



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



November 2022

Ralph Brandt, District Governor

Issue 5



I am featuring the Rotary Club of Southwest Rochester this month:

The Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest is a diverse club of 20+ members who strive to improve the quality of life in Rochester Southwest neighborhoods through service and engagement. Our members also are part of a global action network that tackles challenges from the worldwide eradication of disease, to literacy and clean water. **We meet the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm in different locations** (<https://rochester.zoom.us/j/577285163>), **and the third Thursdays of the month at 8:00 am** at the SW Neighborhood Service Center, 923 Genesee Street

(<https://rochester.zoom.us/j/210837971>).



September was a HUGE one for the visibility of our club! We kicked off the month with two celebrations of the grand opening of our accessible sensory playspace at 133 Kenwood Avenue. The first one held on Monday, September 12, was for the students and staff at Adlai E. Stevens School #29 to celebrate their participation in the project by performing the ribbon-cutting to the area. They learned about the decade-long history of the project and presented a check for \$127 from their bottle and can collection drive last academic year. This money will be used to purchase daffodil bulbs that the students will plant this month.

[Watch WHEC's coverage](#)

[Watch WROC's coverage](#)

Due to thunderstorms predicted for that afternoon, our community barbeque had to be postponed until the next day. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise as it gave us more time to get our neighbors excited about the event! We not only collected ideas for future enhancement to the playspace and connected with potential new Club members, but we received permission from the next door neighbor to paint a mural on the side of his garage facing the playspace!

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Before we began groundbreaking on the playspace, our community garden on the eastern edge of the property was awarded first place in the Wildlife/Pollinator Habitat category of the City of Rochester's Flower City Looking Good Feeling Good Garden Contest! Several members of our club were feted at a winners reception on September 21, at City Hall. Special thanks go to Rotarian Eleanor Coleman for spearheading this ongoing project.



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Finally, our most challenging endeavor to date, the ROC River Bike Ride was a huge success! Over 75 people participated in the 10 mile bike ride along the Erie Canal and Genesee Riverway trails on what turned out to be a perfect weather day. Our featured speakers and musicians placed strategically along the route, Wade Norwood, B, C, were a big hit. Special thanks go to our major co-sponsors the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, Exercise Express and the New York State Canal Corporation. We hope that you will hold Saturday, September 16, 2023 for next year's ride!



[View More Pictures](#)

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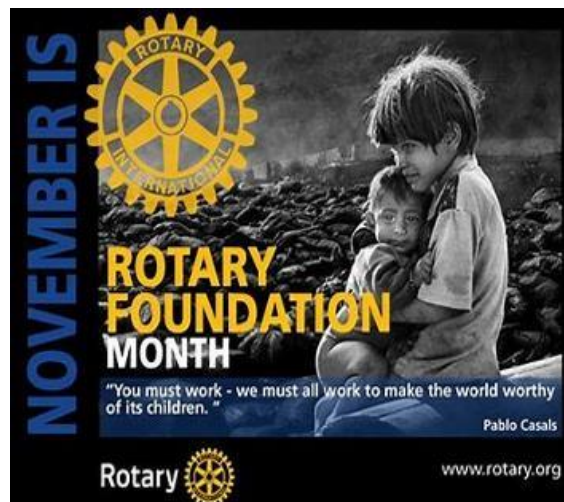
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November



District 7120 District Governor 2025-2026 Nominating Procedure

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

Important information for the candidate:

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

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

District 7120 Nominating Committee 2022-2023

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

JJ Johnson
Scott MacDonell PDG
Janet Tenreiro IPDG

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

Revised July 13, 2022

ROTARY DISTRICT 7120

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE COORDINATION LETTER

Subj: Fall 2022 EAC Project (Sixty-Four Points of Green)

1. BACKGROUND. The District 7120 Fall EAC Project will concentrate on supporting worthy local environmental groups within the district with a percentage of their Summer/Fall fundraising intake. Last year's Cook Stove project was international in scope. This year we will concentrate on local initiatives and perhaps rotate each year between local and international projects.

2. OBJECTIVE. For each club in the district to support at least one environmental group or effort in its community. Clubs are not limited to one organization and are encouraged to sponsor more than one if it is within the club's capabilities. The ultimate objective is to have all 64 clubs sponsor at least one worthy organization or activity.

3. EXECUTION. Clubs have a variety of fundraising activities, and each individual club is best positioned to know what level of activity it can support. Therefore, no overall district funding goal is set other than to try to obtain 100% participation by district clubs.

a. Conduct of the Project. The effort will run from September 1st to November 30th. Examples of potential organizations to be partnered with would be conservancies, lake associations, garden clubs, Boy Scout tree planting campaigns, and other community environmental groups/projects. It would be ideal to have club members participate in the fall projects of the organizations being sponsored. Some clubs do this routinely already.

b. Assignments. See Note 1 for the tracking sheet matrix to be used for the projects. Club presidents are requested to report directly to DG Ralph Brandt with an information copy to Gary Anderson, the EAC Chair. The EAC will keep track of the results and provide an overall monthly report to the DG for dissemination district wide.

c. Coordination Instructions. For questions regarding the conduct of the project, contact Gary Anderson (571) 212-0483, gwa1948@aol.com

4. LOGISTICS. Individual clubs will manage their own budgeting and contacts with organizations to be sponsored.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTACT POINTS

a. Contact points. See Note 2.

b. Publicity. Publicity. Individual clubs are encouraged to contact local news outlets to advertise their support to local environmental groups. The DG and EAC chair will work with district public relations personnel to promote the project to major newspapers, radio, and television outlets throughout the district.

c. For corrections or additions to this Coordination Letter. Contact Gary Anderson (571) 212-0483 gwa1948@aol.com

NOTES:

1. Tracking Matrix:

Sixty-Four Points of Green Project

Club Organization(s) Sponsored Amount Donated

(Optional)

2. Contact Points:

Gary Anderson (EAC Chair) gwa1948@aol.com

Ralph Brandt (District Governor) rbrandt601@aol.com

Sixty-Four Points of Green Project

Milt Matthews Governor Elect Hospitality Program

January 3-7, 2023

Since 1969, District 7120 Rotarians have hosted 520 Governors Elect and their spouses from 43 countries worldwide. The program takes place during the week before the International Assembly. The idea for the program was conceived by PDG Milt Matthews and has been copied by many other districts throughout the United States.

Each Governor-Elect guest is assigned a Rotary host. The guests live with the hosts, see the local sites, join in on local activities and where possible attend club meetings. The guests will leave for the International Assembly with a bevy of new friends that will last a lifetime.

Please consider being a host for the upcoming Milt Matthews Governor Elect Hospitality Program. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet Rotarians from across the world and show them the many wonderful sites in Rotary District 7120. For more info contact:

Ann DeMers (Chairperson) anndemers21@gmail.com or 585-764-3274

PDG John Hall — jehall13@gmail.com or 585-857-1126





Criteria for the 2022-2023 Literacy Recognition
Theme: Imagine What Literacy Can Do.....

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

1. General Ideas

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

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

2. Birth to 4 years old

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

3. Ages 5-12

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

4. Ages 13 and above

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

5. International

Books for the World
School Supplies

Name of Club _____

Contact person _____

Form must be submitted by **March 31, 2023**. Send to: JoAnn Terry, 41 Ridge Castle Dr., Rochester NY 14622, or email @ jotee218@aol.com

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

District Hosts Literacy Seminar



Every year, the district Literacy committee holds a seminar to inform and inspire Rotarians to promote literacy. This year it was held on September 17th in Bloomfield, NY. The Bloomfield Rotary club provided a beverage and snacks which were enjoyed by all. About 30 Rotarians from over 14 clubs were represented.

The usual agenda of a speaker and discussion was replaced by having the clubs share their literacy projects which would inspire and encourage clubs to promote literacy.

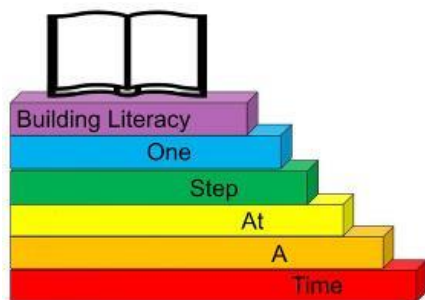
Many successful projects were presented and listed. The list was written and will be sent to the clubs for review.

The District Literacy committee meets about once a month. If a member of your club would like to join this friendly and helpful group, contact JoAnn Terry at

(jotee218@aol.com) Not only is the group creative, but they have fun too.

More information will be available at the DTA in April 2023.

Sent by Mary Ann Mady



Are you interested or know people interested in Veterans issues?

Anyone whether or not they are a Veteran or a Rotarian are welcome to attend the upcoming information meeting.

Information Meeting on forming a Veterans Club

Thursday, November 17

6:30-7:30 PM

Legacy at Willow Pond, 40 Willow Pond Way Penfield, NY

RSVP: PDG Linda Kohl, Rotary District Innovative Club Advocate
lkohl58@aol.com /585-354-5259 (cell)



**INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE:
COVID-19, INFLUENZA, and POLIO**

September 10, 2022 PDG DAVE HANNAN

COVID-19:

1. Updated Booster Vaccines are now available for those 12 and older. It provides additional protection against the Omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5, for those who have previously been vaccinated. If you a “late -adapter” or “health risk-taker,” I strongly encourage you to reconsider and start your vaccine series now, even if you have already experienced the disease!

INFLUENZA:

1. Seasonal Influenza Vaccines are now available. Influenza can be serious and deadly. Those over 65 years old should receive the High-dose version. It can be given at the same time as the COVID-19 Booster in the opposite arm. Infants over 6 months old should get their first half-dose and then a second half-dose 4 weeks later.

POLIO:

1. There is now a state of emergency in New York State to boost polio immunization rates! A resident of Rockland County contracted Polio earlier this year and the Polio Virus has now been detected in sewage samples in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Nassau Counties.
2. Polio is a paralyzing and potentially deadly disease. The IPV (Salk) Polio Vaccine is safe and effective. It has been used for decades, is required for school entry in NY, and is available to anyone over 2 months old. Protect yourselves and your families. If you had the full Polio Vaccine series as a child, you do not need a booster at this time.

Major Gifts News -- Unique benefits and tax incentives?

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

Both these options provide interesting and unique benefits as well as tax incentives. As we approach the end of the tax year, talk with your tax advisor to consider the financial advantages of these programs for you! Anyone interested in more information can contact Jeff Krans at jkrans228@gmail.com 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



The PolioPlus Society of District 7120

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

Joining the Society is a 2 step process.

1st Step, complete the PolioPlus Society Pledge Form (next page), then scan and send to District PolioPlus Chair Janet Tenreiro at: janettenreiro@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Sign up Today!



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

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

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

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



The Polio Plus Society

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

PolioPlus Society of District 7120



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name (please print)_____Date_____

Email Address _____

Club Name_____. District # _____

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

Sign up today!

OPPORTUNITY for EXCHANGE to AUSTRALIA DISTRICT 9820

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.

Reply to CGrovanz@rochester.rr.com or contact one of our RFE Committee members below if you have questions or are interested in participating in the D9820 exchange.



Rotary International District 9820

Welcomes

Rotary International District 7120

May 10th - May 25th 2023

Followed by
Rotary International Convention
Melbourne 2023



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.

About District 9820

Our District begins 1 hour drive from Melbourne. From Mornington Peninsula, to Greater Dandenong and all of Gippsland (South, West, Central, East) Much of our District is close to water and magnificent beaches. Power generation, logging, steel manufacture, gas production, military, farming, coal, snow resorts and tourism are just some of the industries found in our region. All these industries have many supporting small business operators.

Weather in May: Daytime temperatures usually reach 60F in Melbourne, Victoria in May, falling to 47F at night. There are normally 5 hours of bright sunshine each day

Your adventure will start in Melbourne. Arrive from around 10th May 2023



We will pick you up from Melbourne on the 11th May and transport you to East Gippsland.

Waterfront townships with superb beaches and national parks and more welcome you.

We will take you to see the regeneration of the areas where the bushfires of 2019/2020 devastated towns and wildlife.

Next you will move into the Central and South Gippsland. If you love a sunburnt country and a land of sweeping plains, spectacular beaches. Then this is the area for you!

Your hosts will help you explore the region. Power generation plants, beaches, and vineyards.



Your last stop will be on the Mornington Peninsula.

Fancy a hit of golf? Choose from over 20 courses, some of Australia's best.

How about visit some wineries, over 200 to choose from!



Some activities planned

Moonlight sanctuary - Australian native animals

Kangaroo, Koala's Possums and more

Peninsula Hot Springs

Soak in various natural hot spring pools

Wineries

200 to choose from

Golf

Some of Australia most renowned

Gin Distillery

Local Markets

Craft and produce

Phillip Island

Fairy Penguins, spectacular sea life, chocolate and more



Each stop will be 3-4 days in length. You will be hosted by Rotary families in the area, they will help you explore the region. We will also get you involved with some community projects along the way. Meet with Rotary clubs, engage with local community.



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Country throughout Melbourne, Gippsland and Mornington Peninsula, and recognise their continual connection to the land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and ask that during your travels you respect the cultures, people and land.

CALLING ALL TALENT!



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

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

Send suggestions, contact info and any website info to:
colleen1031@yahoo.com





THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!

The Great DuBois Circus that is!
Exciting words for kids and adults, isn't it?

Well Rotarians in our district can make that happen at the District Conference coming up in May 2023, which just happens to have a Circus theme!

What is the Great DuBois Circus all about? As written on their website...www.thegreatdubois.com...

"A fast-paced, high-energy circus show for all ages...showcasing incredible feats of juggling, hula hoops, unicycle, aerial, circus stunts, contortion, magic and audience interaction all wrapped up in a blanket of comedy. Simply put...the most unique 2-person circus show you will ever see!"

Recently featured in Hugh Jackman's hit movie, "The Greatest Showman", The Great DuBois have amassed an impressive list of credits, including the Tony Award winning "Pippin" on Broadway, "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno", "Late Night with David Letterman", Britney Spears World Circus Tour, and the movie "Burlesque" to highlight just a few."

Of course, all this excitement comes with a cost, so we are seeking Rotarians to help defray the cost of bringing this incredible act to Bloomfield in May!

Levels of Sponsorship:

Gold Level = \$1,000

Blue Level = \$750

Purple Level = \$500

Your name and / or your business name will be:

- Included with a Thank You in the Grapevine
- Included with a Thank You on the district website
- Prominently featured in the event program
- Displayed on sponsor signs at the event
- Announced at the event with our thanks
- Presented with a Thank You certificate

Reach out if you have any questions. To become a sponsor just let me know the level you wish to sponsor and if you would like a company logo used in promoting your sponsorship, send me a PDF.

Submitted by Colleen Farley

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

**IMAGINE
WHAT'S
NEXT**

**REGISTER TODAY AT
CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
27-31 MAY 2023**

Rotary  |  **MELBOURNE
2023**



*Thursday
November 24th*



Camp Haccamo's October Adult Retreat Weekend a Huge Success

In early October Camp Haccamo and Rochester Rotary jointly hosted the annual Sunshine Escape Adult Retreat Weekend.

More than 70 campers experienced a very special weekend open to ages 21 and over. Please share and help us spread the word about Camp Haccamo. And shoutout to Sunshine Camp for their great work as usual!

Here are a few heartwarming photo stories captured the moment camp opened! What an amazing weekend we had -- look at these smiles!



Connor Pocock (left) is a second-year counselor who was super excited and looking forward to a great weekend. He is photographed with Andy Kraemer, who comes to camp every year in the fall.



Caroline Alvut (right), who has been coming to camp since she was nine poses with her mom Nancy Alvut (left) and fellow long-time camper Lance Revette (center), and counselor Brenden Vandermark (back). Caroline loves camp and was looking forward to dancing!



Camper Jamie Shaw (left), takes a minute for a photo with four-year counselor Chloe List. Jamie couldn't pick one thing she was most excited for, she is just happy to be back at camp!

Making Smiles Happen for 66 years!

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

Learn more at www.camphaccamo.org.

Sent by Neal Gorman

In Their Own Words: Kids and Adults Share How Camp Haccamo Impacted Their Lives This Summer

There's only one way to tell a good story or describe how important something is. It's through the lens of the eyewitness. We know how amazing Camp Haccamo is but there is nothing more powerful than seeing and hearing what the actual campers and parents are saying. Here's a sampling of comments and feedback from this year. We thought it was important to share these with our fellow Rotarians.

Please read the comments and remarks below. These should make everyone smile!

The Potter family says: "Amber cannot wait to come back next summer!"

The Briggs-Buick family says: "Billy had a blast. Thank you for all your hard work. Camp was the highlight of his summer. We appreciate you!"

Ms. Platt said: "Thank you for an amazing camp experience for my son and other kids who wouldn't have been able to experience camp otherwise!"

Another camper says: "My heart is full seeing this [photos of camp in 2022]. I used to be a camper years ago when I was in foster care."

A family experiencing camp for the first time said: "Awesome experience thank you. It was my daughter's first year, she loved it!!!"

Ms. Kahl said: "Awesome people and camp! My daughter loved being a camper and this year as a counselor!"

Another family shared: "Thank you for giving our kiddos another amazing camp experience."

The Muniz family said: "Oliver can't wait to return to sing the Fresh Prince of Bel Air with everyone."

When seeing photos of camp this year Mr. Davies said: "This is awesome. I worked at Camp Haccamo in the early 90's on the old campus. It was such a rewarding experience. Glad to see the campers and staff had another great summer!"

And lastly the Gravelle family shared that their daughter has been "camp-sick" since camp ended.

Pictured here is Camp Haccamo Executive Director Dolly Kujawa making smiles happen alongside campers at last month's adult retreat weekend.

Thank you fellow Rotarians for making Camp Haccamo such a valuable and iconic community resource. Please contact us on Facebook to learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/haccamo>.

Sent by Neal Gorman



Gananda Rotary

The Gananda Rotary donated again to the Gananda School District's Backpack Program which provides snacks and other food items to qualified students during weekends and school breaks. These are students who are considered food/nutrition insecure. In the photo, presenting a \$1,000 check from Rotary is Gananda Rotary president Christine Casaceli (center), with Gananda Central's Backpack coordinators, Sue Thoen and Heather Keenan



PHOTOS for HAUNTED HAYRIDE

Gananda Rotary has another successful Haunted Hayride fundraiser under their belts. This is the 13th year of the event, where local students help out, receiving community service hours for helping to set up and participate in the spooky event. Fun for all..and proceeds to Rotary Camp Onseyawa and scholarships for our seniors. Here are some of the student actors before the first night.

In this photo, Kevin Farnsworth of the Gorham Rotary Club helps Gananda Rotarian Terri Nichols set up her Club's new touchpad SquareUp Computers. The new computers will be used to take payments for Gananda's Haunted Hayride and Gananda Rotary Garage Sale events. The money used to purchase the two computers came from money earned by helping Gorham Rotary and their popcorn food booth at CMAC concerts this summer. Gotham Rotary offered a percentage of their sales to Gananda Rotary for their time volunteering. WIN—WIN!



Geneseo Rotary

On Monday, November 7th the Geneseo Rotary Club held its annual Veterans Luncheon at the Valley Oak Event Center in Geneseo.



According to Club President Patti LaVigne, "It was one of our largest turnouts. The food was great and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves."

Gary Anderson was in charge of signing up the 27 veterans for the event.

Submitted by Marilyn Lyon

Photos by Pres. Patti LaVigne



Rush Henrietta Rotary



Jeff Sinsebox was calling the bingo numbers during Bingo Night at the Rush Henrietta Rotary meeting. It was the 1st annual "Bingo Night" and we hope to have many more!

Sent by Steve Synesael



Victor-Farmington Rotary



V-F Rotary YEX student Jaiza Wolters (Netherlands) meeting Rochester Americans team mascot – The Moose

As an aside – she really liked ice hockey. This was the first game she ever attended. She now is an Amerk fan. (see below) We are taking her to another game on Nov 25th.

Sent by Dave Luitweiler

Pic with YEX host family sister Bailey Visingard filling Halloween bags for Wilson Commencement Park



Webster Rotary

On Saturday, October 15th, the Webster club re-dedicated the Rotary Grove at the Webster Arboretum. The Rotary Grove is a place where past Rotarians are honored and memorialized for their community service to the town of Webster and Rotary. Aided by a district simplified grant, the Webster club went through a 2 year process to beautify the space. Working with a local horticulturalist, the beautification effort included removal of trees, the addition of a new landscape bed, replacement of benches and the construction of a new entrance arbor for all Arboretum visitors to enjoy. The ceremony included the family members of these Rotarians along with Town Supervisor Tom Flaherty, who did the official ribbon cutting. The Webster club invites all Rotarians to come out to the Rotary Grove at the Webster Arboretum!

Submitted by Joe Corona



Elmira Rotary

On October 27, 2022, Elmira Rotary President Ryken Ruuspakka, Past Presidents, Dick DuBois and Polly Smith-Blackwell, Joy Perry and Katie Boland all participated in Diven Elementary School's Read for the Record Program. They read aloud: "Nigel and the Moon" to the students, a wonderful story about learning to be who you are. Diven Elementary School was "adopted" by Elmira Rotary Club over 15 years ago. The Club participates in an event benefiting the school and its students each month during the school year. Sent by Laurie Liberatore



President Ryken Ruuspakka reading to Diven Elementary Students



Past President Dick DuBois reading to Diven Elementary Students

Avon Rotary Welcomes New Members!

On October 4th we had the pleasure of inducting two new individuals into our Rotary Club. Please join us in welcoming Collin Hayes and Kate Carbone. We look forward to working with them as we serve our wonderful community. *Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis*



Meet Collin Hayes

Hello fellow Rotarians! My name is Collin and I am honored and proud to join you all in your commitment to service above self. I'm fortunate to have been raised in a wonderful community where I have roots that go back many decades. To paraphrase Kirk Vanderbilt: "you can't swing a dead cat in this town without hitting someone that Collin is related to." I couldn't have put it more delicately. Among those relatives are many doctors, farmers, and educators. What they all have in common (besides frequently being assaulted by dead cats) is their commitment to hard work, public service, and the betterment of their community. These are the values that I was raised on and that have inspired me to join Rotary. I was introduced to the Avon Rotary Club early in life, through their involvement with the St. Agnes Golf Tournament. My involvement with the Club continued through high school with the Interact Club and the foreign exchange student program. I am also a third generation Rotarian, as my grandfather Bob Hayes is an honorary member of Avon Rotary and my father Tim Hayes is a member of the Geneseo Club.

After graduating from Avon HS in 2011, I attended Nazareth College for two years before taking some time off to serve as an AmeriCorps VISTA at Community Legal Aid in Akron, OH. I completed my undergrad degree in political science at the University of Akron and then earned a graduate degree in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University. After living and working in DC for a couple years, I grew tired of the hustle and bustle and decided to move back home last summer. I currently work as a legal editor for General Code, a Rochester-based company that publishes municipal laws. I also serve as a member of the Avon Town Planning Board. I would like to thank the Avon Rotary for welcoming me into the Club, and I look forward to serving with you all!



Meet Kate Carbone

Hello, I'm Kate Carbone who was born and raised in Wisconsin until my Senior year of High School when my family relocated to Livonia. Camping, fishing, and golf are a few of the things I enjoy with my family and friends.

My career began with a Distribution Company and then a Bakery, who are both supply companies for McDonald's Corporation. Currently I'm the School District Payroll Clerk for Avon CSD.

Rotary is a wonderful fit for me personally because I believe in many of the rotary values such as "service above self". Giving back to the community is of importance to me and it makes me grateful and happy to be among like-minded folks. I want to thank my fabulous sponsor, Cat Jensen, for introducing me to this great organization. Additionally, thank you to everyone for being so friendly and welcoming.



President, Steve Csapo, New Rotarian, Kate Carbone, Sponsor, Cat Jensen



President, Steve Csapo, New Rotarian, Collin Hayes, Rotarian & Uncle, Dave LeFeber, Missing: Sponsor, Julie Carney

Greece Rotary

The Area 9 Fellowship Dinner was held on Oct. 20 with the Rotary Clubs of -Greece, Gates-Chili, Spencerport, Brockport, and Hilton attending the event at Ridgemont Country Club, organized by AG Chuck Gannon.

The event featured special guest speaker Rotarian Don Alhart who spoke on "Renew Rotary". Don mentioned that all five clubs have contributed over \$750,000 to Rotary International, and over 70 Paul Harris Fellows during their existence. Don said we can Renew Rotary using many avenues to support the Rotary Foundation through Rotary Direct, Gifts of Foundation Points to name a few options. We all know one of Don's favorite stocks in Tootsie Roll, Chuck then presented Don his very own Tootsie Roll socks.



Rotary is all about Fellowship within your club, outside your club and community and on this night new friendship were started, as well old friendships were renewed. We always speak of the 4-Way Test having a Fifth Test- Having Fun!!! and on this night WE all had Fun!!



Sent by Melissa Jordan

The Shelter Project's Exciting Start from Northwest Rotary Club

The Shelter Project is underway with a shelter completed in 2 days by the Rotary Club of Northwest Rochester and delivered November 3rd to Peace Village in Rochester. The first occupant is thrilled to come from living under a bridge on her way to more permanent housing.

This is a project in need of other Rotary clubs to build individual shelters for homeless adults. Previously Fairport Rotary completed two shelters, now we are looking for other clubs to join Rochester Northwest. Rochester Deaf has agreed and there is a need for more clubs to join. Average cost is \$2,400.

Contact Paul Minor - minorarch@aol.com for more information



Refugees are building the shelter structure



Bobbi Majka, Rochester NW Rotarian painting inside the shelter

Article and photos submitted by Paul Minor (Rochester NW Club), Article edits by Michele Randall (Rochester Deaf Club) and Article support with Shelter Project logo design by Bob Green (Rochester Deaf Club)

Corning Rotary Inducts New Member

The Corning Rotary Club inducted our newest member at the October 20th meeting. Sponsored by **Rotarian Ray Defendorf**, new member **Harrie Stevens** was warmly welcomed.

While not a previous Rotarian, Harrie has had experience with Rotary when his daughter was a Rotary Exchange Student in Brazil. The year following her return to the states Harrie and his family were a Rotary Host Family for an exchange student from Belgium.

Harrie's career encompasses working as a college professor and Dean at Alfred University before moving to Corning Incorporated as a Research Manager. His volunteer career runs the gamut from serving as a volunteer fireman, as construction volunteer at various Habitat for Humanity affiliates, and construction project manager and Board of Director member for Bampa's House hospice care facility here in Corning. He still serves as a member of the Caton Volunteer Fire Department as both a fireman and in a management capacity.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Spencerport Rotary Inducts New Members

Three new members were recently inducted into the Spencerport Rotary Club. Pictured L-R: Ann DeMers who sponsored a family membership for Frank and Jamie Stancato, Club President and DGN Dave DeMers, Simon Devenish, who was sponsored by Colleen Farley.

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Corning Rotary sponsors new Interact Club

After working for the past school year, Corning Rotary is proud to announce the formation of a new Interact Club. Meeting all the requirements and approved by the Board of Directors, the Interact Club is located at the Corning High School Learning Center, a specialized learning experience for students who don't thrive in the regular high school learning environment.



Corning Rotarian **Ted Goldwyn** is serving as the club advisor and **Dave Quackenbush**, the lead Teacher in Humanities at the Learning Center serves as the advisor for the students who are part of the Interact Club. This is a great pairing as one of the requirements at the Learning Center is involvement in community service projects.

Dave and several of the students attended the club meeting on October 20th to explain what the Learning Center is and how it has impacted their lives. The students have already served at various service projects for the Rotary Club.



Submitted by Jan Harvey

Watkins Montour Rotary

The Watkins-Montour Rotary Club had a very successful fundraising endeavor at the Wine Country Circuit Dog Show, held at Sampson State Park earlier this month. Rotarians, spouses and friends filled 45, 5-hour slots over 6 days and earned the Club \$4,000!

A special thank you to Rotarian/Event Chair JC Argetsinger and Rotarian Nancy Loughlin for filling slots that added up to 20 hours of volunteer time apiece!



Sent by Emily Peckham



Spencerport Rotary

Eagle Star in Spencerport helps homeless Veterans become self-sufficient by providing 60-90 days of transitional housing.

Veterans are provided a bedroom, daily meals, training in life skills and budgeting, assistance in searches for housing and employment, plus transportation to appointments.

Spencerport Rotary Club has always been a supporter of the work done at Eagle Star and the veterans who stay there. The club recently applied for and received a district grant to purchase items the house badly needed, including a new stove, a freezer and 2 computers.

Rotarians Dave DeMers, Ann DeMers, Kos Mihalitsas, Michele Mihalitsas, Jamie Stancato and Frank Stancato recently visited, brought dinner to the veterans, joining them for a meal.

Sent by Colleen Farley



Geneseo Rotary

This photo was taken at the Geneseo Rotary October 31st meeting of those Rotarians who Volunteered at the October 8th Genesee Valley Hunt Races this year.

Two checks were presented from the Genesee Valley Hunt Club. They were presented by Sara Batzing, I believe she is the Hunt Race Coordinator.

One of the checks was \$3000.00 donation. This represents the portion of the proceeds that GVHC give us each year for the work we do at the races.

This year the Genesee Valley Hunt Club designated Geneseo Rotary as the beneficiary of their 50/50 raffle. This check was for \$1791.00 which represents our half of the proceeds.

Article by Pres. Patti LaVigne Photo by Matt Gaynor



BATH ROTARY CLUB PROVIDES PICNIC TABLES FOR NEW VILLAGE PARK

The Bath Rotary Club received a 2022 – 2023 District 7120 Grant to provide for the purchase of six picnic tables at the new village park on Haverling Street in Bath. The local club matched the grant money to pay for the tables, handcrafted by Creative Wood-

working, a local business owned by John Sincerbox. The new park includes a covered pavilion, fenced-in dog park, and parking lot. The Cornell Cooperative Extension Steuben plans to provide classes at the pavilion to teach people through the learning garden that will also be set up at the park. The land for the park was given to the village upon the death of Betty Langendorfer; her legacy will remain on this Haverling Street property. It was her dream for community members to enjoy the area within the village limits as her eight children had done in their youth. Betty had been a well-known community member, volunteer, and master gardener. She received the 2012 – 2013 Bath Rotary Club Citizen of the Year award in



Two of the six picnic tables provided by the Bath Rotary Club and a 2022 – 2023 Rotary District 7120 Grant sit beneath the pavilion at the new park in Bath.

recognition of her endless hours of community service.

At this time the Village of Bath has paid for the dog park fencing, trash cans, and parking lot as well as installing the pavilion which was paid for by funds raised by the eight Langendorfer children and the CCE Steuben.

“The picnic tables will allow all Bath residents to have an outdoor location near the village center to meet as well as to sit while their pets enjoy the dog park area,” stated Tess McKinley, 2022 – 2023 Bath Rotary Club President and Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension Steuben. “The project meets the mission of the Rotary Foundation by providing free, meeting



Cheryl Muller, Bath Rotary Club Vocational Services Director and Haverling Interact Advisor, enjoy a visit to the new park with her dog, Zoe, which indeed enjoyed the dog park area.

accommodations for education and other needs for all people, including people in poverty, who do not have transportation to areas outside the village.”



Nancy Latour, Bath Rotary Club Secretary, takes a rest from the dog park area at the new village park with her dog, Tucker. She indeed appreciated a place to rest after romping around with Tucker.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Cheryl Muller

Penfield Rotary



Penfield Rotarians participation in an awesome service project - picking "end of the season" apples with Penfield Rotarians for the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf
Sent by PDG Linda Kohl



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY HALLOWEEN PROJECT FOR WILSON COMMENCEMENT PARK

The Farmington Rotary Club continued a long tradition of supporting the Wilson Commencement Park, a non-profit organization that provides safe and secure housing for single-parent families in Rochester. The WCP provides an array of services to families including educational and social programs for the children in a safe environment. Recently the club held a special evening event where club members gathered to assemble Halloween treat bags for children who reside at WCP. The club provided 140 Halloween bags filled with wrapped candy provided by club members as well as novelty items for distribution at the children's party. Club members Jim Crane and Dave & Judy Luitweiler delivered the donation to Cavelle Mighty, WCP Executive Director, and Edna Chimhau, Family Support Program Administrator, at the WCP complex. They provided a tour of their facility and an update on their programs to provide a safe and secure environment for the single-parent families they serve,

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



V – F Rotarian Solitaire Murphy sorting candy for Halloween bags



L to R – Cavelle Mighty and Edna Chimhau WCP staff and V-F Rotarians Jim Crane and Judy Luitweiler

Perry Rotary

Perry Rotarians Butch and Betsy DeGroff as Archie and Edith Bunker, favorites at the club's annual variety show.

Perry Rotary Club thanks all of our district club members who joined the audiences on Nov. 7 and 8 for "The Way We Were," its 90th variety show with music, dance and humorous skits. Favorite acts featured bums, a bumbler, "dignitaries," and royalty. Since it began, the Rotary Show has welcomed the community to not only view but participate in the show. It does behind the scenes and onstage singing and dancing. Many Show Chorus members have lent their talents for decades. And the Show's Kids Chorus delights all as do the dances from a local studio in which many children enroll. You might say the Rotary Show introduces the club to upcoming generations. This year, the amazing set designers and painters created two outdoor-scene backdrops on either side upon which the club's many contributions were written such as Little League Diamonds, Splash Park, Big Toy, Nature Trail, GVRC, Autism Trail, Dictionaries, Food Pantry, Scholarships and more! They were a unique way to convey to the community and youth that all this happens for and because of them. One of the final skits was the return of Butch and Betsy DeGroff as the lovable Archie and Edith Bunker. We are truly grateful.



Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



Daryl Heiby has an issue while standing in the receiving line for visiting royalty at Perry Rotary's 90th variety show.

Pal-Mac Rotary

October began and ended with a focus on service. On the first Wednesday members and friends helped Grace House in Palmyra prepare for distributing winter clothes. The director said that a dozen of us working for two hours accomplished what would have taken staff two days to do.



All smiles at Grace House.



THAT'S a lot of trash!

Then, on October 29, our club did a trash pick up around Chimney Bluffs in the East Bay area, across from Sodus Point. This was in conjunction with our district's focus on environmental clean-up.

Again, having fun while getting things done!

Sent by Jeff Crawford



East Bay beach pick up!

Wolcott Rotary

On October 5th, Wolcott Rotary welcomed guest speaker Dr. Miriam Vazquez, member of the Rochester Rotary Latino Club. Miriam spoke on the establishment and growth of the Eugenio Maria deHostos bilingual charter school in Rochester, its Mission and current operations. Miriam and her brother Julio, along with support of others, were



instrumental in the establishment of the only Latino charter school in Rochester. The school, approved in January 2000, has continued for 23 years to offer Rochester area families choice in the child's education. The school, housed on three (3) city campuses, currently enrolls 943 students, grades K thru 12. Enrollment composition is 22% African American, 74% Hispanic, and 4% other. In 2022, 92% of seniors graduated and received an Advanced Regents Diploma.

In 1998, Julio Vazquez, then President and CEO of the Ibero American Action League, along with Miriam Vazquez, a principal at a Rochester public school, and Eugenio Marlin, VP for Development and Communications at Ibero pursued submission of the charter application. The application was sponsored by the Ibero American Action League. Twenty-three years later the school thrives, providing an educational choice and quality education for Rochester area children.

Wolcott Rotary's relationship with the Latino Club began with a contact two members made at the buffet table at a Rotary training conference. From that contact, Wolcott subsequently enlisted the support of the Latino Club in sourcing Spanish language books to be included in Little Libraries deployed in the Wolcott area. A friendship has developed between our two Rotary Clubs. Both Clubs have similar objectives but differing background & culture; a great Rotary experience.

Sent by Joe Snyder

Geneva Rotary News

The Geneva Rotary Club is pleased and proud to announce that the popular Rotary Santa Train Express will return to the rails on Saturday, Dec. 3. The five trains will board in downtown Geneva adjacent to the Public Safety Building on Railroad Place, just off Exchange Street. Trains will depart promptly at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. The actual boarding time will be 15 minutes before the scheduled departure time for any train.

The last two trains of the day are the Pajama Trains. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Individual tickets are \$25 and are available to order at :

www.thesmith.org or www.genevasantatrain.com.

Lapsitters under age 2 ride for free. Children also will be able to fill out "wish lists" for their sit down with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Sent by Phil Beckley



VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY FOUNDATION PROGRAM



Rotarian Karen Parkhurst addressing club RE: Rotary Foundation

The V-F Rotary club has long been a strong contributor to the Rotary Foundation. Karen thanked the club members for their support and reviewed some of the club's projects, both domestic and international, that involved the use of Foundation funds.

Sent by Dave Luitweiler

V-F Rotarian Karen Parkhurst, Club Secretary, and a member of the District 7120 Foundation Committee, recently was the featured speaker at a club meeting where she discussed the importance of supporting the Rotary Foundation.

Karen explained the process for participating in the program (Rotary Foundation) as it applied to both personal and club donations. Among the areas covered was the way donations were distributed by the Foundation. She noted that 50% of the funds donated - after a three-year period - are distributed back to the donating district for utilization involving district and club projects. She explained the several factors involved in this distribution process.



PP Bruce Chapman encouraging club members to support Rotary Foundation

Geneva Rotary News

Geneva Rotarians are very involved in clean-up work around the city. Joined by Rotaract members from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, club members cleaned up the lakefront at the north end of Seneca Lake in front of the Welcome Center. The club also tends to a nearby flower bed on a regular basis. A couple weeks later, club members picked up litter on Route 14 south of Geneva as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Submitted by
Phil Beckley



Pal-Mac Rotary Club

A meeting and a project!

October was a busy month. On October 12 we hosted our District Governor, Ralph Brandt. He lifted up the importance of women in Rotary. It was pointed out that out of sixteen members in attendance, eleven were women!

On Monday the 17th we distributed dictionaries and thesauruses to third and fourth grade middle school students! This annual project always brings smiles.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford,



Club president, Jeff Crawford, expresses appreciation to DG Ralph Brandt.



Part of our crew who distributed dictionaries and thesauruses.

Honeoye Lake Rotary BOOKS FOR THE WORLD OCTOBER 22, 2022 PACKING SESSION



On October 22, HLRC members Marilyn Passer, Jerry Passer and Dave Richardson joined several other volunteers to pack boxes of books for new homes around the world. Several boxes of donated books had to be sorted, packed and sealed for delivery so they could be sent to various destinations to increase literacy opportunities in those chosen spots.



Thanks to all those who gave up a Saturday morning to make sure this task was completed.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

Honeoye Lake Rotary OCTOBER GIFT BOOKS OF THE MONTH

On October 26th and 27th members from the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club made sure they were set up in the primary wing of HC elementary school to ensure things were ready for the UPK through 5th grade students to choose their second book of the 2022—2023 school year. Elaine Ackroyd-Kelly, Janelle Deal, Jeanne Hamele, Jeanette Owejan, Marilyn Passer, and Dave Richardson were on hand to guide the students as they picked their books for their personal libraries. Names were printed in the books to ensure students know that the books are theirs to keep as a gift from the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club. Each book is stamped with that information so students will remember where these books came from.

A variety of books have been ordered at each grade/reading level to pretty much guarantee that each student can select a book of interest and suitable to his/her reading levels. Books are sorted and organized after delivery, boxed and readied for student “picking”. The HLRC tries to make sure each student gets a book he/she wants and will read.

When the time is right, books are spread out on the risers near the UPK room so selection is easy. It is a good feeling when students arrive for their class’s appointed time and you can see them eyeing the books rather than listening to the club spokesperson. Their excitement is catching and our routine is now easily followed. Each child has learned a great deal about our club and what we do and we are also getting to know the students. It is also most rewarding when the students see you outside the school environment and wave or smile at you.

We have eight more visits to make --- book choices will be varied, have seasonal themes and ready to be welcomed into their new homes. The HLRC and the kids look forward to this service project each month.

If you would like to make a donation to the HLRC to help us finance this project, we would be more than happy and grateful to welcome your gift. Please contact HLRC members Elaine Ackroyd-Kelly or Jeanne Hamele for information as to how to do so.

Sent by Jeanne Hamele



Fairport Club Pasta Dinner 2022

Submitted by Boris Glus

All hands-on deck! It was Fairport Rotary Pasta Drive Up Dinner Time. Same place, same time, new pasta.

The traffic jam in front of the VFW Post on 31F, was no accident, as car after car lined up for the best pasta dinner since last year!

Members started months ago preparing for this day, leaving no detail to chance. From the kitchen crew to the servers at the cars, the Club Members came together as they have so many times before.

3 1/2 hours later, 35 gallons of sauce, and 640 meat balls added up to another 600 successful pasta dinners served! (Yep, there were 40 meatballs missing...couldn't control the kitchen help!)

**Arrivederci!!
Boris Glus**



The Fairport Rotary Club...

...Invites you to save the date!

MARCH 5, 2023

**It's coming...bigger and better than ever before!
Stay tuned to this Grapevine Station!**



Submitted by Boris Glus



Obituary



Sara Gainer Haimowitz 1983-2022

Rochester- Sara Gainer Haimowitz, born in Philadelphia PA, raised in Altamont NY and a resident of the Rochester NY area, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 21, 2022. She was 39. Sara attended the Capital Region BOCES Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, graduated from the New York State School for the Deaf in Rome, NY and studied at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). She enjoyed working at various retail and culinary establishments in Rochester. Sara found a home and community that she loved at the Rochester View Apartments operated by DePaul Services. Sara was a proud member of the Deaf community, and lived with some challenging disabilities. She had a unique way of connecting with the world around her, and was very observant of people and places she encountered.

At age 6, Sara was delighted to sit with Governor Mario Cuomo when he signed a law expanding the provision of American Sign Language interpreters to help hearing and deaf individuals communicate effectively. She did, however, feel a responsibility to advise him that his handwriting needed work. When the Governor passed away in 2015, Sara was interviewed by a reporter for Rochester's NBC TV affiliate and described Mario as a caring man and a strong advocate for people with disabilities.

Family meant everything to Sara. We loved her for her spirit, which was warm, funny, stubborn, generous, independent, loyal, and thoughtful. Sara kept in touch with many people, no matter how far, through social media. She was always the first to send birthday, holiday, and other well wishes.

Sara loved swimming; experiencing nature; being around young children, especially her niece Talia; helping her mom cook; and playing games with family and friends. She was incredibly skilled at word games, as well as devoted to playing other kinds of games with her RVA friends.

She is so beloved and missed by her parents Ann Gainer and Stephan Haimowitz; sister Avi Haimowitz; brother-in-law Albert Tharpe, III; niece Talia Haimowitz Tharpe; aunts Esta Cutler and Shelley Silverman; uncles Jay Silverman, Tom Gainer, and Mark Gainer; and cousins Stephanie Levin, Jonathan Cutler, Howard Cutler, Sharon Lifschutz, Adam Gainer, and Anna Gainer. Plans for a gathering to celebrate Sara's life will be announced within the next month on Avi Haimowitz's Facebook page.

Donations in Sara's honor may be made to CSD Unites Community Foundation online (foundation.csd.org/donate) or by mail (PO Box 206938, Dallas, TX 75320-6938).

To leave a special message for the family online please visit NewComerAlbany.com

Submitted by

Patrick K. Stack

Rotary District 7120 Area 14 Assistant Governor

Rochester Rotary Club Past-President



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>

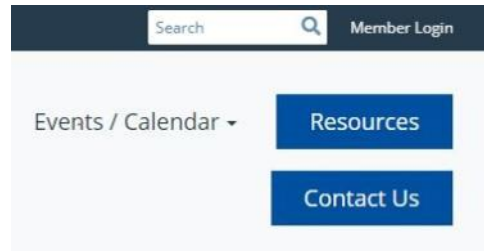
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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.



2023 Rochester SaveAround Coupon Book, for only \$25!

COUPON BOOK
FREE Shipping +
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for Sale by the
Rochester Deaf
Rotary
Club



The coupon book cover features the title "SaveAround ROCHESTER" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the title, it says "Everyday Savings From:" followed by a grid of logos for various businesses: Dick's Sporting Goods, The Avon Inn, Texas Roadhouse, Burger King, Curly's The Butch, Crosby's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Byrne Dairy & Deli, Clubhouse, and BJ's. To the right of these logos is a large, stylized image of the Rochester skyline with a bridge over a river. Above this image, it says "SHOP, SAVE, & SUPPORT LOCAL!". At the bottom left, there is a QR code and text about scanning it with a smartphone. At the bottom right, there is a large "\$25" in a yellow circle with the text "More than 15,000 in savings!" and "Helping schools & groups fundraise for more than 40 years."

Order Yours Today!

Please help us continue to support the Rochester Deaf Community, and many other worldwide projects, by purchasing the **2023 Rochester SaveAround Coupon Book, for only \$25!** There are many excellent coupons inside featuring restaurants, entertainment, services, recreation, and more!

You can purchase online at <https://www.SAPayNow.com/17252> - Books can be shipped directly to you with no shipping cost (processing fee of 99 cents per book will be charged for online payment). Or hand delivered by RDR members.

Contact: deafrotary@gmail.com
to order your books!

You can begin to use your book(s) right away!

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



Upcoming Speakers and Events with Greece Rotary Club

(all events held at Ridgemont Country Club)



US Congressman District 25

Joe Morelle

Wednesday, September 7th @ 12:15 p.m.



Republican Nominee for Congressional District 25

La'Ron Singletary

Wednesday, September 21st @ 12:15 p.m.



Town of Greece Police Chief

Michael Wood

Wednesday, October 5th; 12:15 p.m.



Greece Rotary Casino Night Fundraiser

Saturday, November 12th; 6:00 p.m. start

[BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE!!](#)



NYS Supreme Court Justice; Monroe County

The Honorable Charles A. Schiano, Jr.

Wednesday, November 16th @ 12:15 p.m.

*If you would like to join us for any of these events call or text:
Rotary Club President: Gregg Sadwick or 585-330-4676, or
Membership Chairperson: Mike Perotto at 585-410-5555*

Rochester Deaf Rotary Fall 2022 Charity Event

Euchre ♠ ♥

♦ ♣ Tournament & Thanksgiving Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

CHECK IN: 12:45 FOR PRE-PAID AND RESERVED SEATS.

WALK-INS SEATS: 1:20 PM START TIME: 1:30 PM

LOCATION:

ROCHESTER RECREATION CLUB FOR THE DEAF
1564 LYELL AVE, ROCHESTER, NY 14606

TICKETS: DEADLINE BY NOVEMBER 5TH AT 11:59 PM

\$20 EUCHRE SEAT PER PERSON

\$20 THANKSGIVING DINNER (STARTS AT 5 PM)

\$35 COMBO (EUCHRE SEAT & DINNER)

Thanksgiving Dinner
Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy,
Corn, Salad, Potato,
Cranberry Sauce & Desserts



Buy your tickets early to
insure your seat.



The tournament is limited to 100 players!

Online: www.deafrotary.org

By Mail:

You may mail a check
postmarked by November 5,
payable to:
Rochester Deaf Rotary
PO Box 18465
Rochester, NY 14618

By Phone: 585.735.4224

By Email:

deafrotary@gmail.com
(Paypal)



Your tickets will be at the registration table.



Based on 40 players

OVER \$500 IN PRIZES!
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on scores from eight games

\$100 FOR 1ST \$75 FOR 2ND
\$50 FOR 3RD



All proceeds will benefit Homeless Shelter Project Fund and other Deaf Rotary Programs



Greece Rotary

Casino Night Fundraiser



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MORE

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



RIDGEMONT COUNTRY CLUB
3717 W. RIDGE ROAD 14626



A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Carol

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Mr. Kim Tenreiro performing Charles Dickens' classic tale of reclamation and salvation.

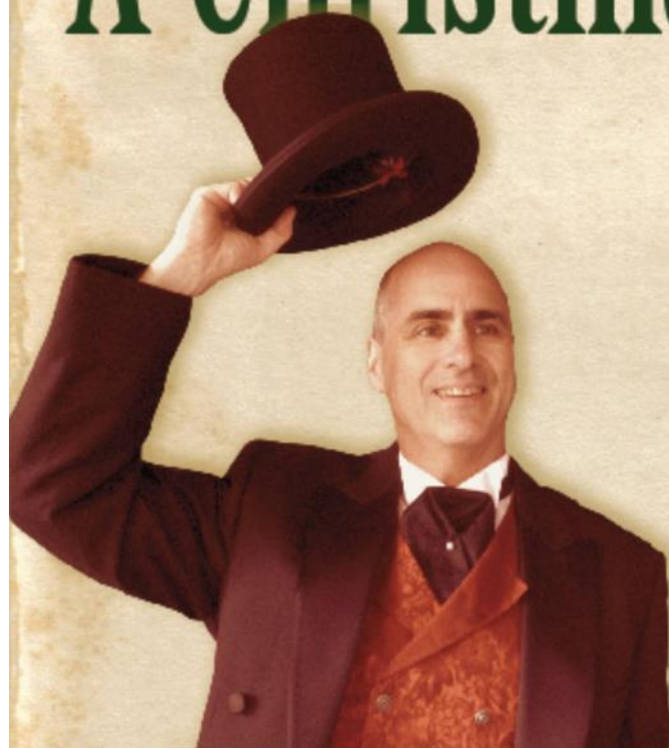


A dramatic one-man performance that brings to life over 30 characters during the show.

Mature audience suggested

All proceeds from the performance are donated to a variety of local charities

In the spirit of keeping Christmas well 



100 % of the ticket price to benefit local projects of the

Newark Rotary Club

Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 2:00 pm

(optional prologue starts at 1:15. Recommended for ages 13 and above)

First United Methodist Church, 301 S. Main St, Newark

Tickets: \$15 - Available at the Newark Library, Lyons National Bank, or Newark Rotarians

For Information, contact Lucinahallagan@gmail.com

TRIVIA NIGHT

Come Join the Fun!

Eat – Drink – Think!!

Tuesday, January 17th @ Pinewood Country Club

1189 Ogden Parma Townline Rd. Spencerport

Sign Up Early! Limited Number of Teams - 4 Players Each Team

Just \$10 Per Player / \$40 Per Team

Doors Open 5:00 p.m.

First Game @ 6:00 p.m.

Come for Dinner! - Menu @ www.pinewood.cc/pub-menu; Cash bar

Featuring Trivia Hosts:

- Don Alhart, Channel 13
- Ralph Brandt, Rotary District Governor
- Kristen Swann, Spencerport School District
- Joey Danzig, The Dream Factory
- Mike Zale, Ogden Town Supervisor

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and Last Place Teams plus 50/50 and Raffles

Register by sending your team's name, 4 players' names and \$40 check to:

Trivia c/o Spencerport Rotary,

PO Box 274, Spencerport NY 14559

Questions? Email colleen1031@yahoo.com

Partial Proceeds will be donated to The Dream Factory

www.dreamfactoryinc.org

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



⚙ **May 2023**

District Conference
Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Veterans Memorial
Park, Bloomfield

Upcoming CLUB Events

⚙ **November 2022**

November 12 Rochester Deaf Euchre
Tournament and Thanksgiving Dinner 1:30pm

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

November 16 Greece Speaker

⚙ **December 2022**

December 10 Newark Rotary Club
A Christmas Carol 2:00pm

⚙ **January 2023**

January 17, 2323 Spencerport Rotary Trivia
Night



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