATION**1:00PM BOWL

TEAM NAME:
BOWLER 1
BOWLER 2
BOWLER 3
BOWLER 4

\$50 PER PERSON INCLUDES 3 GAMES OF NO TAP, PIZZA & SODA

Please send completed entry form to: Rose Bowl Lanes 725 W. Miller St Newark, NY 14513 C/O Chrissie

PIZZA, SODA, GREAT RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 & MORE



Our Annual Seneca Falls Rotary

Chocolate Extravaganza
with a
Splash of Wine and a Dash of Art

Chocolate Tastings
Wine Tastings ~ Chocolate Contest
A Chocolate Lover's Paradise

Saturday, March 26h~ 4 pm to 7 pm
\$20 per person

Waterloo Quality Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn)

Walk-ins Welcome!!



French Cooking with Chef Jane Russell



Sunday March 27, 2022 4:00 pm

Virtual Cooking Class: French Classics

Salad of
French Greens
Quiche Lorraine
Beef Bourguignon
or Coq au Vin
Herbed Rice
Meringues with
Fresh Fruit &
Whipped Cream



Tickets \$25

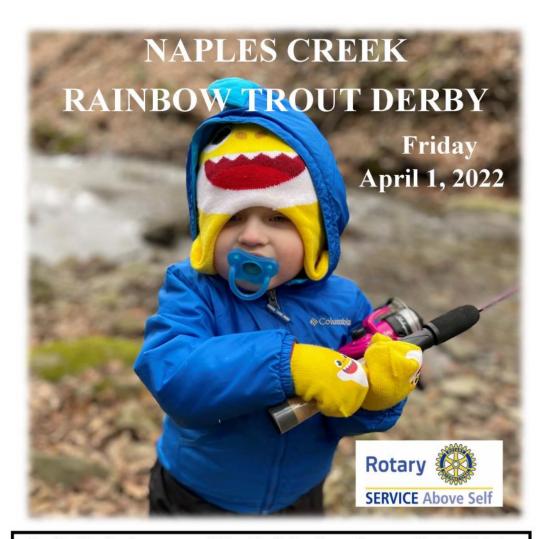
Includes recipes, equipment list, grocery list, and suggestions for your wine pairings!

Call 607-329-6146 to Purchase Your Tickets!

Bath Rotary Fundraiser for the Bath Rotary Club

Scholarship Fund
Hosted by the Bath Rotary
and Around the Corner Catering





Pre-Registration forms are available at the Sutton Spoon Company, Naples NY during regular business hours or on the morning of the derby at the Naples Fire Hall.

Registration fee

Adults - \$10 Children under 16 - \$5

All contestants are responsible for knowing and adhering to NYS fishing regulations which can be found at https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html

Join us at the Naples Fire Hall at 4:30 where trophies and prizes are awarded. We also finish drawing winners from our raffle, and every angler is automatically in the running for those.

Follow us on Facebook... Naples Creek Rainbow Trout Derby `+

For additional information please contact Micah Moore 585-704-5601



Clifton Springs Rotary Club CHICKEN BBQ

April 2, 2022

Tops Friendly Market Parking Lot Kendall St. Clifton Springs

11:00 am until all dinners are sold.

Pre-sale pick-up 11:00-11:30am

\$12.00

PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CLIFTON SPRINGS VILLAGE HALL, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OR FROM ANY ROTARIAN

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Advance tickets encouraged! Available from any Spencerport Rotarian

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To order tickets online: https://rb.gy/auzygp or use QR code below



Rotary is focused on giving back to our amazing community.

Partial proceeds from the dinner will be donated to Homestead for Hope





PENN YAN ROTARY CLUB CENTENIAL CELEBRATION

DON ALHART KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Join us on April 8th, 2022 at The Mansion 3456 Rt 54A, Penn Yan, NY 14527 for our 100 year celebration. The event will begin with cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m.

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Dinner selections:	
Honey Glazed Chicken: Boneless Chicken Breast with Drummette	
Salmon with Herb Lemon Butter Sauce	
Vegetarian Vegan honored with the request at time of reservation	
Dietary Restrictions will be honored with request at time of reservation	
Cost for each meal is \$50.00. Make checks payable to Penn Yan Rotary Club.	
Names of Attendee:	
Meal selection:	
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Meal selection:	
Send your dinner choice with payment to President Elect Mary Ellen Morgan at 901 East Lake NY 14837. Do you need more information or have questions, phone Mary Ellen Morgan at 315-	
Please bring your club badge if you have one.	



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Sunday April 10, 2022

11:00 to 2:00 PM

Village Parking Lot

160 E Union St. Newark

Dinner - \$12.00

Tickets may be purchased at Lyons National Bank (LNB)

Or Pre-Sale by texting (315) 573-0617



Nunda Rotary Club

invites you to an

Easter Dinner & Adult Egg Hunt

21 Years and Older

\$50 FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

at The Whistling Farmer Pub

Dinner served at 6:30 PM

Dinner: Strip steak, potato, vegetable, salad, roll

Proceeds Benefit

Bell Memorial Library & The Nunda Rotary Scholarship

Prizes & 50/50 Rayle!

Egg Hunt is after dark Bring a basket & flashlight! Dress appropriately for the weather





The Red Cross is at a dangerously low level of blood, and is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. You can help!

Sign up today: Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org

Then enter zip code 14534, click choose my dates, then April 21 from calendar, then click refine results, then choose Schottland YMCA, see times, to schedule to support the **RDR blood drive Thursday, April 21, 10-3 pm**

Thank you so much!

Every donor has a reason. We encourage you to share your story why you want to donate blood. It may be just the inspiration your co-worker, friend, or family member needs to make the decision to join us! A typical donation takes less than one hour.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation.



All donors are required to wear a face mask at blood drive regardless of vaccination status. Social distancing, increased cleaning procedures and health checks will still be in place.





CENESEO ROTARY

2022 SUMMER FESTIVAL
July 8 & 9
Crafters / Vendors Wanted
Festival Times
Friday 10 AM – 8 PM
Saturday 10 AM – 9 PM
For Questions:
Steve Wiener (585)243-4498
or stephenrichardwiener@gmail.com
Get Application at
www.geneseorotary.com/application.pdf



ATTENTION ALL DISTRICT 7120 GOLFERS

LET'S GET THIS GOLF SEASON STARTED WITH A FUN COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENT ON ONE OF THE **TOP FIVE PUBLIC COURSES** IN THE GREATER ROCHESTER AREA!



PITTING 2-PERSON TEAMS FROM THE WEST AND EAST





WE	ST	EA	ST
AVON	BELMONT	BATH	BLOOMFIELD
BRIGHTON	BROCKPORT	CANANDAIGUA	CHEMUNG COUNTY
CAL-MUM	CANISTEO	CLIFTON SPRINGS	CLYDE
DANSVILLE	EAST ROCHESTER	CORNING	DUNDEE
FAIRPORT	FRIENDSHIP	ELMIRA	ELMIRA HEIGHTS
GATES-CHILI	GENESEO	GANANDA	GENEVA
GREECE	HFM	GORHAM	HONEOYE LAKE
HILTON	IRONDEQUOIT	HORSEHEADS	LYONS
LIMA	LIVONIA	NAPLES	NEWARK
MONROE CTY SOUTH	MT. MORRIS	ONTARIO-WALWORTH	PAL-MAC
NUNDA	PENFIELD	PENN YAN	PRATTSBURGH
PERRY	PITTSFORD	RED CREEK	RED JACKET
ROC CITY	ROCHESTER	SENECA FALLS	SODUS
ROCHESTER A.M.	ROCHESTER DEAF	VICTOR-FARMINGTON	WATERLOO
ROCHESTER LATINO	ROCHESTER NW	WATKINS-MONTOUR	WAYLAND
ROCHESTER SW	RUSH-HENRIETTA	WEBSTER	WOLCOTT
SPENCERPORT	WELLSVILLE		







REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE OUT SOON

QUESTIONS - TEXT OR EMAIL JACK FREDERICKS

(585) 314-4124 jackf374@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

ROTARY CAMP ONSEYAWA GOLF TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022 **SILVER CREEK GOLF COURSE**



HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY

37th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

CONSIDERED THE BEST LTTLE TOURNAMENT FOR THE MONEY

Monday, July 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM SHARP!

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

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE – OLD HICKORY GOLF CLUB, 6653 BIG TREE RD., LIVONIA, NY (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE)

GREAT FUN!!! - GREAT PRIZES!

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

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

Captain's Name:	2 nd Person
Address:	3 rd Person
	4 th Person
Email address Check if you do NOT have a	foursome and would like us to assign you to one.
	& 3 Raffle Tickets \$90.00 per person \$ \$25.00 per person \$
	O. Box 674, Honeoye, NY 14471 by 7/11/2022
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Accordate Posts	@ \$150.00 each includes golf & dinner for 1 person
Associate – Eagle Affiliate – Birdie	0
Friend – Par	0
	Questions: Jeanne Hamele 585-729-9118
Name to be used on sign:	



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar for additions and changes



April 9 District Training Assembly
I Honeoye Central School
I Honeoye, NY

<u>April 23</u> Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup Details to follow

April 29, 30, May 1
 District Conference, Oswego, NY
 Sponsored by Canandaigua Rotary
 https://www.districtconference.org/

Upcoming CLUB Events

March 2022

March 19 Geneseo Rotary providing food as a club fundraiser at the St. Patrick's Day Party, Dublin Corners Brewery, Linwood, NY 12-9 pm

March 19 Newark Rotary Bowl-a-thon. Rose Bowl Lanes , 75 W. Miller St. Newark

March 26 Seneca Falls Rotary - Chocolate Extravaganza, Waterloo Quality Inn, 4-7 pm. \$20 per person

March 27 Bath Rotary Virtual French Cooking Class, 4:00 pm Tickets: \$25

April 2022

April 1 Naples Rotary Rainbow Trout Derby

April 2 Clifton Springs Chicken BBQ, TOPS parking lot Clifton Springs

April 3 Spencerport Rotary Beef on Weck, \$14, Drive Thru Take Out, Fireman's Field Spencerport, Noon to 4pm or until sold out.

April 8 Penn Yan Rotary Centennial Celebration, The Mansion 3456 Rt 54A, Penn Yan

April 10 Newark Rotary Chicken BBQ, Village Parking lot 160 e. Union Street.

April 13 Nunda Rotary Easter Dinner and Adult Egg Hunt at the Whistling Farmer Pub

April 21 Rochester Deaf Rotary Blood Drive Schottland Family YMCA, Pittsford

April 30 Rochester Deaf Rotary "DINGO" 1564Lyle Ave Rochester

May 5, 6, 7 Geneseo Rotary Hanging Basket & Potted Plant Sale, Anderson Greenhouse

May 20 Naples Rotary Harris Cup, Reservoir Creek Golf at Naples

June 11 Rotary Camp ONSEYAWA
Golf Tournament - Silver Creek Golf Course

July 8 & 9 Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival Arts, Crafts & Vendor Show application available at http://geneseorotary.com/summerfestival.htm

July 25 Honeoye Lake Rotary Golf Tournament



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