



May 2022

Janet Tenreiro, District Governor

Issue 11

RECONNECT!

On April 29, 30, and May 1, District 7120 had the chance to **RECONNECT** live at our District Conference at the Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center.



We had an attendance of over 200 people who came and went with the weekend – because it was close enough to come for a while and go home, and yet economically priced to be able to stay if you wanted to.

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We had wonderful and inspiring speakers – **PDG Teresa Hall and Past Rotary International President Rick King**. Terri (who was our district's first woman District Governor) spoke about the history of **Women In Rotary**, and PRIP Rick talked about commitment and satisfaction of being a Rotarian. Both pieces will be available as a link from the District webpage, and they were worth listening to!

The weather cooperated with us – quite cool, but no rain, so the golf tournament happened on Friday, and we had a Fort Ontario tour, a bike tour, and a poker run all on Saturday afternoon.



Friday evening, we had the Parade of Flags by our outbound Youth Exchange – always a moving event. Saturday night we also had the winner of the District Oratorical Contest deliver his winning speech – Incredible!

We had a very talented trio as entertainment on Friday night, and Saturday we were entertained by the Mike Yacci Trio from Canandaigua. There was plenty of dancing!

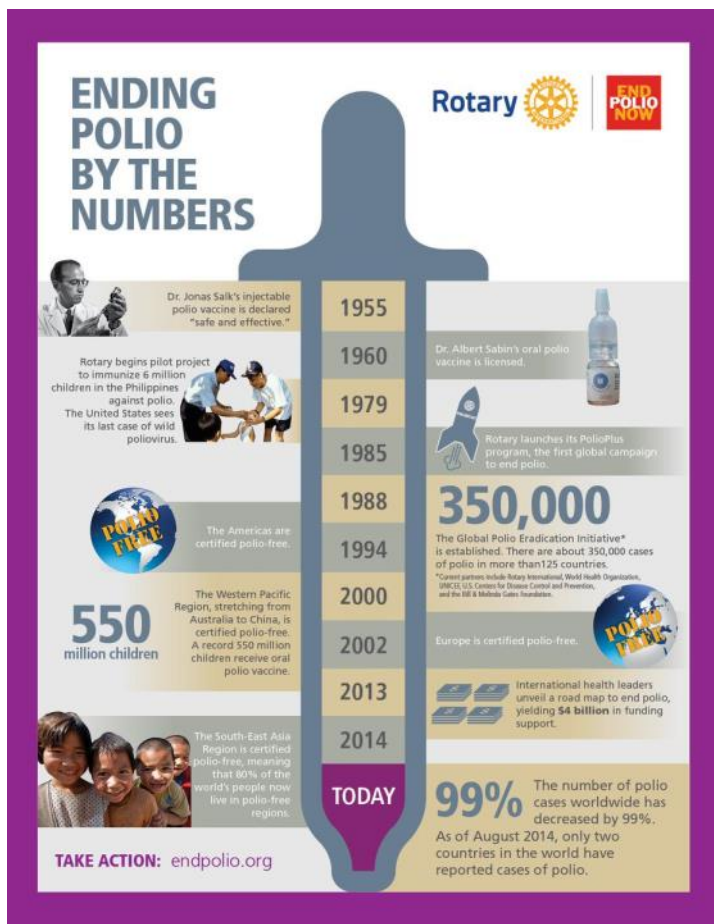
On Sunday morning we celebrated the lives of all the Rotarians in our district who had passed on in the past 2-3 years, with a slide show and contemplative music. It was quite beautiful.

The venue was terrific – clean and pleasant. The staff was accommodating and friendly, and the facility owner – George Broadwell was outstanding to work with. The Conference Committee presented him with a Paul Harris Fellow at the end of the weekend for his commitment to hosting a great conference.

We're sorry if you missed it, but keep an eye on the District Facebook page – and check it out!

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Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) OPPORTUNITIES

A major objective of the Rotary Friendship Exchange program is to advance understanding and peace through personal contact worldwide. This is accomplished with a reciprocal agreement of hosting and staying in Rotarian homes plus experiencing the culture in other districts. We have completed RFEs on the six major continents including within the USA.

District 5520, including Albuquerque, and much of New Mexico plus Santa Fe and parts of Texas will be sending Rotarians to our district from June 28th to July 7th. We will be hosting three couples. In return, our district has been invited to enjoy their hospitality from October 10 – 20 or beginning on October 8th if also interested in enjoying the world's largest Balloon Fest in Albuquerque.

We are initially asking for volunteers to host a couple or single from D5520. Our plan is to have three hosting sessions of three nights each to showcase the central, south and northern parts of our Finger Lakes District. The hosting dates are: June 28, 29, 30; July 1, 2, 3 and July 4, 5, 6. Please indicate if you are flexible or can only host a specific session.

Reply by May 15th.

Please reply to CGrovanz@rochester.rr.com or contact one of our RFE Committee members below if you have questions or are willing to host any of our D5520 guests.

Also, let us know if you are interested in participating in the exchange to D5520 in October. Host volunteers have highest selection priority for RFE visits to other districts and countries.

In both cases, reply by May 15th.

RFE Committee Members: John Brown, Dick DuBois, Ann & Dave DeMers, Bill & Helen Gormont, Carl & Linda Grovanz, John & Maureen Hall, Jim Hughes, Bob Howard, Bob & Cindy Hunt, Nancy Loughlin, Jean McMillan, Lisa Norwood, Scott MacDonell & Vivian Ryan.

Thank you,
Carl Grovanz CGrovanz@rochester.rr.com

Rotary District 7120 RFE Chair

As Seen at the District Training Assembly Breakout

STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP

SHIFT YOUR CLUB FROM AVERAGE TO "EXTRAORDINARY"

Do you dream of your Rotary Club being known as the premier service organization in your community? Would you like to retain and attract more members to your Rotary club? You can achieve all this and more when you discover the value

and importance of an effective Strategic Action Plan. This process has helped clubs grow membership, ignite engagement, become more effective & most importantly have **FUN!**



The facilitators use data from an easy to complete Club Health Check survey and engaging activities to guide your club members as they identify your current state and the future vision for your club. The facilitators then lead your club members through the development of an action plan to help your vision become a reality!

Here are a few comments from previous participants of the D7120 Strategic Action Planning Workshop.

- *This is the best seminar workshop I've experienced in my 42 years in Rotary!*
- *Learning how to strategically plan to grow our club was amazing. It is a process, not a race! Once we had the guidelines, and under the direction of our facilitators, we actually discovered our strengths, our threats, and more.*
- *The highly engaging and interactive style helped our club focus with a clearer lens on areas for opportunities for growth in our club.*
- *The process was just what we feel our club needs. This was time well spent and will help insure the future of our club. Thank you sooooooooooooooooooooo much.*
- *This workshop was extremely valuable and kept on schedule. It is allowing us to take a realistic look at our club.*
- *This workshop is essential if a club wants to improve.*

The Strategic Planning Workshop is available as either an in-person or virtual format.

If you're interested in having your club participate in a Strategic Action Planning Workshop, would like one of the facilitators to present an awareness overview to your board of directors / club, or you'd simply like more information, please contact ...

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COVID UPDATE:
KNOW YOUR COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL
May 10, 2022
PDG DAVE HANNAN

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

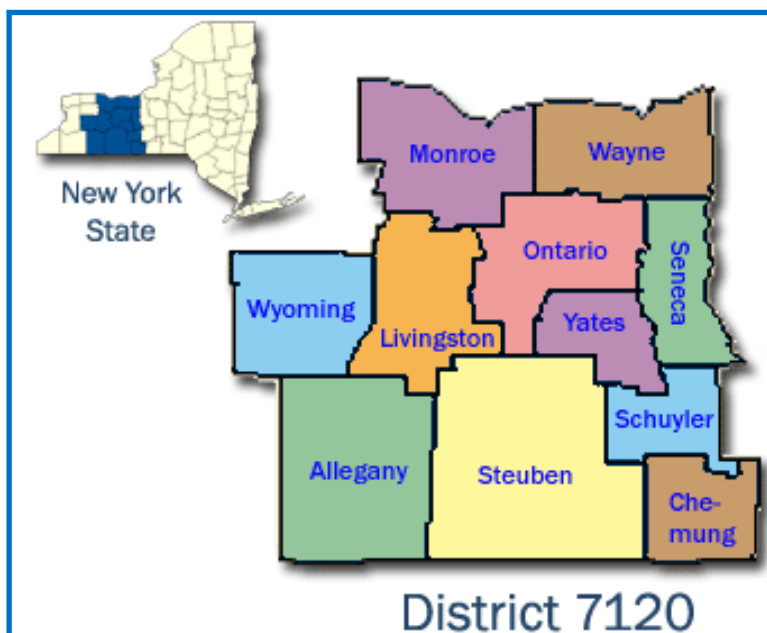
As of May 6, 2022, nine counties in District 7120 (MONROE, WYOMING, LIVINGSTON, WAYNE, ONTARIO, SENECA, YATES, and CHEMUNG) have a HIGH level of infection in the community. For these communities, the CDC recommends the following:

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

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

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

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



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

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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.
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Did You Lose a Hat?

A hat was left at the DTA in Honeoye Central School. To claim it, contact: Jeanne Hamele at 585-729-9118 or jnnhamele@aol.com Submitted by Marc Kreuser

Global Grant GG2233935: A Grant to Address Insulin Needs in India Submitted by PDG Jeff Krans

In India, the prevalence of diabetes is a large problem. Especially in communities of poorer people, families living under \$2,600 a year, when children have type 1 diabetes the families cannot afford insulin, nor do they own refrigerators to store insulin if they can find a charity to provide it. You can imagine what happens to those children.

Our District 7120 Rotary Foundation team was asked recently to support a global grant to address this problem. The request came from Rotarian Murugan Muthupillai, President of the Coimbatore Gaalaxy Rotary Club in District 3201. After vetting the District and Club, our Foundation team contributed \$10,000 District Designated Funds to the Coimbatore insulin project.

The project was inaugurated on April 14th, 2022. Children in seventy families will be benefitting from the grant. For two years, the grant will provide testing supplies, insulin, and other items needed to keep these children healthy. In addition, the members of the Coimbatore Gaalaxy club will help families pursue income generating possibilities so that once the grant funds are expended, the families will be able to afford the insulin their children need.

The club will assign one Rotarian and spouse to every two beneficiaries to monitor, support and extend all possible help. Already, fifteen women are enrolled in an advanced sewing course to learn tailoring. The club had a sponsor provide ten tailoring machines and they hope to provide five more before the end of the course. Other families will be supported in efforts to start small scale farming or businesses.

In addition, twenty refrigerators have already been donated for these families. A charitable trust partnering with the club is providing forty more, and ten are already promised by members. With these, families will be able to safely store the insulin their children need.

If your club has contacts abroad for worthy projects like this one, please contact Tom Rogers, Dave Hannan, or any other member of the district foundation committee for help with a global grant project proposal. The regular contributions of our Rotarians to the Annual Fund—Share program generate District Designated Funds that any of us can use to help fund grants like this one!

Pictured below is one family that will benefit from this project in the first photo, and in the second photo, all the children that were able to attend the project inauguration with some of the families and Rotarians involved.



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At the District conference recently held in Oswego NY, Governor Elect Ralph Brandt announced the award of District Grants for the Rotary year 2022-2023. Our District leadership is excited to announce that 32 clubs will share in the awarding of \$59,000 of grants funds available as the result of your giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Attached a detail listing of the Clubs, their projects and the award of grant money. Remember that no project can commence prior to July 1, 2022 and no expenditures can be made prior to that date to qualify for reimbursement.

Thank you to the Clubs that made a grant application and we look forward to many more projects in the year 2023-2024.

Thomas Rogers PDG

District Rotary Foundation Chair

Club	Project Total	Club Contribution	Grant Awarded	Project
Avon	\$7,167	\$3,167	\$3,500	Pergola for Mental Health Center staff
Bath	70,000	1,010	850	Purchase 6 picnic tables for a new pavilion
Belmont	3,000	2,000	750	Scholarship
Bloomfield	10,000	2,000	3,500	10-station fitness trail in Veteran's Park.
Canandaigua	3,500	500	2,500	Special equipment for BOCES Red Jacket
Clifton Springs	2,564	500	1,500	Summer reading program
Corning	3,395	1,000	2,000	Secure network for Corning Meals on Wheels
Dansville	10,000	2,500	2,000	Safe playground at Community Center
Dundee	2,613	500	1,000	Metal chair swing in Seneca Street Park
Elmira	3,000	2,000	750	Scholarship
Fairport	4,000	2,000	1,750	Inclusive design park picnic tables
Gananda	2,000	1,000	750	Scholarship
Greece	51,400	2,000	3,500	Sensory garden and classroom
Honeoye Lake	4,475	500	2,500	Senior lunch and activities.
Irondequoit	4,000	2,000	1,850	Support for Afghan and other immigrants
Mount Morris	2,000	1,000	750	Scholarship
Newark	5,000	1,000	3,500	Improve access to canal trail.
Nunda	500	250	250	Scholarship
Palmyra Macedon	4,375	875	2,500	Build/finish room in Palmyra Historical Museum.
Penn Yan	2,000	1,000	850	Green Team for student service and education.
Perry	5,650	1,550	3,300	Signage and seating on trail system
Pittsford	4,000	2,000	1,750	Humans for Education
Red Creek	1,710	500	1,000	Summer reading programs
Rochester	7,938	1,000	2,400	Glidescope for anesthesia team
Rochester AM	4,000	1,000	1,750	School #33 Classroom Libraries
Rush-Henrietta	5,414	1,414	4,000	Enhance playground in town of Rush.
Seneca Falls	1,958	1,000	950	Audiobooks to Seneca Falls Library.
Spencerport	2,140	1,070	1,000	Replace stove, refrigerator at Eagle Star Housing.
Victor-Farmington	3,565	1,065	2,250	Rehab victims of traumatic brain injury
Waterloo	888	0	750	Box to donate used sports equipment.
Webster	4,690	2,345	1,800	Build benches for hiking trails.
Wolcott	3,325	750	1,500	Student service project supporting design/construction.
Totals	\$240,267	\$40,496	\$59,000	

***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](https://www.rotary.org/en/houston/convention-promotion)

More info about the Convention is available at

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



Clifton Springs

We are pleased to announce that at the Clifton Springs Rotary meeting of May 10, three corporate members and one individual member were inducted into Clifton Springs Rotary Club in a traditional induction ceremony. The corporate members inducted were:

The Clifton Springs Country Club represented by Paula Triplett designated as Primary Member and Associate Members Doug Triplett, Dianne Emerson, and Andrew VanNorstrand.

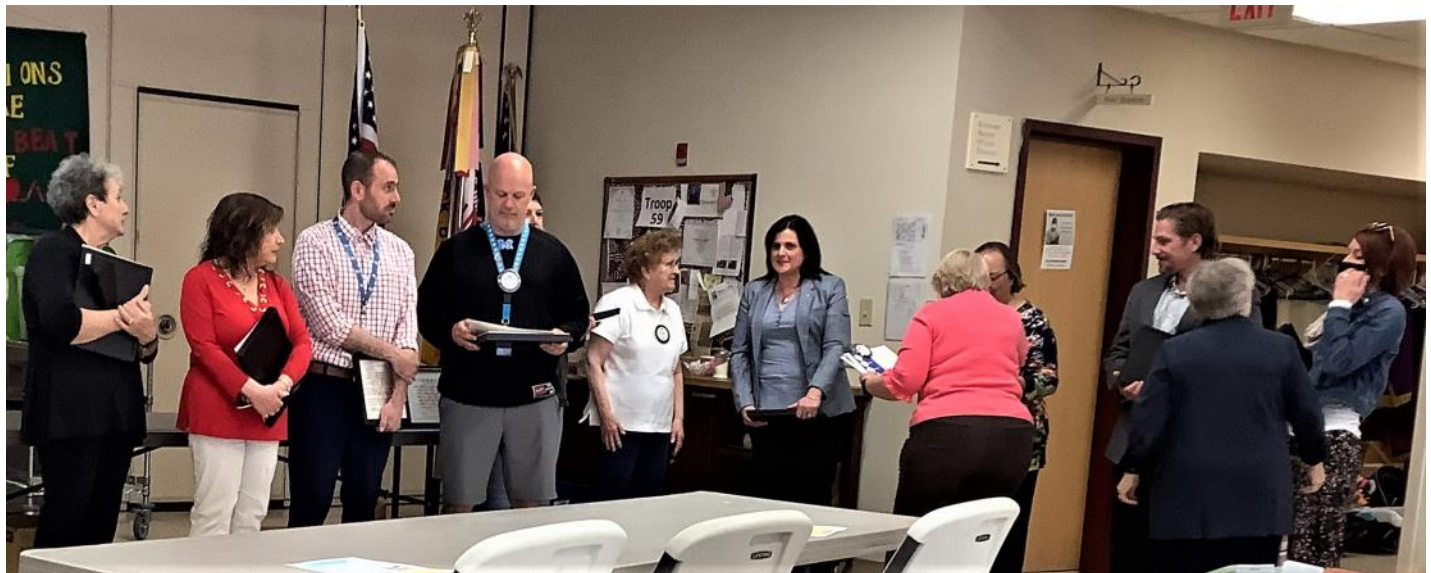
The Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency (FLACRA) represented by Primary member Jennifer Carlson and Associate Members Tammy Janke, Ruth Donk, and Jason Briggs.

The Clifton Springs Family YMCA represented by Primary Member Todd Frelove, who has been an Active member of our club for many years, and Associate Member David Michaels.

And individual Active member Kris Blair, who owns and operates KTB Marketing and Promotions in Clifton Springs.

The new members are pictured receiving their pins and badges. District Governor Janet assisted in the ceremony and offered welcoming remarks.

Submitted by PDG Scott MacDonell



Geneseo Rotary

On April 11, the Geneseo Rotary Club inducted Bernard "Bernie" Wright, Jr. as its newest member. He was sponsored by PP Bonnie Swanson.

Photo submitted by Pres. Teresa Chichester



Bernie Wright, Jr, PP Bonnie Swanson, Pres. Teresa Chichester

Watkins-Montour Rotary

Watkins-Montour Rotary welcomed two new members at our April 21st meeting - Mark Steigerwald and Jill Wendela.

Mark is the Executive Director of the International Motor Racing Research Center (IMRRC). Jill is a longtime Public Health Nurse at Schuyler Co. Public Health, and is also a returning Rotarian. Upon induction, Mark provided an update on the IMRRC, with a backdrop of historical Watkins Glen racing pictures.

Submitted by Emily Peckham



Newark Rotary

Luis Rivera, owner of Mason's Barber Shop, and a Newark resident since 2010 is the newest member of the Newark club.



He is married with two children and active in the community, serving on the Alex Eligh Community Center board.

Submitted by John Zornow



Seneca Falls Rotary

Seneca Falls Rotary Club donated books this month to Frank Knight Elementary School and Elizabeth Cady Stanton School in support of their "Diversify our Narrative", an effort to increase diversity awareness in the school community.

Submitted by Liz Becht



Belmont Rotary

On March 31st, The Belmont Rotary Club was pleased to present their annual Community Service award to Linda Trask, site manager for the Office for the Aging, Belmont Center. Linda is retiring after several years of service and will be missed. She adds a lot of her own ideas and embellishments to the meals she hosts. She has a ready smile and a kind heart. The Rotary Club of Belmont sponsors meals for the Senior Citizens once a month at the Belmont Site. Mary Fuller and Dana Ross share the pleasure of representing Rotary at the luncheons. Thank you, Linda, for all you have done for our community.



Submitted by Mary Fuller
Thanks to Dana Hand for the Photos.

Greece Rotary

The Greece Rotary welcomes **new members:**
Laura Bruno and Tracy Rowan

Submitted by Melissa Jordan



Newark Rotary

Newark member Jan Hence was recently recognized for achieving Major Donor Level 1 status. Jan is a longtime active member, serving on the board of directors and fundraising committees.

Submitted by John Zornow



Shown receiving the award on April 7, presented by Past District Governor Norma Madayag-Reilly

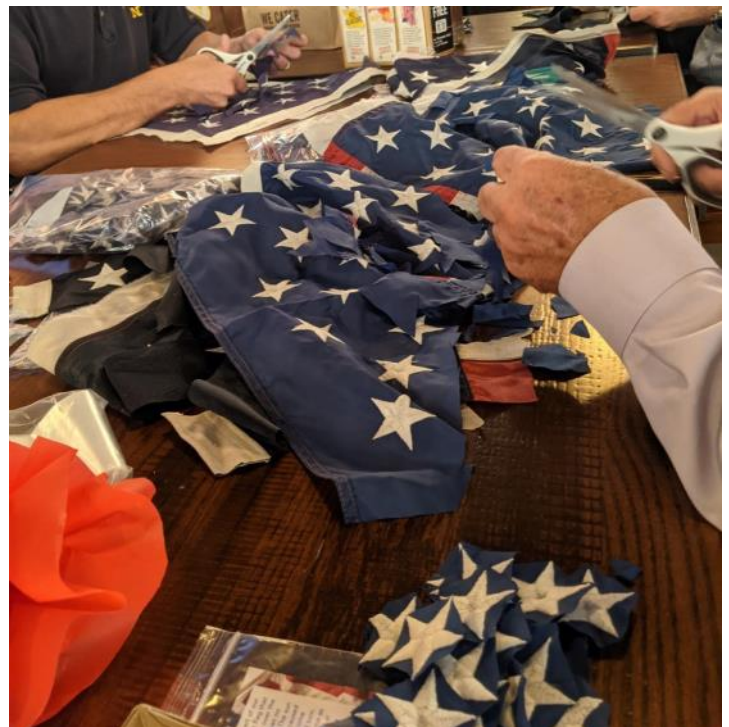
Greece Rotary

Stars For Our Troops

The Greece Rotary Club will be passing out Stars For Our Troops at the May 21, 2022 Rochester Red Wings Game in honor of Military Appreciation Night. We are expecting to give out over 2,000 stars. [Home Page | Rotary Club of Greece \(greecerotary.org\)](#)

The Greece Rotary Club Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be Monday, August 8 at 9:00 AM at Ridgemont Country Club in Greece, NY. Please see the Greece Rotary Website for Registration Details [Home Page | Rotary Club of Greece \(greecerotary.org\)](#)

Submitted by Melissa Jordan



Webster Rotary

On April 7th, the Webster Rotary Club were honored to host Technical Sargent Jordan Kessel and Technical Sargent Ian Palmer and their families during their welcome home dinner for the Adopt a Platoon program. In addition to Jordan and Ian, Webster honored Technical Sargent Eric Smith who was not able to attend the dinner. Webster Rotary has been a long time supporter of the Adopt a Platoon program for many, many years where they have sent care packages all over the world. All three honorees are U. S. Air Force Reservists who recently served six months in Niger (Africa). All three service members are firefighters locally, Jordan is with the Ridge Road Fire Department in Greece, Ian is with the Culver Ridge Fire Department in Irondequoit, and Eric is with the Brighton Fire Department.

We thank Jordan, Ian, Eric, and their families for their service to our country and to our community.

Submitted by Joe Corona



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Canandaigua Rotary

We had approximately 50 volunteers from the community this morning including Canandaigua Rotarians, Kiwanians, Interactors, and the Academy tennis team who joined us after completing a Canandaigua Lake Watershed project. We collected 15 bags of trash. Thanks to Ellen, Nancy and Doug for organizing and promoting the event.



Geneseo Rotary

We had a successful day pulling up invasive honeysuckle and trash pick up at the Spencer Roemer Arboretum. There were about 15, (7 from Rotary, 4 from Livingston County Environmental Council and 4 SUNY students)

We cleaned up 4-5 bags of trash and cleared a large area of invasive honeysuckle.

Submitted by Patti LaVigne



The SUNY Geneseo students participated in this event as part of the College's annual Geneseo Goes to Town-Day of Service. Students volunteered to hands-on projects and events in the 17 towns and 9 villages across Livingston County. This event is a partnership with the Office of Student Volunteerism and Community Engagement, local humanitarian organization Livingston CARES, Student Association and Student Senate.

Submitted by Marilyn Lyon



Clifton Springs Rotary Earth Day News



In celebration of Earth Day and as a part of the second annual "Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup" the Clifton Springs Rotary Club cleaned up the "Sulphur Brook" in our village. This brook empties into the Canandaigua Lake Outlet. We had some 30 students from Midlakes Elementary School volunteer help us. As a result we were able to cover more ground and collect more litter and rubbish than last year.

Submitted by PDG Scott MacDonell

Newark Rotary Sets Example in Community

A large crew of Newark Rotarians observed the 52nd anniversary of Earth Day week with their annual Erie Canal bank cleanup. They picked up trash, raked and swept the canal right of way finding numerous discarded items. Another crew policed the roadsides of State Route 88. Rotarians are committed to taking action in Newark with a myriad of planned activities, hoping that the spirit will spread to other community individuals.

Submitted by John Zornow

Photo: Marty Wemett, Michele McManus, Sharon San Angelo, Gary Reilly, Steve Hallagan, Kevin Mooney, Sandy and Jim DeVolder, Melissa Correia, Lucina Hallagan, Alicia Vazquez, Russ Harris, Norma Madayag Reilly.



Watkins-Montour Rotary Clean-Up

Watkins-Montour Rotary had a busy morning of cleanup! We started in the morning with our annual Earth Day cleanup of our stretch of road in the Adopt-A-Highway program just south of Montour Falls. Boy was it needed! We had fun commenting on some of the “treasures” we found.



After the roadside was complete, we moved on to our portion of the Great Lakes Watershed Clean-Up and did the Clute Park waterline of Seneca Lake in Watkins Glen. We were happy to find this area wasn't too bad.

We had about a dozen volunteers in all and had beautiful weather to be out cleaning up Mother Earth. In all, we filled 12-15 large bags with debris.

We are grateful to be able to provide Service Above Self and support our community.

Submitted by Tiffany Bloss, CFRE



VICTOR–FARMINGTON ROTARY EASTER BASKET PROJECT

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club continued an annual tradition of providing Easter Baskets to children serviced by the Wilson Commencement Park (WCP) in Rochester. The WCP helps low-income, single-parent families transition from public assistance to financial independence and personal self-sufficiency. WCP is a self-contained “community” where residents can live for 24 months in attractive and affordable housing while receiving comprehensive care management, educational and life skills support, career-development assistance, and eventual placement in permanent housing.

At an April meeting of the V-F club, WCP Interim Executive Director Cavelle Mighty and members of her staff joined with club members in filling 140 baskets with candy, stuffed animals, and novelties for distribution to students who reside at the complex.



Club members provided the candy and items for the baskets. Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



VICTOR – FARMINGTON PARK CLEANUP

The Victor – Farmington Rotary club recently engaged cleanup activities at Mertensia Park in Farmington. A work party of club members spread out along Mud Creek and the Rotary Centennial Walking Path to remove trash.



The V-F club has long been involved with maintaining and improving the park. The Rotary Centennial Walking Path, created in 2005 by the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary.

Boy scouts from Troop 60 joined club members policing the trail and removing bottles, cans, and miscellaneous litter that included a piece of an old sink left in the creek.

Prior to the cleanup event the club members attended a fund-raising pancake breakfast held in the park, sponsored by the historic South Farmington Cemetery Association. Farmington Town Supervisor Pete Ingalsbe took time out from flipping pancakes to welcome the Rotarians.



Participating in the park cleanup were Rotarians Jim Crane, Galen Powers, Kim Yourch (Tom), Bev Rosbrook, Victor Arsenault (Cathy), Judy Luitweiler, and Dave Luitweiler.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

*Above: V-F Rotarian Kim Yourch and spouse Tom.
Right: V-F Rotarians Judy Luitweiler and Victor Arsenault with portion of old sink removed from creek.*

Victor-Farmington Welcomes New Member



The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club welcomed James “Jim” Dowling, Alliance Federal Credit Union, into membership.
Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

L to R – James Dowling – Club President Bruce Chapman



Gananda Rotary

Dictionary Project



Students from four 3rd grade classrooms at Gananda's Richard Mann Elementary School were presented with personalized copies of Webster Dictionaries with atlases from the Gananda Rotary Club. This presentation is part of Rotary's "Dictionary Project" which has been a yearly literacy event at Gananda. These are just

a few of the third graders posing with their reference books. Teachers Becky Koehler, Ellen Monroe, Chris Wallace and Kelli Brice, Adriann Ashley, graciously distributed the books, as in school presentation and captured these images for the Club (Covid rules were still in place for visits to a classroom).



District Earth Day Clean Up April 23

The Gananda Rotary Club working with the Macedon Historical Society, spent Saturday morning (April 23rd) cleaning up the Canal Path in Macedon. The Gananda Rotary Club has adopted the NYS Canal path from Lock 30 in Macedon to Wayneport Road. From a bowling ball and lawn chair, to bottles cans, and tires, the "Clean Sweep/Earth Day" event was a success. "Rotary Serves to Changes Lives".

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Gananda Rotary



Two new members of the Gananda Rotary Club inducted in April. Gananda Rotary welcomes Michele Villani and Jerry Tavormina, both of Walworth.

They have both been actively involved with the club as volunteers, prior to their formal induction ceremony, which was held at the Macedon Academy in Macedon Center.

Submitted by Patti Holdraker

Pal-Mac Rotary

The Pal-Mac Rotary club received Matthew LaMora into membership at it's dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 27.

Matt is a project manager for a construction company specializing in gas pump and tank repairs, as well as environmental cleanup. He also an entrepreneur, building a realestate and rental business.

Matt enjoys running, hiking and travel. Most importantly, he is dad to three children and husband to Adrienne, also a club member.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford

Matt and Adrienne LaMora with club president, Bob Sloan.



Naples Rotary



Naples Rotary welcomed its newest member, Naples Central School Superintendent, Kevin Swartz, recently, at its Annual Spring Dinner. Flanked by the Induction Team, he was pinned by Sponsor, Tom Hawks, who spoke highly of Kevin's accomplishments, and worthiness to become a member of Rotary. Kevin, his wife, Beth, and children, John and Allie reside in Victor. At a recent meeting of the Naples Rotary Club, Kevin presented a Program for the membership, whereby everyone was given a chance to get to know him better. He presented his goals for the Naples Central School Community, and he shared his plans for helping the students and staff at NCS continue to grow. As Past President Tom expressed, "Kevin asks questions, has an impressive background, and looks at Naples with fresh lenses!" The Naples Rotary Club and the Community of Naples extend a warm welcome to Superintendent Swartz!

Submitted by Patrice Lysell

Midlakes High School Interact Club



The Midlakes High School Interact Club, which is sponsored by the Clifton Springs Rotary Club, spent a beautiful day cleaning up Ontario County trailways for Earth Day!!



Submitted by PDG Scott MacDonell

Corning Rotary Participates in District Clean-up

On **April 23rd** Rotarians and volunteers from the Chemung River Friends participated in the Chemung Riverbank Clean-Up collecting about 20 large bags of trash and 3 tires. The clean-up was part of the Rotary District 7120 Great Lakes Watershed Clean-up.

This was followed up on **April 29th**, **30th** and **May 1st** by Rotary's highway clean-up project. The weather finally cooperated and gave us temperate and rain-free days for the cleanup – a total of 25 trash bags!

Sent by Jan Harvey

Rush Henrietta Rotary

The Rush Henrietta Rotary members were at Tinker Park this weekend cleaning up around that gazebo. The gazebo was built by Rotarians 15 years ago and we try to keep it looking pretty for the community

Submitted by Steve Syntesael



Geneseo Rotary

Ann Vail, Service Extension Director of the Salvation Army, was presented with a check on May 2. The club raised the money by ringing the bell at the Red Kettle Campaign in December. Photo by President Teresa Chichester



Geneva Rotary in the News

Commemorating the Geneva Rotary Club's involvement in the new Geneva Reads Story Walk at the Finger Lakes Visitor Center recently were (left to right) Past District Gov. Dave Hannan, Past Geneva Club President Mary Lawthers, Rotarians Chris Fitzgerald and Linda Equinozzi and Kathy Brown Ryrko and Karen Fanning of Geneva Reads.

The first featured book is "One Potato, Two Potato" by Genevan Cynthia DeFelice. The Story Walk is one third of a mile long and has 17 display stations on the Geneva lakefront and the sidewalk along Rts. 5 and 20. Geneva Rotary used funding from PDG Hannan to donate for the Story Walk when Lawthers was club president. The Story has been translated into Spanish so that Spanish speakers can benefit from this literacy activity.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



Avon Rotary



Spirit of Nicaragua

April 26: At our Tuesday night meeting, Avon Rotarian, Rob Lupisella gave us an update on Linking Hands For Learning and the Enlace Project's most recent school build in Los Jobitos, Nicaragua. Rob and his wife, Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotarian Jeanine, began Linking Hands For Learning in 2011 and have participated and funded a dozen school builds in the last ten years. We were reminded how this whole journey began for Rob, Jeanine and their family. We watched a Thank You video from a community member from the most recent school build, heard stories in what it's like to participate as a volunteer in a school build, and watched an incredibly moving video from former school build volunteer Diane Vonglis Parnell (the link to this video is below). We also gave Linking Hands For Learning a donation of \$2,500 to continue the school building efforts. Thank you to Rob and your family, for what Linking Hands For Learning's motto couldn't explain any better...Building Schools to Empower through Education to Promote Peace and Literacy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rGjQRbnitw&t=82s>

Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media

Photo caption: Avon Rotary President Tom Vonglis presents a \$2,500 check to Rob to support Linking Hands For Learning's efforts in Nicaragua.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

April 5: Our 12th blood drive is "in the books" and it was another very successful event. In four hours, 31 units of blood were collected including 7 Double Reds. This amount can positively impact up to 93 people.

I'd like to thank the 18 Avon Rotarians who either donated or wanted to donate but couldn't because the afternoon schedule was completely filled. Also, here's a special shout out to Dan Oswald who donated for the first time! (maybe the last, lol)

I'm hoping to schedule our next drive on the Tuesday following Corn Fest. Will advise as soon as the time is confirmed.
Yours In Rotary Service,
Karl Sawicki, Project Coordinator

Photo: Karl Sawicki, Mike Ford, Katie DeGraff, Bruce Amey



Newark Rotary Team Completes Water Project

The Newark Rotary Club is pleased to announce the completion of a year and a half long international service project bringing clean water, sanitation and economic development to the rural community of Tabi, Quintana Roo, Mexico. In partnership with Living Waters for the World, a mission outreach of the Synod of Living Waters PC (U.S.A.), a team of Rotarians and Presbyterians has been planning an installation trip with their Operating Partners in Tabi for many months. The inauguration and dedication of this new purified water plant...Planta Hidekel...took place on Sunday, April 24th with the entire community of some 400 coming to enjoy the Celebration.

Living Waters for the World trains, equips, and supports volunteers to change lives through clean water. International communities around the world, in need of clean water, are empowered to install and sustain water purification systems and health education programs that transform lives.

Newark Rotary team leaders Donna Johnson and Linda Werts were joined by Rotarians Ed Magin from Wolcott and Leslie Vecchiotti from Palmyra-Macedon, Doug Depies, one of Living Waters for the World's Yucatán Coordinators, and other team members: Ken Allen, Mery Laura Depies, Avimael and Gloria Escobar, Cassie Hughes, Randy Kennard, John McCarey, Marion Nicastro, Nehemias Tun Chuc, and Jeffrey Weenink. The Team of fifteen, who are considered the Initiating Partners, met in Tabi for five days and divided into three groups working alongside the Operating Partners, who are volunteers from Tabi, and accomplished the several responsibilities of the installation. One group trained three plant operators from Tabi to install, operate and maintain the system equipment which will produce the purified water to be sold at an affordable price from the new plant. Another group trained a group of six educators from the community to provide health education programs which will be offered in the community on a continuing basis. A third group worked together with the Tabi water committee to create a plan of administration and oversight for the water system, including ways to use the profits from the plant to benefit the community.

During the Celebration Newark Rotary offered words of appreciation and certificates to the building construction workers, plant operators and educators who trained during the week, special guests who attended, as well as to some twenty-five women who prepared delicious food for our team and our partners. Words of gratitude were expressed by Efrain Ek Chan for the funds which Newark Rotary and nine other clubs provided for the building construction materials and for the mentoring and training that our Team and Living Waters for the World provided. A praise band opened and closed the Celebration and children offered songs. But the highlight of the afternoon was the children taking the first drinks of clean water produced at the plant. They were followed by their parents and other adults from the community. A delicious meal of cochinita pibil was served to the community and many lingered into the evening in joyful celebration.



Our Team left Tabi on with grateful hearts, many new friendships, and a wonderful understanding of this year's Rotary theme of "serve to change lives." With our service many lives will be changed through the opportunity for clean water but many lives of our own Team members were changed through the friendships and partnerships developed as we all worked together during the week to provide for clean water for all God's children. Submitted by John Zornow

Photo: First row: Nehemias Tun Chuc-Mayan translator, Donna Johnson-Past President Newark Rotary, Efrain EK Chan-President of Tabi's Water Committee, Marion Nicastro, Gloria Escobar
Second row: Doug Depies-LWW Yucatán Coordinator, Avimael Escobar, Leslie Vecchiotti, Linda Werts-Team Leader, Randy Kennard, John McCarey
Third row: Ed Magin, Cassie Hughes, Jeffrey Weenink.
Missing from photo: Mery Laura Depies-Spanish translator, Ken Allen

Brockport Rotaract President Wins SUNY Chancellor's Award

It's hard not to be inspired by 4.0 Brockport Rotaract President Hunter Czajkowski at Brockport - Congratulations, Hunter! Hunter received the **Brockport Rotary Club (District 7120) Scholarship in Memory of Paul Hoy In 2020-21**. Always happy to see Rotary making a difference for students.

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence acknowledges students who have achieved excellence. We seek nominations of students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for their integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives, which may include: leadership, community service, arts (creative or performing), athletics, and/or career achievement. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by the college.



President Macpherson (left), Hunter Czajkowski (center) and Jose Maliekal (right)

HUNTER CZAJKOWSKI, RHONDA-LEE FORBES & MATTHEW TOO

Hunter Czajkowski is completing a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry with a 4.0 GPA. She is also a member of the Honors College, the President of the Rotaract Club, Treasurer of the Pre-Professional Health Club, and a member of the gymnastics/track team. Her hard work and determination resulted in her being on the President's List (Fall 2019-Fall 2020) and on the Dean's list with Honors (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021). She has worked as a research assistant with an Orthopedic surgeon at a local hospital for over four years.

Using her leadership and athletic skills, Czajkowski coordinated the Junior Eagles Extension Program, offering disabled individuals an opportunity to participate in a gymnastic program that improves their strength and coordination. She also took the initiative to reestablish the Rotaract Club. Through her efforts, they have hosted blood drives, canned food drives to benefit local food banks, reading at the local children's center, and a pen pal program for residents at a local

nursing home.

Future Plans

Czajkowski plans to pursue a Master of Science in Community Health Education. She aspires to attend medical school and become an orthopedic surgeon that works with military veterans.

Submitted by
Mary Jo Orzech

Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotary



The Honeoye Falls - Mendon Rotary would like to thank the many Scouts, Girl Scouts, Village officials and employees, families, and all others who participated in our trail & sidewalk cleanup in the Village of Honeoye Falls on Saturday, April 30th. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces volunteering their time to help protect the environment (one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus). Many hands made light work, and we are so appreciative!!! Submitted by Amy Harris

photo credits to Chip Raines and Dan & Amy Harris



Geneva Rotary

Geneva Rotary President-Elect Jerry Forcier demonstrated his gardening skills recently as Geneva Rotarians did clean-up work along the Geneva lakefront. Helped by members of the Hobart College football team, the Rotarians spruced up the Seneca lakefront in front of the Finger Lakes Welcome Center and tended to a garden that Rotary will care for regularly.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club's AARP Continued Adopt a School Projects

This month also found us working with the CORAL group at HCS to conduct their annual plant sale. As they could not sponsor the sale this year the HLRC stepped up to assist them in this fundraiser. We took orders for them, tabulated the results and worked with the greenhouse to ensure the plants arrive in time for Memorial Day.

We then proceeded to our "Gift Book a Month" distribution for April. We prepared grade level boxes ahead of time then on April 20th and 21st we had the excitement of welcoming the elementary students visit with us as we added books to their personal libraries. This is one of our favorite service projects as the kids now recognize us as "Rotary" and get very involved in selecting books that interest them and fit their reading levels.

Next we included our CORAL (Challenging Others to Be Responsible Active Learners) in our



April books

preparations to distribute tree seedlings to each and every elementary student along with staff members who may be interested. This is our annual Arbor Day activity. We order trees from the DEC, bag them, group them by classroom and watch the smiles on the students' faces as they take them home to plant. From bagging trees we immediately transferred our attention to boxing books. This involved preparing the book boxes for our May distribution days, May 18th and 19

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Tree bagging



Book preparation

Bath Rotary

CHICKEN BARBEQUE RAISES FUNDS FOR FLOWERING BASKETS

The Bath Rotary Club recently sponsored a chicken barbeque fundraiser in the parking lot of the Centenary United Methodist Church in Bath. The delicious dinner, comprised of ½ barbequed chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, and homemade rolls with butter, was prepared by Renee's Catering of Wayland, NY. Nancy Latour and Cheryl Muller made 250 homemade cookies for dessert. Muller also served as chair of the event.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will pay for the beautiful, hanging flower baskets that will line historic Liberty Street in downtown Bath. Local community members have enjoyed these colorful baskets, provided by the Bath Rotarians, for several years. Throughout the late spring, summer, and early fall the baskets will be watered by teams of Rotarians and other community members.



Members of the Bath Rotary Club, working the first two hour shift of the club's chicken barbeque fundraiser, were (standing left to right): Don Snyder, Terry Bilancio, Angie Mattoon, Bill White, Mike Slovak, Jay Maslyn, Elaine Tears, Cheryl Muller, Vicki Anderson, Benita Nesbitt, Tess McKinley, and Tess's son, Carter.

Written by Elaine Tears

The following members of the Bath Rotary Club who took over for the second two hour shift of the club's chicken barbeque fundraiser were (standing left to right): Don Snyder, Angie Mattoon, Brandi Graham, Cheryl Muller, Benita Nesbitt, Tess McKinley, and Tess's son, Carter.





Spencerport Rotary

The Spencerport Rotary Club inducted several new members recently.

Pictured are new members Tim Berends from M & T Bank, Stu and Laura McFarlane and Lisa Tucker.

Also pictured are Esmeralda Updegraph from Your CBD Store and Brandon Barnhart from M & T Bank.

Submitted by Colleen Farley



After a 2 year hiatus, the Spencerport Rotary Club recently hosted the annual Tri-Club dinner, inviting members of the Brighton and Fairport Rotary Clubs to join them for a meeting.

District Governor Nominee Designate and Master of Ceremonies Dave DeMers introduced our club president, Kosmos Mihalitsas, as well as guests Janet Tenreiro - District Governor, Ralph Brandt - District Governor Elect, Chuck Gannon - Area 9 District Governor, Ram Shrivastava - Brighton Club President and John Hall - Fairport Club President.

Each club president spoke about their club's recent achievements and goals and 2 featured speakers joined us as well - Robert Duffy, President and CEO Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and Heidi Zimmer-Meyer, President, Rochester Downtown Development Corp. 50/50 drawing was held at the dinner, with 50% to be donated to Camp Haccamo and 50% awarded to the lucky winner. A total of \$300 was raised. Domenick Cecconi from the Fairport club was the winner and he generously donated his winnings to Camp Haccamo as well. Spencerport Rotary added another \$50, so the donation sent totalled \$350.

Good food, great speakers, awesome camaraderie = a great evening of fellowship.



Head Table

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Above: Kosmos Mihalitsas
Left: DG Janet Tenreiro and Ralph Brandt

BATH ROTARY CLUB PARTICIPATES IN ROTARY DISTRICT 7120'S WATERSHED PROJECT

As part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project, the Bath Rotary Club participated in the cleanup of public access sites to local waterways in order to beautify the environment. Members cleaned up the area of Tyrtle Beach on Lake Salubria outside the Village of Bath and the waterfront area of the Keuka Lake Yacht Club near the Village of Hammondsport. The local project was spearheaded by Tess McKinley, President-Elect, and Jane Russell, a Past President. Those Bath Rotarians, who participated in this project, took pride in cleaning up the above-mentioned areas as well as enjoying fellowship and friendship with their fellow Rotarians and three community volunteers.

For those who do not live in the Southern Tier, Tyrtle Beach is an annual fundraiser for a multitude of youth programs in Bath and surrounding communities. The founders of the event named it Tyrtle Beach because it occurred when many local residents traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC for spring break. A prominent community member is selected to jump in Lake Salubria, which is usually quite cold at the end of April, while community members and organizations pledge money for the event. Several of the past jumpers have been Bath Rotarians. This year's jumper was Neil Bryson, Chair of the Music Department at Bath-Haverling Central School. Many local community members, including some Bath Rotarians, stood on the bank of the lake and sang Bryson good wishes as he jumped in the frigid water. The Bath Rotary Club pledged \$1000.00 for the event.

The Bath Rotary Club presented a check for \$1000.00 to Dave Taylor Smith,



WVIN newscaster, first Tyrtle Beach jumper, and one of the organizers of the annual event.

Left to right are: Dave Taylor Smith; Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President-Elect; Mike Mishook, Bath-Haverling Board of Education President and former jumper.



Leona Dolan-Ritter, granddaughter of Jane Russell, Bath Rotarian, helps clean up the waterfront area of the Keuka Lake Yacht Club as part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project. Absent from photo: Jane Russell

As part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project, several Rotarians cleaned up debris at the site of Tyrtle Beach on Lake Salubria outside the Village of Bath.

Standing left to right are: Patrick Galvin, volunteer and owner of the property and Bath Rotarians Tess McKinley, Bill White, Elaine Tears, Cheryl Muller, Jay Maslyn, and Mike Slovak. Absent from photo: Nancy Reigelsperger, volunteer and employee of Cornell Cooperative Extension Steuben County.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Cheryl Muller and Jane Russell



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club's AARP Community Service Projects

April proved to be a very busy month for the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club.

We began our **A**we**s**ome **A**pr**i**l **R**otary **S**ervice projects with the District Training Assembly on April 9th and concluded with our annual tree bagging on April 29th.

The DTA was a huge success for us as we welcomed about 150 Rotarians to our school to share in some fun, food and fellowship as well as educational breakout sessions. Our raffle, silent auction and 50/50 drawing also gave our club the opportunity to add to our treasury so we can either expand current projects or add new ones to our list. Yes, this endeavor was a lot of work but we found it to be very rewarding.

Our next project called for both volunteers and participants in the annual Rally Round the Valley marathon. We are always supportive of this walk or run around Honeoye Lake as our cross-country teams work hard to earn some money to keep their efforts going.



DTA Opening Session



Silent Auction at DTA

And finally – in keeping with the Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations, we had a team of HLRC members walk the shoulders of one of our highways to do our annual roadside clean up. Nine of us made sure the litter was picked up and disposed of properly. It is always amazing and rewarding to carry out this project while getting some exercise as well.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

A Camp Haccamo Spotlight
Camp Co-Director Alison Schmitt

"No Camp in the area can do what Haccamo does"

Alison Schmitt's Camp Haccamo Story

Rotary and service are important in Alison Schmitt's family, her grandfather was an active Rotarian and she has a long list of close friends that have been involved and she is also a member of the ROC City Rotary. She started working at camp in 2005 and she has been dedicated to its mission ever since.



Alison says there are many camps in the area, but thanks to Rotary, none can do what Haccamo does. "It's truly a unique place that serves individuals with special needs that often don't have other places to go," she said. "No Camp in the area can do what Haccamo does."

Creating a Culture of "Yes" at Camp Haccamo

Kids and adults with significant behaviors unfortunately hear a lot of "no" in their lives, and are frequently sent home from other camps. They miss out on valuable camping experiences because of this. "Not at Camp Haccamo," said Schmitt. "We take everyone." Socialization alone is so critical with kids, especially if they are emotionally fragile. Haccamo specializes in serving this particular subset, with emotional and behavioral mood disorders. "There's significantly high demand in our community for these services. We are devoted to these individuals who no one else serves," she added.

Watching People Grow

Besides providing an enriching experience, and giving families and caregivers sorely needed respite, Camp Haccamo is "family" too and reunites old friends. "In many cases, this is the only place our campers see their friends. Our 21- year-olds for instance are seeing close acquaintances they have developed over many years and it's such a joyful homecoming. Nothing illustrates the value of Camp Haccamo better than these returning campers. And in some cases our campers love camp so much and the experience it provides, some are able to come back as counselors," says Alison.

How You Can Support Camp Haccamo

Camp will be held this summer on July 25-29, for ages 7 to 18, and August 1-5, 2022 for adults ages 19 to 30. Families interested can register online at <https://www.camphaccamo.org/applications>.

Auto Show Save The Date:

Please be sure to attend the Annual Camp Haccamo Car, Truck, and Cycle Show on Saturday, June 4, 2022, 8am to 1pm, at the Mall at Greece Ridge behind the old Sears store. Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more can visit <https://www.camphaccamo.org> or contact Chuck Krause (585-703-0918 or via Krause.chuck@pmlmail.com).

Submitted by Neal Gorman

This article is courtesy of Ken Kohl, Penfield Rotary:

Are you a military veteran? The Rochester Knighthawks and the Rochester Americans have a program called Hometown Hero, where military veterans can be recognized at a home game for their military service. The veteran does not need to be present at the game to be recognized, but it is nice if he or she can be there if selected. It is up to the Hometown Hero what they prefer. If they do want to go they will receive free tickets to the game. If a Rotarian military veteran wants to sign up to be a hometown hero, he or she will need to go to the provided links to complete the submission form. Each team has their own link. The veteran will need to sign up at specific link to be considered by that specific team.

Rochester Knighthawks Hometown Hero Submission Form: https://onebuffalo.formstack.com/forms/knighthawks_hometown_heroes

Rochester Americans Hometown Hero Submission Form: https://onebuffalo.formstack.com/forms/amerks_hometown_heroes?utm_source=amerks&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=hometown-hero

The Veterans Club of the Finger Lakes will hold an organizational meeting on May 24th at 6:00 PM at Bill Gray's at 1650 Penfield Road, Penfield 14625. Veterans and those interested in veterans issues, both Rotarians and non Rotarians, are welcome to attend. Questions should be directed to PDG John Hall at rotaryvets7120@gmail.com.

--Submitted by PDG John Hall



Literacy Efforts in Corning

The Corning club sponsored the Scripps Southern Tier Regional Spelling Bee on **March 5th**. The Corning club has sponsored the regional bee event for 10 years. The competition involved 43 spellers from 22 schools in the Southern Tier including schools from Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Broome, Allegany, and Tompkins counties in NY and Tioga County in PA. The competition encourages students to set goals and dedicate time to study and preparation. Participation also provides an opportunity for students to gain experience in public speaking and performing under pressure. The purpose of the Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.



Rotary Reads Carrot Story

On **March 23rd**, members of the Literacy Committee participated in a special Rotary Reads day at Winfield Elementary School in Corning. Members visited the various classrooms at the school to read books to the classes culminating in the presentation to the children of their monthly Rotary Reads books. **March 31st** saw literacy members participating in Winfield Elementary School's Reading Celebration Family Reading Night. Children and family members grades Kindergarten- Fifth grade were in attendance. Rotary members presented tips for reading and encouraging literacy at home. Members then welcomed children and parents to participate in fun participatory stories. It was a fun filled and rewarding evening.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Rotary Reads Family Night

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>

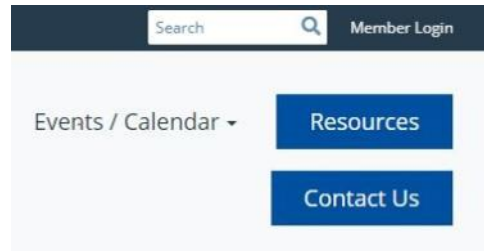
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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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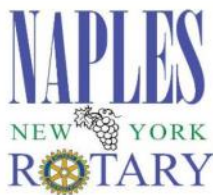
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REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE OUT SOON
QUESTIONS - TEXT OR EMAIL JACK FREDERICKS
(585) 314-4124 jackf374@gmail.com



Spencerport Rotary's Annual Geranium Sale!!!

Friday - Saturday - Sunday, May 20-21-22

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. or *while they last!*

BAREFOOT LANDING PLAZA

2139 N Union St., Spencerport / Next to Pineway Ponds Park

Mix and Match Assorted Colors

Red - Pink - White - Lavender - Salmon

1 @ \$3.75

3 @ \$11.00

6 @ \$19.00

SAVE! - Flat of 12 @ \$36.00

**We have sold out the past 2 years, so
ADVANCE ORDERS ENCOURAGED!**

**Contact any Spencerport Rotarian by May 16th
or call/text Colleen at 585-489-0333 or email
colleen1031@yahoo.com**

Geranium Sale is dedicated in memory of long time Rotarian George Blickwede



Foundation of the Rochester
Latino Rotary Club, Inc.

Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser

Proceeds will go towards our community service projects
Saturday, May 21, 2022
@ Seneca Park

Check-In starts at 10:30 am
at the Eagle Shelter

Visit Us:
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and register by clicking on "become a fundraiser" or click on "donate"
Free t-shirt to the first 50 Donors.
Grand Prize to the Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser
participant that raises the most funds.



Save the Date

Rotary to Host 9th Annual Auto Show Saturday, June 4, 2022

8am to 12pm with awards at 1pm

Thanks to great sponsors and a lot of hard work, last year's Camp Haccamo Car, Truck, and Cycle Show was the largest and most successful ever. The show, and the perfect weather, attracted more than 300 spectators who mingled among more than 237 vehicle exhibitors (both greater than other years by at least one hundred). Chuck Krause who coordinated the show estimates this summer's event will be another spectacular turnout.

Please save June 4, 2022, on your calendars for the car, truck, and cycle show to support Camp Haccamo at the Mall at Greece Ridge behind the old Sears store.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Chuck Krause (585) 703-0918 or Krause.chuck@pmlmail.com. We are also looking for sponsors and door prizes! Event flyers, sponsor letters, and registrations are located online at <https://www.camphaccamo.org>. Please feel free to pass the information along.

Click here to see a variety of photos and videos from last year's amazing show:

<https://amzn.to/3ueh36N>.





Camp Haccamo's
9th Annual
Car, Truck & Cycle Show



Saturday June 4, 2022
Gates open @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Awards shortly after 1:00 PM



The Mall at Greece Ridge
Behind the old Sears store

Spectator Donation \$3
All Vehicles Welcome
Vendors

\$10 Pre-registration
\$20 Day of Show

50 / 50 Raffle,
Music, Food
&
Door Prizes.....



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- **Top 50 "People's Choice"**
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Contact:

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585-703-0918

DESIGNATING YOUR UNITED WAY GIFT TO CAMP ONSEYAWA

All of us know the great good the United Ways do for our communities. But do you know that your gift can be designated to go to Rotary Camp Onseyawa?

This option by the UW has generated new income for those agencies who are not approved to receive annual grants. New ways are needed to fund and secure the future of Rotary Camp Onseyawa.

Designated funds have not created a great deal of financial growth for Camp Onseyawa yet, but hope with more awareness that more United Way donations could come our way.

The Ontario and Wayne County United Ways have merged with the Greater Rochester United Way. Seneca and Yates Counties both operate independent United Way agencies.

It does not matter where you work or live, your UW gift can be designated and forwarded to Camp Onseyawa by indicating your wishes on your pledge card and/or using Code #2219.

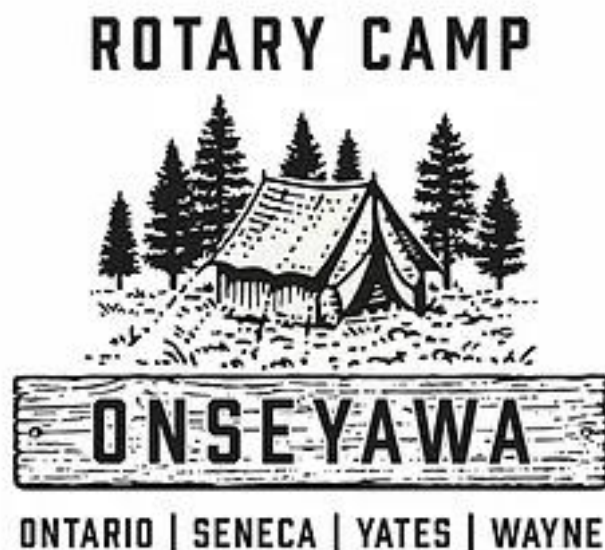
The mission of this special needs summer camp has generated great support for over 40 years. These youth have only one place to find a summer camp experience, Camp Onseyawa. We are thankful to have a very active board of directors and tremendous dedicated camp staff.

We ask that you pass this donor option program along to everyone in your Rotary Club and beyond. It will make a difference.

Thank You for your support.

Robin Mark, President, Camp Onseyawa Board of Directors

Submitted by Victor Arsenault, Treasure, Camp Onseyawa





CAMP ONSEYAWA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 11, 2022

"The mission of Rotary Camp Onseyawa is to provide a camping experience for 8-16 year old children with disabilities from the 4-county area, and to foster independence and acceptance of others through social, recreational and educational aspects of life." The Play for the Children golf tournament raises money to provide these camp experiences.

Schedule of Events:

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022

Place: Silver Creek Golf Course, 1790 E. River Rd, Waterloo, NY 13165

Registration: 11:30

Lunch on the deck: 12:00 Hot dog or hamburger, chips and water

Shot gun start: 1:00

Dinner: On the porch after completion of 18 holes (additional dinner tickets are \$25)

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per player or \$400.00 per team

Fee includes green fees, cart, lunch and dinner

Dinner Only: \$25.00

Entry form and check made payable to Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament are due no later than **June 1, 2022** and should be sent to:

Gary Reilly
819 Moseley Road
Fairport, NY 14450

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION, DETACH AND SEND WITH PAYMENT TO ABOVE ADDRESS.

1. Team Captain

2.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

3.

4.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

2022 TOUR DE CURE: UPSTATE NY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

WHERE: XEROX CAMPUS

CONTACT: JULIE DEMERSMAN

JDEMERSMAN@DIABETES.ORG



WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Event Set Up
- Route Signage
- Registration
- Volunteer Check-in
- Rest Stop
- Parking
- Traffic Control
- Start/Finish line cheer team
- Lunch Tent
- And more!



SCAN ME



**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF**

Registration at 9am – Shotgun at 10am. Call 585-415-5477 for more information. Website www.hfmrotary.org click Golf Tournament on Menu for CC payment.

2022 HF-M & Lima Rotary hosts
35th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Saturday, June 18th



Enjoy a day of Golf, Entertainment & Fellowship... All While Helping Others!

Silent Auction, 50/50 drawing, Fun & Fellowship!

**MONEYS TO HELP IN ALL THAT ROTARY DOES
IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL EFFORTS**

SUPPORT LEVELS:

- ~~ Prize Donation
- ~~ \$125 for Tee Sign Sponsor
- ~~ \$400 a Foursome
- ~~ \$500 Tee Sign and 1 Foursome

For more information:

HFM Rotary - Barry Kissack: (585) 415-5477
Lima Rotary - John Skiptunas: (585) 448-6410



NEWARK ROTARY CLUB

Is sponsoring a

FATHER'S DAY

CHICKEN BBQ



All Proceeds
Supports

**HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY**



BBQ BY
OLD MILL

Sunday June 19, 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 Newark Public Library

Or by texting (315) 573-0617

Curb Service Provided



30th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
 Sponsored by
Kiwanis Club of Penfield-Perinton Foundation
Town of Penfield Staff
Penfield Rotary Club

Monday, June 20th, 2022

Registration 9:00 to 10:30 am Lunch starting 10:30 am
Shotgun Start at 11:30 am Dinner approximately 5:00 pm
Raffle and Awards Ceremony 5:30 pm

Lunch, Golf & Dinner \$150 or Dinner Only \$40
 Shadow Lake Golf Club, 1825 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield

Please follow us on  Facebook @PenfieldGolfTournament

Some of the Many Organizations We Support



Scouts BSA



ST. PETER'S KITCHEN
 no hunger, community, hope



Donald C. Mack
 Scholarship Fund



changing children's lives



Contact: Suzanne Hilt at sujoee@gmail.com or 585-752-4540

Naples Rotary Club's 6th Annual Walk of Life



Plans are in the making. Naples Rotary prepares to hold its Sixth Annual Walk of Life. The Annual Event will take place on two different occasions this year, with many things for the Naples Community, (and visitors), to see and do!

On July 10th, exciting things will happen. "Sweets, Speakers, Songs and Supper" at Arbor Hill and Brew and Brats! To be more specific, that means a Pulled Pork Dinner, Desserts by Rotary Members, Music by Local Musicians, Speakers from Hospeace House, and Margery Pawluk Cancer Fund, and a Live Silent Auction! On July 16th, there will be more events, including a 5-K Run, a Pet Parade, a Chicken Barbecue, and a Go-Go Goat Bingo Contest, all within the Naples Area! There will be the Sale of Pinwheels, (to show your support), at various locations and times.

The Walk of Life supports Hospeace House and the Margery Pawluk Cancer Fund. Come one, come all, and show your support for these two worthy causes!



HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY

37th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

CONSIDERED THE BEST LITTLE 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

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

Captain's Name: _____ 2nd Person _____

Address: _____ 3rd Person _____

_____ 4th Person _____

Email address _____

___ Check if you do NOT have a foursome and would like us to assign you to one.

Golf, Cart, Lunch, Steak Dinner & 3 Raffle Tickets \$90.00 per person \$ _____

Dinner Only.....\$25.00 per person \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Honeoye Lake Rotary Foundation

Mail to: Honeoye Lake Rotary, P.O. Box 674, Honeoye, NY 14471 **by 7/11/2022**

GOLF HOLE SPONSORSHIP

_____ Corporate-Patron @ \$150.00 each includes golf & dinner for 1 person

_____ Associate – Eagle @ \$75.00 each

_____ Affiliate – Birdie @ \$50.00 each

_____ Friend – Par @ \$25.00 each

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ **Questions: Jeanne Hamele 585-729-9118**

or jnnhamele@aol.com

Name to be used on sign: _____



Camp Star Golf Tournament
 Person Scramble Indian Hills Golf Course
 Monday July 25, 2022
 Sign in at 11:00 Shotgun at 12:00
Player's Application

By playing in the Camp Star Golf Tournament, you are helping to send children with disabilities to a summer sleepover camp, an opportunity they would not have without the generous support of people like you.
 Thanks for being a good neighbor!

A \$90.00 entrance fee for each player must accompany this application. Please write the check to Camp Star and mail to:
 Marianne Kalec/Camp Star
 PO Box 697
 Horseheads, NY 14845

Additional information?
Campstargolf@stny.rr.com
 607-738-2819

Fee includes golf, cart and dinner



Golfer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____



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Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____



Golfer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____



Golfer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

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

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CAMP ONSEYAWA.

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

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

PRIMAVERA BAKED POTATOES GREEN BEANS AND SALAD.

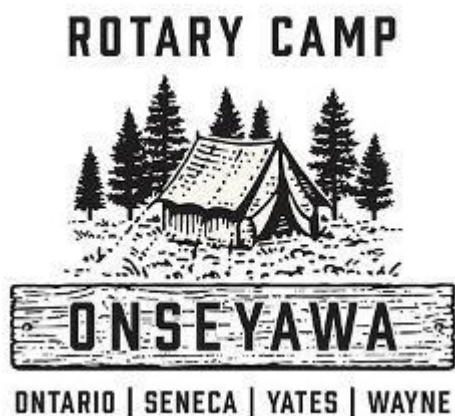
DESSERT IS PROVIDED BY BAGELS AND CAKE

COST OF THE DINNER IS STILL \$50.00 PER PERSON

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

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

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CAMP



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes



⚙ June 2022

June 30, 2022 District Change Over Dinner

Upcoming CLUB Events

⚙ May 2022

May 14 Fairport Rotary Red Raider Picnic Plate
4—6 VFW Post Macedon Center Rd., Fairport

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

May 20, 21, 22 Spencerport Rotary Geranium Sale
Barefoot Landing Plaza

May 21 Rochester Latino Rotary Walk-A-Thon
Seneca Park

⚙ June 2022

June 4— Camp Haccamo CarTruck & Cycle Show

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

June 18—Honeoye Falls-Mendon & Lima Rotary
Golf Tournament, Lima Golf Club, Chase Road
Registration at 9am – Shotgun at 10am.
Call 585-415-5477 for more information.
Website www.hfmrotary.org click Golf Tournament
on Menu for CC payment.

June 19— Newark Rotary Father's Day Chicken
BBQ \$12.00, Village Parking Lot, take out, 160
East Union Street

June 20 Penfield Rotary Golf Tournament
⚙ **July 2022**

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

July 10 Naples Rotary Walk of Life

July 25 Honeoye Lake Rotary Golf Tournament

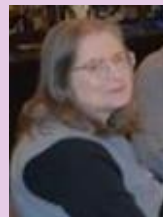
July 25 Camp Star Golf Tournament

⚙ **October 2022**

October 14—ROTARY CAMP ONSEYAWA
ANNUAL DINNER



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