



August 2023

Julie M. Carney, District Governor

Issue 2



Rotarians of District 7120, we have completed our first month together focusing on International President Gordon's theme of ***Creating Hope in the World***, congratulations!

As I have traveled around the District, I have been reminded by you all, over and over of the "WHY" I joined Rotary. When you receive this edition of the Grapevine, I will have completed thirty-four out of our sixty-nine clubs! I could be going to clubs and focusing on things like the Foundation, Membership, Polio: everything that makes up Rotary. But I have chosen, instead, to share my reason for joining Rotary, in hopes that we all can reflect on our own "WHY" and get back to that. The last few years have been hard on all of us; young, old, middle aged, it does not matter, we have all been affected. We need to regroup and recharge our clubs and our

communities. Let us listen to each other and know that all of us bring something unique to the Rotary 7120 table. Let us start sharing our experiences and being a part of the communities that we serve. Together, let us ***Create Hope for those we serve.***

Just like our members, each club is unique and brings something different to our Rotary 7120 table. As times change, we sometimes start to get distracted and forget the "WHY" Rotary exists in our world, our community or in our hearts. For more than one hundred years, our guiding principles have been the foundation upon which our values and tradition stand; the Four-Way Test, Object of Rotary, and the Avenues of Service express our commitment to service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership in ourselves.

When looking at our past, Rotary has certainly seen so many changes in the past 118 years. The demographics of our clubs have changed; technology has transformed how we meet, connect, and serve; the pace of change has accelerated beyond our imagination. But what has not changed is the need for help, the need for funding, the need for Service Above Self, the need for ***Hope! The need for Rotary!***

As Rotary continues to evolve, I ask that you all remember this: We are an organization open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. We ***are like-minded individuals, like-minded not in all our thoughts and beliefs, but in our desire to make the world a better place; our desire to help those in need; our desire to Create Hope in the World.*** On a personal note, with regards to this, I will not tolerate people in our organization, who in their minds, are not open to, or will not accept, all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. We do not have to agree, we just need to accept and include.

I look forward to getting out to visit the rest of our clubs and delivering Gordon's message and sharing my story with the district. Together, let us ***Create Hope in the World!***

DG Julie M. Carney
Rotary District 7120
District Governor 2023-2024



Archive

Rotary Becomes Intercontinental

On 1 August 1912, the Rotary Club of London, Greater London, England, became the first Rotary club in Europe. Although Rotary had already become international in April of that year with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, the club in the United Kingdom earned Rotary the distinction of being an intercontinental organization.



Rotary



The search is on for our D7120
District Governor 2026-2027



Informational Meeting

Tuesday September 12, 2023 at the Livingston Country Club

Our district has begun actively searching for qualified candidates to serve as District Governor for the Rotary year 2026-2027. There are many individuals within our district clubs who have consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities through their Rotary involvement. That individual may be someone you know ... or that "someone" could be YOU!

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

- **ACTION:** We encourage you or other qualified Rotarians who have an interest in exploring the role of District Governor to attend this informational meeting.
- **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Individuals interested in serving as District Governor as well as his/her spouse/partner. The Rotary Club has responsibilities during their member's service as Governor. Consequently, two club members are encouraged to accompany the interested member. That way everyone hears the same message and can ask clarifying questions.
- **WHEN:** Tuesday September 12, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- **WHERE:** Livingston Country Club, 4436 Lakeville Rd, Geneseo, NY 14454
- Dinner options will be available, allowing you to enjoy a simple salad or one of their delicious entrees. Your cost per meal can range between (\$20.00 and \$25.00), depending on your selections.
- There is no registration fee, but registration is required for accurate restaurant and meeting planning.

Please ask the prospective candidates and club members attending to register on or before September 1, 2023.

Register by the following link or scan the QR Code
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DG_Info_Meeting

For more information please contact:
PDG Bill Gormont billgormont1@gmail.com



Nominations are Now Being Accepted for 2026-27 District Governor

The District 7120 Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for District Governor for the Rotary year 2026 – 2027.

Are you an experienced Rotarian, with interests in getting deeper into the operation of our district? Do you have leadership skills, perhaps underutilized, that need to be exercised? Can you assemble and lead a team of like-minded, enthusiastic people? If so, please consider submitting an application. Also, look around your club, your Rotary area and our Rotary district. Whom have you noticed with the skills needed to lead our district? Whom would you like to see leading District 7120 in a few years? Reach out and ask a few questions. Some people, very qualified people, only need a little "push" to consider accepting the rewarding challenge of helping lead a Rotary district to discover and demonstrate its potential for Service Above Self.

To assist you in your effort, here is the procedure and requirements for a Rotary District Governor:

A candidate should NOT contact any member of the Nominating Committee, as this would be construed as electioneering, which is forbidden. If prospective candidates have any questions they should contact District Governor-Elect Dave DeMers at demers@gmail.com or District Governor-Nominee Jim Crane at jim@jparchery.com.

Important information for prospective candidates:

A Nominee for District Governor must complete an application for consideration as District Governor and meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Must have served a full term as a club president and been a Rotarian for seven 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 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 due date on the Application (October 14, 2023). After receipt of a complete application, the chair of the District Nominating Committee will contact the candidate to schedule a personal interview.
- The spouse or partner of the candidate is strongly encouraged to attend this interview.

District 7120 Nominating Committee 2023-2024:

Colleen Farley (Chair)	Ralph Brandt, PDG
Bill Gormont, PDG	Tom Rogers, PDG
Scott MacDonald, PDG	Jim Crane, DGE
Meg Huff	Dick DuBois
Lisa Norwood	Anne Bastine
Vern Hecker	

ExOfficio: Julie Carney DG, Dave DeMers, DGE

An application can be printed from this issue of the Grapevine, obtained from any club president, assistant governor or past district governor (except those currently serving on the Nominating Committee*). The submission deadline is Saturday, October 14, 2023.

All applications should be submitted to Nominating Committee Chair Colleen Farley, by mail to 262 Ogden Parma Townline Rd., Spencerport NY 14559 or by email to colleen1031@yahoo.com.

Rotary District 7120 Governor 2026-2027 Application



This application form must be fully completed by the candidate and approved by his/her Rotary Club Secretary or Executive Director. Please return via US Post or email to the Nominating Committee Chairperson Colleen Farley, 262 Ogden Parma Townline Rd., Spencerport, NY 14559 or emailed to colleen1031@yahoo.com. This application form must be emailed and/or postmarked on or before Saturday, October 14, 2023.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Print)

Name: _____ Application Date: ____/____/____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Partner Name (If Applicable): _____ Business/Profession/Occupation: _____

Employer (Name, Address, Phone): _____

ROTARY INFORMATION

Home Rotary Club: _____ Classification: _____

Total years as a Rotarian: _____ Attendance Record (%) for the last 5 Years: _____

Other Rotary Club Memberships and Years: _____

Kind of Membership (Choose One): ☐ Active ☐ Honorary

Rotary Service (Indicate year or years served):

President: _____ President-Elect: _____ Vice President: _____ Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____ Director: _____ Other: _____

District Assignments during the past five years: _____

Candidate has attended the following (Indicate years attended):

District Assembly: _____ District Conference: _____

International Convention: _____ Rotary Leadership Institute: _____

General Information (Community/Civic/Activities): _____

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Approved by Club Secretary (Please Print Name) _____

Club Secretary Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____



Literacy Corner



August 2023

Play and Literacy

When children play, they are learning how to read and write. They learn abstract representation—that an object can represent something or someone else. Making meaning out of a jumble of letters and words takes the ability to reason abstractly. Pretend play provides an excellent cognitive foundation.

Play lays the foundation for literacy.

Through play children learn to make and practice new sounds. They try out new vocabulary, on their own or with friends, and exercise their imagination through storytelling.

Play Improves Literacy

Babies and toddlers learn new words when adults describe what they see, hear and do. Songs and poems connect syllables to beats. This helps children develop listening skills and learn about the sounds in words. Through play, kids learn about communication.

How does imaginative play support literacy?

Unstructured and imaginative play promotes independent learning through problem solving and exploration. Creative storytelling boosts the skills needed for narrative expression and social skills. Drawing shapes and squiggles refine the fine motor skills that make writing possible.

Why is play important for language?

Play allows children to learn to navigate and react to their environment. Play skills are also foundational for the development of higher-level speech and language functions, such as conversational turn-taking and problem-solving.

Play gives children space. To practice physical movement, balance and to test their own limits.

Submitted by, Mary Merritt, District Literacy Committee

**September is Rotary Literacy Month!
So, SAVE THE DATE!**

WHAT – The Literacy Seminar

WHEN – 9 a.m. to Noon on September 23

WHERE – The Rotary Room at Clifton Springs Hospital

submitted by Nancy Aumann

on behalf of the District Literacy Committee



Vocal Music Competition

2023-2024

GET STARTED BY OCTOBER 1!

Sponsored by Rotary District 7120

In concert with Eastman School of Music, Alfred University, Roberts Wesleyan University and SUNY Geneseo

- Featuring both classical music and music theatre
- Open to all high school juniors in public, private or home schools in D-7120
- Scholarships and cash awards
- Club Entry fee \$200 for each candidate

Club Auditions in January, Regional Competition February 11, Finals February 25

More Information at www.Rotary7120.org

Jack Best, PRID

Vocal Competition Chair

jackbest@rochester.rr.com

c/t: 585-261-0073



2023 DISTRICT 7120 GOLF TOURNAMENT

YOU ARE INVITED

- WHAT:** District 7120 Golf Tournament
- WHERE:** Charleston Pines Golf Course at Lima Country Club
- WHEN:** **Friday, September 8, 2023;** Registration at 11:00 – 11:45 A.M. tee off at 12:00 P.M.
Cocktail Hour at 5:00 P.M. Buffet Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Awards at 7:00 P.M.
- FORMAT:** Scramble
- COST:** \$85.00 per person - Cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner, gifts and prizes!
\$30.00 per person for dinner only option
- CONTESTS:** 1st Place - Men's; Women's; Mixed Team Putting Contest
Closest to the Pin - Men's & Women's Best Dressed Team
Longest Drive – Men's & Women's Team that Got the Most Exercise

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

TO REGISTER: Please click on this link: <https://rotary7120.myeventscenter.com/event/2023-District-7120-Golf-Tournament-78281>. If you prefer not to register online, send team information and payment to Tom Vonglis, 14 Amalfi Dr. Avon NY 14414. Make check payable to District 7120 Golf Tournament.

RAFFLE ITEMS: Each Club is asked to donate a raffle item or basket valued at \$30.00. Please bring the raffle item with you on the day of the tournament. **NO TIME TO SHOP?** You may send a \$30.00 check, made payable to: District 7120 Golf Tournament and mail it to Tom Vonglis, 14 Amalfi Dr. Avon NY 14414 and he will do the shopping for your Club.

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

Deadline to register, pay for golf, sponsor the contests, and send money for shopping is August 30th!
The net proceeds this year will benefit 2023-2024 Governor Julie's initiative.

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

Save The Date

*District Foundation
Brunch*

Sunday, November 5, 2023

11:30am-3:00pm

*RIT Inn & Conference
Center*

*5257 West Henrietta Road
Henrietta, NY 14467*



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.) OR, you can mail your check to: **Mail: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, USA** along with this form that you can download here:

https://rotary7750.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Rotary_Foundation_contribution_form.pdf

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

Club Name _____ District # _____

Please email just this form (not your check) 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!

Event: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention / Out of the Darkness Walk

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

We joining hundreds of thousands of people across the country who are walking in the Out of the Darkness Community Walks to prevent suicide and support AFSP's mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Rotary International President R.I. Gordon R. McNally explained why he's asking members to make mental health a priority. When his only brother took his own life, McNally said, he became determined to fight the stigma around mental health issues and expand access to care. Rotary District 7120 and Rotary Club around the world want to make a stand and create HOPE for the world.

Two Events to choose from or can do both: We will be walking as a District 7120

Our Page: <https://supporting.afsp.org/participant/2828806>

***October 7th, Out of the Darkness Rochester NY Walk**

Location: Veteran's Memorial Park, Penfield, NY (Amphitheater-3100 Atlantic Avenue, Penfield, NY 14526).

Registration Start Time: 10:00 am

Ceremony Start Time: 11:30 am

Walk Start Time: 12:00 pm

If you can't walk and want to volunteer or if you want to do both here is the information:

Out of the Darkness Day of Volunteer Shifts:

- Set-Up Volunteers- Please arrive at 8:00am-10:30am
- Walk Day/Event Day Volunteers- Please arrive at 9:30am-1:00pm
- Clean Up- Please arrive at 12:30ish

Please email trollek@afsp.org Tiffany Rollek (for volunteering)

October 14- Finger Lakes Out of the Darkness Event Details

Location: Seneca Lake State Park - Shelter 2, Geneva, NY

Check-in Time: 10:00 am

Ceremony Start Time: 11:00 am

Submitted by Wanda Martinez-Johncox



This year Rotary International President Gordon McNally is asking every District to focus on breaking the stigma of talking about Mental Illness. We are forming a Mental Health and Wellness Committee and would like to invite anyone who is interested to join us on ZOOM on August 21st at 7PM. We will be discussing ideas on goals that we can set. Scan the code below to get the link or contact me at juliecarney7120@gmail.com and I will forward you the link.



INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE:

COVID-19, INFLUENZA, and POLIO

June 6, 2023

PDG DAVE HANNANDISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT**COVID-19:**

1. On May 11, 2023, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ended, according to the US Department of Health and Human Services. This does not mean the disease went away. Population levels of immunity, whether from vaccination or from the disease, are high enough to warrant this action. Over 85% of people have had at least 1 dose and over 73% are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated and under vaccinated people are still at risk for contracting this deadly disease.
2. The Original (Monovalent) Vaccines are no longer available. Updated (Bivalent) Booster Vaccines are now available for those 6 months and older. If you are over 65 years, or immunocompromised, you should get a second Updated (Bivalent) Booster 4 months after the first one. It provides additional protection against the Omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5, for those who have previously been vaccinated. If you are 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 will be available by late August. 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. A resident of Rockland County, who had not traveled overseas, contracted Polio in 2022 and the Polio Virus was detected in sewage samples in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Nassau Counties, and in New York City. Fortunately, there have been no other cases in the US.
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.

Strategic Planning Workshop

The Rotary District 7120 Strategic Direction/Planning Committee assists and guides the development and updating of the strategic direction of the district and its Rotary clubs.

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 Plan. These concepts have helped many clubs grow membership and become a sought-after leader in their community.

Making a commitment to keep or regain vibrancy within your Rotary Club is the beginning of an attitude mind-shift that will allow your club to transform the results of its efforts from average to EXTRAORDINARY.

A well-designed strategic plan allows the club to more effectively use its budget dollars, member's skills and community resources to make a positive difference locally and internationally. The process sets the stage for continued strategic visioning and organizational growth development.

For more information or to schedule a workshop for your Rotary Club, contact ...

PDG Bill Gormont

PDG Scott MacDonell

Dear Rotarians,



Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion Committee

On July 15, 2023 District 7120 Rotary made remarkable history, marching in our first pride parade located in Rochester, NY. Six Rotary Clubs from the District joined the parade from Avon NY, Rochester NY, Bloomfield NY, Roc City, Canandaigua NY, and Southwest Rochester also members from Rotex and Interact. What an inspiration it was to have our own District Governor, Julie Ostrander Carney, lead the group while holding the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion banner. The community welcomed us saying "yes, Rotary is here", "thank you Rotary". As the Rotary sent a clear message that all are welcome! We had many different club's shirts from around the district representing the many different locations within the community where people could visit a Rotary Club to find out more about being a member. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee wants to create experiences in which all people are welcomed, and we respect each other. We encourage you to be your authentic self. Together we will create hope in the world. The District 7120 Rotary Club is

committed to embracing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

We have many more events coming up and we hope that you can join us!

Save the Date:

- 10/ 1 Hispanic heritage month tabling with the Latino rotary at the MAG (Memorial Art Gallery)
- 10/7 Out of the Darkness Rochester NY Walk Information: <https://supporting.afsp.org/participant/2828806>

Location: Veteran's Memorial Park, Penfield, NY Registration

Start Time: 10:00 and Ceremony Start Time: 11:30 am Walk Start Time: 12:00 pm

- 10/9 Indigenous People Day Rochester NY

Sincerely, DEI District Chair, Wanda Martinez-Johncox



The Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC) to celebrate 60 year anniversary in August

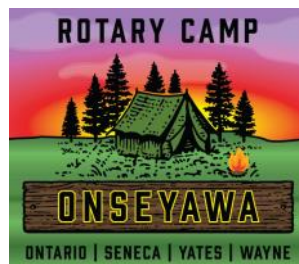
This year the GVRC will celebrate six decades of service. The camp is a one week summer camp for young people (ages 8 – 21) with various disabilities and will begin August 13.

It is a not-for-profit organization that became incorporated in 1963 and has served children and young adults from four surrounding counties (Livingston, Steuben, Wyoming, and Allegany) ever since.

The camp experience is provided free of cost through the efforts and financial support of the Rotary Clubs of the Genesee Valley and through private donations.

It services approximately 100 campers and employs about 60 staff members each summer.

After its regular Monday meeting on August 14, five members of the Genesee Rotary Club will be visiting the camp.



CAMP ONSEYAWA ANNUAL DINNER

Friday November 10th

Club 86 in Geneva

Dinner and Dancing

All proceed go to Camp Onseyawa

Details to follow

A JOYFUL HOMECOMING AT CAMP HACCAMO CAMP IS IN FULL SWING THIS WEEK!



Camp Haccamo, a place for smiles, dreams, and summertime magic, opened for the season last Monday (7/31/23) with a flurry activity for its youth campers. This week (starting 8/7/23) saw the opening of Haccamo's special week for adult campers. Click here to see our Bright Spot feature on WHAM 13 News <https://bit.ly/3qvHuFX>.

"Camp is in full swing," said Dolly Kujawa, camp director. "We welcomed 65 youth campers last week and 95 this week for the adult session," she added.

Nothing illustrates the value of Camp Haccamo better than these new and returning campers. Please see some of their portraits here.



In many cases, this is the only place campers see their friends. Adult campers for instance see close acquaintances they have developed over the years and it's a joyful homecoming.

Camp Haccamo is supported by 11 dedicated Rotary Clubs: Brighton, Fairport, Gates Chili, Honeoye Falls-Mendon, Irondequoit, E-Club 7120, Penfield, Pittsford, Rush Henrietta, Spencerport, and Webster. Learn more at www.camphaccamo.org. Please click here to make an online contribution <https://www.camphaccamo.org/support-haccamo>.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



CAMP STAR

AUGUST 13th -18th, 2023

Camp Star is located at the Y at Watson Woods, August 13th -18th, 2023

If you are interested in sending your child to Camp STAR, please request an application by sending the following information to:

Jessica Smith, Camp Director, P. O. Box 697, Horseheads, NY 14845

E-mail: CampSTARDirector@yahoo.com

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Current Teacher: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____

Disability: _____

Sponsored by the Bath, Canisteo, Corning, Chemung Sunrise, Elmira, Elmira Heights, Horseheads, Prattsburgh and Watkins-Montour Rotary Clubs.



The Y at Watson Woods
Painted Post, New York

A Special Place for Children



AVON ROTARY ROCHESTER PRIDE PARADE

We are thrilled to announce that Rotary District 7120, representing several vibrant Rotary clubs, including Avon Rotary, took part in the Rochester Pride Parade for the first time ever! This monumental event marked a powerful moment of inclusivity and support for the LGBTQ+ community, showcasing Rotary's commitment to diversity and equality.

The Avon Rotarians were honored to march alongside our fellow Rotarians from Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest, Roc City Rotary, Canandaigua Rotary, Bloomfield Rotary Club #4761, Rochester Rotary, NY, as well as members from Rotex and Interact. Together, we formed a colorful and spirited contingent that radiated unity and acceptance throughout the parade route.

This historic occasion was a testament to Rotary's core values of service above self, fostering goodwill, and advancing understanding among diverse communities. As a global organization, Rotary strives to create an inclusive environment that embraces people of all backgrounds and identities. Participating in the Rochester Pride Parade allowed us to tangibly demonstrate our unwavering commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The Avon Rotary Club would like to express our deepest gratitude to Wanda Martinez-Johncox and Cat Jensen for getting us involved in this platform for celebration, acceptance, and advocacy. We are honored to have been part of this remarkable event and look forward to strengthening our ties with the LGBTQ+ community in the future.

Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media



Perry Rotary

Perry Rotary Club presented members Sam Gullo, Tara Harding and Dr. Leslie "Butch" DeGroff with its highest honor, a Paul Harris award, this summer Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary International, is the award's namesake. Each week, the club passes a basket into which dollar bills are placed in effect raising one-thousand dollars in time, the level required to name "fellows." Direct, individual donations can also count toward the award. Perry Rotary Club has given over \$210,000 in the last 45 years and honored 115 Paul Harris Fellows, most members, some deserving community servants. Over forty Perry Rotarians are multiple recipients. This was Gullo's fourth, DeGroff's third and Harding's first Paul Harris. The money given in their names may go to the annual program fun, polio fund or global grants fund of Rotary Foundation. The Foundation focuses on humanitarian and educational needs worldwide to improve lives. It has seven main goals: peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, literacy and education, economic and community development, and environmental stewardship. Perry's club has funded vaccines, water filters, Uganda wells and septic systems for the GEM Foundation's orphanage, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, disaster relief and help for Ukraine to name a few. Rotarian Jeff Fitch presented the awarded citing their service to the community, club, and more.-LS

Sent by Lorraine Sturm



Fun Week For The Honeoye Lake Rotary



The HLRC ended July with its 38th annual golf tournament at Old Hickory on July 31st. Twenty-one teams and a spare golfer joined in the golfing, dining and relaxation on a day of scattered showers and lots of fun. Many smiling faces could be seen as participants came in from the eighteen hole experience and bought raffle tickets, made silent auction bids and enjoyed the company of our many golfers. A delicious steak dinner topped the day off and our golfers went home happy and eager for next year's tournament.

On July 3rd, we welcomed DG Julie Carney for her official visit. AG Ann LaRue was in attendance DG Julie enjoyed our relaxed meeting atmosphere while sharing how much this year's theme, **CREATE HOPE**, means to her personally. Her speech focused on mental health and engaged the hearts of all HLRC members in attendance.

In addition to welcoming our DG and AG, we were honored to welcome our PDG Ralph Brandt who presented our club with the Literacy Award for 2022-2023. This is an award we work hard for with all we do at HCS. We also were presented with the Rotary Citation for 2022-2023. Again, our "small but mighty" club works diligently to achieve this honor.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Spencerport Rotary

The Spencerport Rotary's monthly "Social Night" was held at a business who always supports our club -- R.M. Landscape. Hots and burgers were served with a wide variety of side dishes and desserts, provided by club members. We were honored to have District Governor Julie Carney join us. Julie spoke about the theme for the 2023-2024 year "Create Hope in the World" and what it means to her...very inspiring!

We were also joined by 2 local Spencerport seniors who received scholarships:

Josh Wayda was presented with the \$1,000 Peter Mueller scholarship. Josh plans to study Cyber Security in college.

Sarah Adams was presented with the \$1,000 Spencerport Rotary scholarship. Sarah plans to study Sports Medicine in college.

Our best wishes go out to both students as they embark on their college journey!

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Dundee Rotary



Pictured are Rotarians Mary Anne Cooper, Past-President Robyn Ballard, and current President Bill McIlvride.

Dundee Rotary was so proud to be able to dedicate a swing in memory of long time Rotary member, Bruce Van Dyne, at the July 22nd celebration of the Village of Dundee's 175th anniversary. Fellow Rotarian, Mary Anne Cooper, presented a description of Bruce's life and his commitment to Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" and to the Polio Plus project. Bruce's daughters, Debbie and Cathy, attended along with other family members and friends. The swing is a beautiful addition to the Seneca Street Park!

Sent by Lauren Snyder

DG Julie Carney Visits Dundee Rotary

What a wonderful visit we had on August 2nd from District 7120 Governor 2023-24, Julie Carney. She presented the new Rotary year theme of "Create Hope in the World" with an emphasis on mental health. We were delighted to have her visit us along with Assistant DG Jim Dickson from the Geneva Club.

Come again soon!

Pictured are DG Julie Carney (L) and acting President Segrid Dombroski (R).

Sent by Lauren Snyder



AVON ROTARY OUR FOCUS ON YOUTH

The Avon Rotary Club has been a longtime supporter of Rotary's Youth Exchange Program. This incredible initiative has allowed us to host two remarkable young women this past year, Maria from Brazil and Benni from Italy. Their presence has enriched our community and opened our hearts to diverse perspectives and vibrant traditions. We were truly fortunate to have had them with us! We enjoyed having them so much this year, that at a recent meeting, the two young ladies were presented with Paul Harris Fellows from an anonymous donor. As we celebrate the bonds we've formed, we also recognize the bittersweet nature of the program. Days later to bid farewell to Benni, who has become an integral part of our Avon Rotary family. Her energy, warmth, and beautiful Italian spirit will be sorely missed, we wish her all the best on her journey ahead and hope our paths cross again in the future. We also had to bid a fond farewell to our wonderful exchange student, Maria, from Brazil on July 17. Maria's connection to Avon runs deep, as her mother and aunt were former exchange students here too. The friendships and connections made through the Rotary Youth Exchange program transcend borders and create lifelong bonds. Maria has left an indelible mark on our hearts, and we



know that great things await her in her future endeavors.

We are overjoyed to welcome back our own outbound exchange student, Jacob Davis, who spent a life-changing year in Austria. Jacob's experiences and newfound knowledge will undoubtedly contribute to our club's growth and global understanding. Jacob shared some of his unforgettable experiences in Austria through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Jacob's determination and enthusiasm for learning the German language earned him much admiration in his Rotary District because of the speed at which he learned the language. It's incredible to witness how quickly he mastered the language, even with no formal practice beforehand. His accomplishments are a testament to the power of dedication and cultural exchange!



We are immensely proud to announce that this year the \$1000 Linda Kime Memorial Scholarship was awarded to the talented and deserving Avon Central School Senior, Jacob Weslowski. His dedication, humility, and commitment to his studies have truly shone through, and we believe he has a bright future ahead. Jacob is attending Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio in the fall and will be part of their Air Force ROTC program.

We are also pleased to announce this year's Avon Rotary Vocational Scholarship winners, \$500 each, Mia Hubbard and Thomas Herberger. Mia plans to use her scholarship towards a career in cosmetology. She will be participating in the Scott Miller Protégé Apprentice Program starting in the fall. Thomas will be attending SUNY Cobleskill in the fall where he will study Diesel Mechanics and be part of their John Deere Technologies program.

Congratulations to all!

Submitted by Mike Ford via social media/Laurie Vonglis



Brighton Rotary

June 19, 2023 was a full Paul Harris night for the Brighton Rotary Club. Four members received additional recognitions for their contributions to the Club.



(L to R) DG Ralph Brandt, Ram Shrivastava, Roland Steorts, Ron Brand, Jerome Johnson

Ronald L. Brand, PHF-2, former president and member for many years, has participated in major fund-raisers, both in the club and community. He was active with the LPGA Tournaments when they were held in Rochester. The Brighton Rotary Service Foundation benefits from his assistance in raising funds for the Holiday Auction. The annual Pancake Day would hardly be as successful without Ron's fund-raising visits to numerous sponsors, his pancake-flipping skills and the sticky fingers he causes with the delicious maple syrup he donates to the events.

Roland Steorts, PHF-2 took over the job of Secretary about six years ago. He has been involved in every project, extending the reach of secretary beyond what a secretary is expected to do with the greatest of diligence, care, always finishing on time and seldom making a mistake. With special events, he is very involved in their success, being charged with printing tickets, flyers, posters and keeping track of all sorts of things.

Ram Shrivastava, PHF-2, Past President is recognized for his passion for the environment. Among his accomplishments are projects to improve the GreenVisions Training Facility with LED lighting, solar panels for the High School solar energy laboratory, planting trees in town parks, involving High School students in electric transportation, and an automobile charging facility at Town Hall. Truly an individual with a dedication to promoting renewable energy, leading to a "greener" Mother Earth.

Jerome "JJ" Johnson. "JJ" has been a Rotarian since 1985. He is President of this club, but the fourth time he has served as President of a Rotary club, and has also been an Assistant District Governor. "JJ" sees the needs of people, and helping people is a part of who he is. He has been a school teacher for 16 years, and before that was Palmyra Postmaster for 25 years.

Sent by Roland Steorts

Rush Henrietta Rotary

The Rush Henrietta Rotary's exchange student Emma's from Belgium flew back to her home country this week. A few tears were shed because of the great bond and friendship that was built. Sent by Steve Synesael



ANOTHER BATH ROTARIAN RECEIVES A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD

John Gould, a retired mental health clinical social worker and retired clergy, recently received a Paul Harris Fellow +1 pin. As she presented the official pin to Gould, Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club Immediate Past President, remarked, "John has indeed done much for the community. I am very proud of our club's strong connection to the Rotary Foundation, and having one of our members receive this recognition speaks to the importance of 'Service Above Self' to our club."

Gould joined the Bath Rotary Club in 2013 and is proud to be a fourth generation Rotarian. He served as a Member-at-Large on the club's Board of Directors for many years and recently volunteered to serve as Membership Chair. He has also served in various other roles, including Past Chair of District 7120's Peace Fellowship Committee and youth counselor for two Rotary Youth Exchange students who lived with Bath families. Presently, he is a member of the Camp Star Board of Directors and the local club's Strategic Planning Committee as well as achieving regular attendance at the club's weekly meetings and participation in various club projects and fundraisers.

"My motto for my personal and professional life since I was in college is 'Take a sad song and make it better'," stated Gould. "The Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self' fits right into my life goal: Keep it simple – love God and neighbor."



John Gould, Bath Rotarian, is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow +1.

Written by Elaine Tears, Picture by Tess McKinley

Webster Rotary

On June 29th, the Webster club welcomed a familiar face as President for the 2023-2024 Rotary year as Robyn Whittaker was installed as the new President. The club looks forward to a successful new year.

We thank Tom Smock for a great 2022-2023 Rotary year as it was his first time at the helm of the Webster club.

Sent by Joe Corona



Canandaigua Rotary

Kathi Nevin and Al Walker received a Paul Harris Fellowship pin at a recent Rotary Club meeting. Kathi Nevin received her Plus 1 pin and Al Walker received his Plus 2 pin. Sent by Jack Kellogg



Pictured are District Governor Ralph Brandt, Kathi Nevin, and Club President Marty Potter.



Pictured below are District Governor Ralph Brandt, and Club President Marty Potter.

VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY ‘GOVERNOR CARNEY’ CLUB VISIT

DG Julie Carney made an official visit to the Victor – Farmington Rotary club in early July to outline her plans for the 2023-2024 Rotary year. Governor Julie stressed the importance of increasing Rotary membership and potential ways that clubs can explore to achieve that goal.



The governor recognized the progress the district has made during the past year under the leadership of 2022-2023 Governor Ralph Brandt, and how she intends to move forward to continue that progress.

One point the governor stressed was the need to work together to create HOPE in the world, as outlined by RI President Gordon McNally, and how that applies to Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus.

Governor Carney touched on subjects such as the need for a greater commitment to addressing mental health issues, creating a welcoming atmosphere for new members in Rotary, evaluating the club's meeting times and places, E-clubs, the use of social media, etc., all with the goal of increasing club membership. This will then lead to the ultimate goal of creating HOPE in the world. As she summarized, "HOPE is a stepping stone, not a handout."

Sent by Dave Luitweiler

Geneva Rotary

Two new members were inducted into the Geneva Rotary Club at the Aug. 2 meeting.

From left to right are Phil Beckley, sponsor of Gary Eidlin, and Susan Wertman, who was sponsored by Kathy Fuchs. Susan Wertman was born and raised in Geneva and graduated from Geneva High School, Cayuga County Community College and SUNY Brockport. She has spent most of her adult life in Fort Lauderdale, FL, where she was a successful Sales Manager for a personnel service and then for AT&T Business Markets. She now winters in Florida and summers on the east side of Seneca lake.

Gary Eidlin is from Brighton and graduated from Brighton High School and the University at Buffalo. He was a co-founder and executive of Flooring America, the largest retail flooring company in the world. He has since worked in many industries in many countries in consulting roles. He lives on the west side of Seneca Lake. Sent by Phil Beckley



Welcome
New Members



Greece Rotary's Mid-Summer Night's Clean

Actually, it was a day - a Saturday in July. Greece Rotary Club members Area 9 Assistant Governor Chuck Gannon and Larry Wilkes spent time cleaning up the Greece Rotary Club Garden. Removing weeds, grapevine and other unwanted greenery, they beautified it and left it refreshed and ready for campers. The before and after pictures tell the story of a morning's hard work!

Submitted by Gerianne Puskas



Greece Rotary

A Day on the Links with Greece Rotary's Rino Pappano Memorial Golf Tournament

We had a lively end to our putting competition, which ended a gorgeous afternoon on the golf course. Greece Rotary saw an increase in both golfers and revenue for the Tournament, which is now dedicated in memory of Rino Pappano. We had the joy of visiting with several family members during dinner at the tournament and while many prizes were raffled off including jewelry, an electric bike, and signed Buffalo Bills memorabilia. Coincidentally, in July Greece Challenger Baseball presented Greece Rotary with a plaque for our 2022 contributions to their program. A portion of the proceeds from our golf tournament go to the Greece Challenger Baseball program.

Submitted by Gerianne Puskas



Rush Henrietta Rotary

The Rush Henrietta Rotary was out in force for “Calkins Road Cleanup”. The club cleans up Calkins Rd between West and East Henrietta roads and have been doing that for 20 years!

Sent by Steve Synesael



AVON ROTARY FOUNDATION MOMENT

Avon Rotary was proud to present three Paul Harris Fellow pins to members for their generous contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Heather Ayers received her Paul Harris +1, Ed Kime received his Paul Harris +3, and Jim Ryan received his Paul Harris +2.

Thank you all for your service to our community and continued support to the Rotary Foundation.

Submitted by: Laurie Vonglis



BATH ROTARY CLUB PARTICIPATES IN CAMP STAR GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Bath Rotary Club participated on July 24 in the Camp STAR Benefit Golf Tournament held on the greens of the Indian Hill Golf Course. The local club's golfers included: Brandi Graham, President; Nancy Latour, Secretary; Jay Maslyn, Treasurer; Kellie Okinoeswski, a friend of Graham and Latour.

Graham won closest to the line in the women's division, and all won door prizes. All four expressed that they had a great time not only playing golf but also sharing the experience with other Rotarians.

The tournament organizers stated that the event indeed raised much money to support Camp STAR to be held August 13 – 18 on the scenic and rural setting of The Y at Watson Woods outside of Painted Post. The weeklong camp costs about \$500.00/camper. The funds, raised from the tournament and the assessment of Rotary District 7120 clubs which support this camp, allow the campers, who have a physical or developmental disability, to attend the camp at no charge to their family.

Written by Elaine Tears

Picture by Brandi Graham



Bath Rotary Club participated in the 2023 Camp STAR Benefit Golf Tournament. Standing left to right are: Nancy Latour, Jay Maslyn, Brandi Graham, and Kellie Okinoeswski.

BATH ROTARY CLUB INDUCTS NEW MEMBER

Stephanie Rawleigh, publisher of Keuka Lake Living and an HHA through The Center for Disability Rights, was inducted into the Bath Rotary Club on July 20th by Brandi Graham, Bath Rotary Club President. During the club's official induction ceremony ten Bath Rotarians and Dave Hannan, Past District 7120 Governor, who was in attendance that day to speak to the club about PolioPlus, delivered prepared comments regarding Rotary.

Rawleigh, a graduate of Bradford Central School, was previously employed as a CNA at Taylor Health Care Facility for four years and as an employee of The Steuben Courier Advocate for thirteen years. She has participated in the Neighborhood Watch program and Community Leader Institute. She noted her personal interests were volunteering, raising turkey and chickens, karaoke, boating, gardening, and having a good laugh.

"I decided to join Rotary, a most respected organization in the community, because I wanted to help the local members continue to make a difference in our local area and the world," remarked Rawleigh. "I like to volunteer, meet new people, and have fun. The smiles on the faces of people I have helped were most rewarding. I trust that my involvement with Rotary will also be most rewarding and will indeed be worth investing my time and skills."

Colleen Farley, a past member of the Bath Rotary Club and fellow staff member at The Steuben Courier Advocate, serves as Rawleigh's sponsor.

At the end of the ceremony Graham stated, "We are very excited to have you, Stephanie, join our club that lives by the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self'. We are here to help you become more familiar with all aspects of Rotary and are eager to learn on which committees you would like to serve."



Bath Rotary Club holds official induction ceremony on July 20th. Standing left to right are: Benita Nesbitt, representing Colleen Farley, Rawleigh's sponsor; Stephanie Rawleigh, new inductee; Brandi Graham, Bath Rotary Club President.

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Tess McKinley



BATH ROTARY CLUB SPONSORS TWO STUDENTS TO RYLA 2023

The last week in June on the campus of Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua students, sponsored by their community's Rotary Club, participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program (RYLA).

Markus Tompkins, son of Andrew and Deanna Tompkins, who recently completed his junior year at Hammondsport Central School, attended the program; he was sponsored by the Bath Rotary Club. At the local school Tompkins was Class President and Class Student Council Representative as well as a member of the following: Academic All-Stars, Drama Club, Senior Trip Service Project Committee, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Cross Country, and Varsity Basketball. He is also a National Honor Society member, a Scholar Athlete, and consistently on the High School Honor Roll at the local school.

"RYLA was an incredible experience, and I am most thankful that the Bath Rotary Club sponsored me. In the few days I was at RYLA, I learned about several different styles of leadership and how and when to use each effectively," stated Tompkins. "I also learned about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion which helped me to further understand how to be a leader. My fellow participants and I learned about these leadership skills and ideas from the outstanding guest speakers who came each day. We also spent much time working on our communication and teamwork skills through a variety of activities from creating a song to trying to get each of us over a piece of rope without touching the rope, to forming a human pyramid, etc. We also worked nightly in teams in order to create something which would commemorate our time at RYLA. I was tasked with being a part of the Paper Plate Award and Snack Committee."

Tompkins continued by noting, "My favorite part of RYLA were the relationships that were made with others of different backgrounds, aspirations, and goals and the fact that the program forced me to step outside of my comfort zone and become a more confident person and true leader. RYLA truly changed my perspective on how I see the world."

Abigail Prichard, daughter of Brad and Heather Prichard, who recently completed her junior year at Bath-Haverling Central School, also attended the program; she was also sponsored by the Bath Rotary Club. At the local school Prichard is a member of the school's softball and swim teams. She has served as an instructor for young children in the pool. In addition, she has served as Historian for the Haverling History Club and has consistently been on the school's High Honor Roll.

"RYLA was such a life changing experience. It helped me develop a different perspective on what it takes to be a leader. It brought out both my strengths and weaknesses and showed me what I need to work on in order to be a good leader. Indeed, I believe in the adage that great leaders don't set out to be a leader – they set out to make a difference," stated Prichard. "Finally, I want to recognize Julie, Nancy, and Gareth, our counselors, as well as the Bath Rotary Club who sponsored me."

Written by Elaine Tears

Pictures by Markus Tompkins



Some of the 2023 RYLA participants display their diplomas. Standing in the first row, 3rd from the right is Markus Tompkins, the student from Hammondsport Central School who was sponsored by the Bath Rotary Club.



The students at RYLA 2023 participated in a team building game of trying to get each other over a rope without touching the rope.



The RYLA members participated in a team building game of building a pyramid. Markus Tompkins, the student from Hammondsport Central School who was sponsored by the Bath Rotary Club, is seen kneeling at the left on the 2nd row.

Watkins-Montour Rotary

The Club was off to an early start on July 25th, providing a snack station to cyclists participating in the Bon Ton Roulet - a fundraising event for the Auburn and Cortland YMCA's. The Bon Ton is a 7-day fully supported bike tour that takes riders through the Finger Lakes region, who come from all points across the country. On this day, the tour spanned the distance from Robert H. Treman State Park in Ithaca to Keuka College in Penn Yan, with our picturesque lakeside snack station at Clute Park providing fuel for the next part of their journey. What a treat it was to engage with these folks! A very special thank you to the following local donors: Jeff's On-site Services/the Confers, Hi-Lites, Tops Markets, Sam's Club - and many Rotarians! Sent by Emily Peckham



Honeoye Falls - Mendon Rotary Welcomes 2023-2024 Board

On Wednesday June 28th, Honeoye Falls - Mendon Rotary celebrated the start of the 2023-2024 Rotary year with our annual Pass the Gavel ceremony. This year's ceremony took place at Flaherty's Honeoye Falls, where we thanked our outgoing Board for their service during the past year, and welcomed our incoming Board. We're especially grateful to outgoing President Sheldon Boyce for his leadership and quiet guidance in all our Club does — his wealth of knowledge and decades of experience in Rotary are invaluable to our Club. We congratulate incoming President Amy Harris as she begins her year in service to the Club and greater community. Sent by Amy Harris

2023-2024 HF-M Rotary Board

President: Amy Harris, Past President: Sheldon Boyce, Vice President: Chip Raines President-Elect: Lauri Hofmann

Treasurer: Barry Kissack, Secretary: Dayna Orione-Kim, Membership Chair: Linda Goodrum

Sent by Amy Harris



Outgoing 2022-2023 Board, L to R: Barry Kissack, Chip Raines, Jeff Klein, Amy Harris, Linda Goodrum, Sheldon Boyce [not pictured: Lauri Hofmann]



Incoming 2023-2024 Board, L to R: Barry Kissack, Dayna Orione-Kim, Sheldon Boyce, Chip Raines, Amy Harris, Linda Goodrum [not pictured: Lauri Hofmann]

Canandaigua Rotary's Mike Wilcox Makes Donation

Canandaigua Rotary Club honors Mike Wilcox for becoming a Major Donor Level One. Mike joins seven other Major Donors Level One in the Club that includes their lifetime donations, and received a pin and a crystal memento.

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Pictured are Past President Mary Green, District Governor Ralph Brandt, Mike Wilcox, District Governor Elect Jim Crane, and Club President Marty Potter:

VICTOR-FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB RECOGNIZES RETIRED TROOPER

For the past 8 years Brent Bownan has served as the First Sergeant for NY State Police – Troop E – at the troop headquarters complex in Farmington. During his tenure in this important position Brent continuously supported the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club. He was the “go-to” guy in arranging tours and demonstrations for visiting Rotary International Rotary Governor’ Elects, RI youth exchange students, and members of the Rotary International Fellowship of Camping. He also has coordinated activities with the club’s annual recognition ceremony for troopers and deputies serving the Victor -Farmington communities.

After more than two decades of service, First Sergeant Bowman retired in June and was recognized by the club for his many years of support to Rotary. Club President Sara Visingard presented him with a special recognition award as well as bestowing a Paul Harris Fellow recognition in honor of his service.

Sent by Dave Luitweiler



Chrisi & Brent Bowman



L to R – Club Secretary Karen Parkhurst, Club President Sara Visingard, spouse Chrisi Bowman, and retired First sergeant Brent Bowman receiving Paul Harris award

Brighton Welcomes Returning Member

Marjorie Bleeg being "Pinned"
By President JJ Johnson



Brighton Rotary Club was delighted to welcome back and reinstate Marjorie Bleeg's membership. Marge had to leave the club several years ago due to family responsibilities, but now she's back!

Marge fondly remembers the projects in which she was involved, especially working with the Interact Club as advisor for students tutoring and mentoring younger kids.

Sent by Roland Steorts

Canandaigua Rotary Inducts New Member

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Andrea Jones was inducted. She was born in Irondequoit NY where her mother still lives. She is relatively new to Canandaigua and has become Vice Chair of the Canandaigua Festival.

Pictured are Club President Nancy Stelnyk, Janet Tenreiro, Andrea Jones, and her Sponsor Clark Kurtz:

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Canandaigua Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellowship

The Canandaigua Rotary Club is pleased to announce that a Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded recently to a non-Rotarian. Rick Kaufman who has lent a hand quietly to scores of Rotarian projects over the years. He not only enjoys just helping, but has also gained the friendship and respect of many Rotarians for his kindness.

Pictured at right are District Governor Ralph Brandt, Club President Marty Potter, Rick Kaufman, and Jodi Kaufman.

A Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community. Recipients are Rotarians and community professionals in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary by placing Service Above Self. Recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow is an opportunity to show appreciation for a person, either Rotarian or non-Rotarian, who share these values.



Additional information about the Canandaigua Rotary Club can be had from any Canandaigua Rotarian and found online at www.CanandaiguaRotary.org or on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Canandaigua-Rotary/188786911253562?fref=ts>

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg

Canandaigua Rotary Sponsors the Finger Lakes Community Band

This year again, the Canandaigua Rotary Club sponsored the Award winning Finger Lakes Community Band that played recently at the Kershaw Park Gazebo. The Community Band is made up of musically inclined individuals and conducted by Greg Kane of the Canandaigua Academy. This band was the same band that played in the 4th of July parade. The concert was sponsored free of charge by the Canandaigua Rotary Club.

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Pictured is the gazebo in Kershaw Park on Canandaigua Lake:

Pictured below are some of the committee members that made the event happen: Marty Potter, Janet Tenreiro, Rick Kaufman, Sean Buck, Kim Tenreiro, Nancy Stelnyk, Judy Ratcliffe, Rick Hawks, and Mary Green:



BATH ROTARY CLUB INDUCTS ANOTHER NEW MEMBER

Lillian Fazi, an Employment Specialist at Steuben County Community Services, was inducted into the Bath Rotary Club on August 3rd by Brandi Graham, Bath Rotary Club President. Tess McKinley, Immediate Past President of the local club and sponsor for Fazi, presented Fazi with an official Rotary pin and membership information.

Fazi holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Prior to accepting her present job with Steuben County, Lillian was a hostess at Texas Roadhouse and a Customer Experience Coordinator at TJ Maxx. She will soon be attending Keuka's MSW online program.

In addition to her position at the Steuben County Community Services, Fazi is an Employment Specialist at Capabilities, Inc. She also enjoys fishing, swimming, hiking, puzzles, and spending time with friends and family, especially her mother, Amber Voorhees, and her grandparents, Alan and Sharon Voorhees. She takes great pride in her organizational, typing, and communication skills.

"Big journeys start with small steps," uttered Fazi when asked why she wanted to join the Bath Rotary Club. "I want to be a participant, not an onlooker." At the conclusion of the ceremony Graham stated "We are so excited to have you join the Bath Rotary Club and are anxious to know which committees are of interest to you."



On August 3 Lillian Fazi, sponsored by Tess McKinley, Immediate Past President of the Bath Rotary Club, was inducted into the local club by Bath Rotary Club President Brandi Graham. Standing left to right are: Graham, Fazi, and McKinley.

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Brandi Graham



Canandaigua Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellowship

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Ellen Polimeni was awarded her Paul Harris Fellowship Plus 7.

Sent by Jack Kellogg

Pictured are Ellen Polimeni with Club President Nancy Stelnyk:

Waterloo Rotary

Waterloo Rotary recently inducted the 2023-24 Officers and Directors at their Change Over Dinner held at the Vista, Seneca Lakes Resorts.

Congratulations to the incoming Board of Directors of the Waterloo Rotary Club!

We have faith that you will continue to lead our Club with Integrity as we continue to make an impact on our community!



2023 - 2024 OFFICERS:

Past President:	Ray Grifa
President:	Tom Dombek
President Elect:	Marianne VanNostrand
Vice President:	Lee Boise
Secretary:	Rosemary McCullough
Treasurer:	Jim Hughes

2023-2024 DIRECTORS:

Chris Shaffer
 Kyle Black
 Stephanie Ross
 Gina Suffredini
 Carl McCullough

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Strategic Plan	Ray Grifa
Foundation	Jeff Cassim
Community Services	Jane Shaffer
Club Service	Rene'e Dombek
Membership	Gina Suffredini
Youth Exchange	Coreen Lowry
Interact	Marianne VanNostrand
Literacy	Coreen Lowry
Rotary Corp	Charles Bronson
Sunshine	Tiffany Folk
RYLA	Jim Hughes
Camp Onseyawa	Rosemary McCullough/Gina Suffredini
PR	Coreen Lowry, Jane Shaffer

For more information regarding Waterloo Rotary, please contact Membership Chair Gina Suffredini at gmsuff@aol.com.

We meet Monday evenings at 6pm at Ciccinos Restaurant, Secondo Piano. Guests are welcome to attend!

Submitted by Marianne VanNostrand

Great Rotary Energy in Penfield!

Support of Youth Soccer

In July Ken Kohl presented the club's annual donation to the Penfield Strikers Girls Youth Soccer club. These kids, their coaches, and parents are amazing. Here is Ken with the team as he dropped off the contribution from Penfield Rotary.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Roc City Rotary

[See Poster on pg. 55]

Join us for our Roc City Rotary Corn Hole Tournament to benefit Willow Domestic Violence Center! Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place!

Willow Domestic Violence Center's mission is to prevent domestic violence and ensure every survivor has access to the services and supports needed along the journey to a safe and empowered life.

Each ticket is entry for one team (2 players) to participate. Bring a smile, positive energy, and a great team name! Boards and bags will be provided. Players of all levels welcome! Proceeds will be donated to Willow Domestic Violence Center.

Want to play, but don't have a team? No worries! Register for a single ticket, and we will assign you a partner at random!

Check-in begins at 5:45pm. First game will begin promptly at 6:15pm.

Make sure to check out our signature drinks! \$1 of each drink sale will be donated to Willow Domestic Violence Center, thanks to our friends at Radio Social.

Can't wait to see you there!

Email any inquiries to roccityrotaryinfo@gmail.com.

Tickets on EventBrite at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/roc-city-rotary-annual-corn-hole-tournament-tickets-675279658637?aff=oddtcreator>.

Waterloo Rotary Club

Waterloo Rotary Club Christmas in July toy donations!

Thank you Club Service Chair Renee Dombek for coordinating the event! Thank you to our Rotary Corp members for representing!

You too could be a Rotarian and enjoy great friendships while making a difference in our community!

For more information regarding Waterloo Rotary, please contact Membership Chair Gina Suffredini at gmsuff@aol.com

Submitted by Marianne VanNostrand



Penfield Rotary Club

Dinner for Veterans

In July, the club prepared and served dinner for veterans staying at Nucor House. Together they had a lovely evening, shared a home cooked meal, and enjoyed conversation and fellowship. We salute you and can't thank you enough. Nucor House offers a safe and sober transitional housing environment for veterans in our area.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Waterloo Rotary Club

The following Waterloo Rotarians received awards at the recently held Change Over Dinner:

Awards:

Rotarian of the Year: Marianne VanNostrand

Club Awarded 2 Paul Harris Awards to 2 outstanding Waterloo Rotarians:
Rene'e Dombek & Stephanie Ross

ADG Jim Dickson awarded Club Foundation Chair Jeff Cassim a Paul Harris

Posthumously Walter Wolf was awarded a Paul Harris by his wife, Doris Wolf

Outgoing Rotary President Ray Grifa received a Paul Harris

For more information regarding Waterloo Rotary, please contact Membership Chair Gina Suffredini at gmsuff@aol.com.

We meet Monday evenings at 6pm at Ciccinos Restaurant, Secondo Piano. Guests are welcome to attend!

Submitted by Marianne VanNostrand



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>

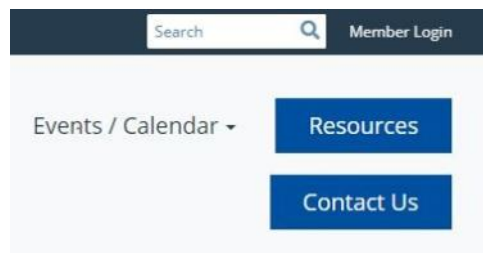
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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

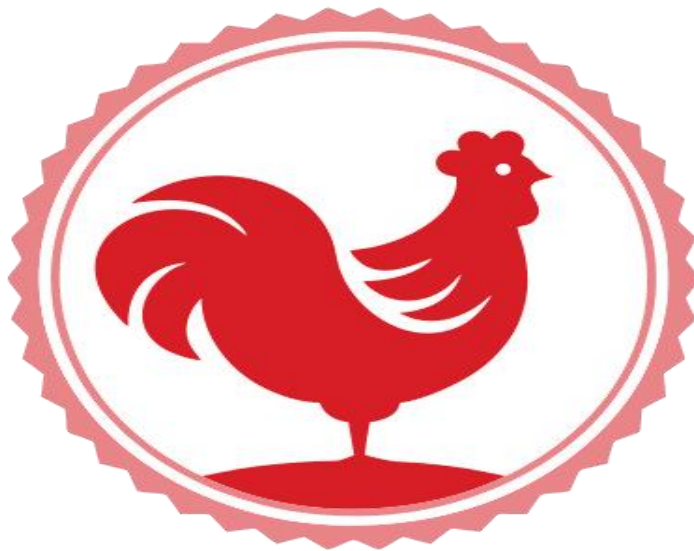
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Rochester Deaf Rotary Club





FEATURING

Free Admission, Parking & Shuttle

Live Entertainment All Day

Corn Eating Contest at Noon

Delicious Festival Food

Arts & Craft Vendors

Souvenir T-Shirts

50/50 Raffle

Kids Zone

Avon Rotary Beer Garden:

Premium Craft Brews

Avon Rotary's Famous Food Booth:

Fresh *J & A Sweet Corn*,

Corn Fritters & Salt Potatoes

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

For More Information

Visit www.avonrotary.org

Honeoye Falls - Mendon ROTARY FAMILY COMMUNITY NETWORK "FUN" DRAISER

Join us at **OKAY BEER** at West Main Lanes (126 W Main St, 14472)
on **Wednesday, August 16th** between 5:30 PM and 10 PM

This event features:

- LIVE MUSIC from 7 - 9 PM by Moore-Tyrrel-Vaughan (planned for outdoors)
- Basket raffle (\$10 for an arms length of tickets)

Dinner (special menu!) available for purchase from 5:30 – 8:30 PM
Cocktails, beer & wine available for purchase all evening.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets may be purchased
by venmo'ing @laurene-hofmann or HFM Rotary @HFM-Rotary. Please text Laurene at
585-233-3268 with questions.

Children under 21 are FREE

Bowling will be available through OKAY Beer (normal pricing applies)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
OKAY is donating \$1.00 for EACH BEER SOLD



**We make a living by what
we get.
We make a life by what
we give.**

Honeoye Falls - Mendon
Rotary



Old Glory For Greece



Sign up at [Home Page | Rotary Club of Greece \(greecerotary.org\)](http://Home Page | Rotary Club of Greece (greecerotary.org))

A large 3' x 5' weatherproof American Flag will be mounted on a 1-3/8" x 8' wooden pole. It will be held in place by a spiked metal stand placed into the dirt.

Volunteers will place the flag in your yard 5 days prior to the holiday and removed within 3 days after the holiday.

The subscription cost of \$75 dollars covers the following holidays:

- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day/Patriot's Day

Saturday August 12, 2023

Spencerport Rotary

40th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

NEW Location: Timber Ridge Golf Club
7061 W. Ridge Road
Brockport, New York 14420

When: Saturday August 12, 2023
11:00 AM Registration/lunch/putting contest
1:00 PM Shotgun Start

Fee: \$100 entry fee per player
\$400 per foursome

Package Includes:

- Scramble format tournament
- Lunch at the start
- Buffet dinner (cash bar)
- Beverages on course
- Gift bag

Sponsorship Opportunities

\$ 50 Golfer Gift bag sponsor
\$150 Tee Sponsor (Sign on hole, + program)
\$250 Pro Sponsor (Logo sign on hole + program)
\$500 Ultimate Sponsor (Entry for a 4-some, Tee sign, \$50 savings)
Basket raffle donation

Contact/Sign Up:

Spencerport Rotary
Attn: Stuart/Laura McFarlane
PO Box 274
Spencerport, NY 14559
mcfarlane2000@gmail.com
lauramcfarlane1961@gmail.com
585-317-7810

USE QR code to register online:



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Partial proceeds from this golf tournament will be provided to:
Spencerport Jr. Baseball and Softball

6th ANNUAL

HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY CLUB

CRAFT SALE



SEPTEMBER
2, 2023

9:00 TIL 2:00

GAZEBO
MAIN STREET
Honeoye

**ALL ITEMS HANDCRAFTED
BY HLRC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**
Fall and Winter selections, Knitted/Crocheted items
and lots more!



THE HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY CLUB

Saturday, September 9, 2023 * 11:00am - Noon

Rotary Club of Canandaigua presents the annual

THE RACE FOR THE REST OF US

A fun filled, leisurely 0.5k race/walk along the picturesque, north shore of Canandaigua Lake.

Race will start lakeside, in front of the new Hotel Canandaigua, and end at The New York Kitchen.

An event the entire family can enjoy!!

*Red Jacket Orchard juices for all participants

* Discount coupons from COHO Pizza & Wine Bar and Twisted Rail Brewing Company

* Putting Green Contest

* Chinning bar contest hosted by the United States Marine Corp

* Cornhole and other lawn games

* Live music by the Finger Lakes Alpine Band

At the conclusion of the race, (around 12:30PM) the Canandaigua Rotary Club will hold their annual Jackpot Drawing, giving out \$14,800 in cash prizes!

Newark
Rotary
Foundation 

\$ \$

Cash Raffle



1st Prize	\$4,000
2nd Prize	\$2,000
3rd Prize	\$1,000
4th Prize	\$500
5th Prize	\$500
6th Prize	\$500
7th Prize	\$500
8th Prize	\$500
9th Prize	\$500



Tickets \$100 (need not be present)

Drawing Saturday, September 9, 2023 @ 6 PM

At Newark Family Festival

ONLY 250 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

ALL PRIZES ARE GUARANTEED

Proceeds will benefit Newark Rotary Foundation Projects

To purchase your ticket

Text: Jan Hence at (315) 573-0617 or David Johnson at (585) 303-4353

Annual Newark Rotary FAMILY FEST

September 9, 2023
11:00am–8:00pm

NEWARK FIREMAN'S FIELD
100 BARKER PKWY

LIVE MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS,
CRAFT VENDORS, GAMES,
DUNK TANK, SILENT AUCTION
BEER & WINE TENT

newarkrotaryfamilyfestival.com

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

Rotary  Newark Rotary
Club of Newark, NY Foundation

Waterloo Rotary and Finger Lakes Area Pilots (FLAPS) Presents...



FLY-IN DRIVE-IN & BIKE-IN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 9th

8am - 12 noon

Finger Lakes Regional Airport

2727 Martin Rd., Seneca Falls

(Just off Rte. 414 - South of Seneca Falls)

ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE & EGGS
COFFEE, TEA, ORANGE JUICE, MILK

TICKETS \$11

Children 10 & Under \$8

Under 4 FREE!



Helicopter & Airplane Rides!

Finger Lakes Air Pirates RC Airplane Static Display

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Roc City Rotary presents...

Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser

proceeds to benefit

Willow Domestic Violence Center

**Thursday,
September
14th
6 PM**

**\$40 per
2-person
team**

**Radio Social
20 Carlson
Rd.,
Rochester,
NY**

Register today!



**Cash
prizes for
1st & 2nd
place!**



Roc City Rotary

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willow
Domestic Violence Center





Wayland Rotary
Brisket and Pulled Pork Dinner
9/16/23 12-2:30pm
Wayland Historical Society
100 S Main St Wayland
Take out only \$14

Name

Phone

Email

WATERLOO ROTARY

PRESENTS

FALL FROLIC

\$50 CASH RAFFLE

10 chances to win cash prizes

Grand prize is \$1000.00

\$2500 given in prizes * Maximum 200 tickets

Raffle Ticket Purchase includes

Wine & Cheese Reception

Sunday, SEPT. 17, 2023

2:00-5:00 PM

at

The Dairy at Muranda

3075 State Rt. 96S

Waterloo, NY 13165

Featuring Music by

BAD JUJU

Bring a Guest to the Reception & Drawing

One extra guest per ticket: \$20.00

Proceeds to benefit Community Activities

Tickets are on sale **NOW** from:

Waterloo Rotarians * The Dairy at Muranda * Liquid Products



Vocal Music Competition

2023-2024

GET STARTED BY OCTOBER 1!

Sponsored by Rotary District 7120

In concert with Eastman School of Music, Alfred University, Roberts Wesleyan University and SUNY Geneseo

- Featuring both classical music and music theatre
- Open to all high school juniors in public, private or home schools in D-7120
- Scholarships and cash awards
- Club Entry fee \$200 for each candidate

Club Auditions in January, Regional Competition February 11, Finals February 25

More Information at www.Rotary7120.org

Jack Best, PRID

Vocal Competition Chair

jackbest@rochester.rr.com

c/t: 585-261-0073

14th Annual - Gananda Rotary's
HAUNTED HAYRIDE

and Haunted
House

October
13, 14, 20, 21
and 27, 2023

7-10pm

Tickets: \$10

*Group rates for parties
of 12 or more -
Reserved Wagon*

*For tickets, go
tinyurl.com/Haunted22*

1485 walworth-penfield rd., walworth

All proceeds benefit the community - Sponsored by Gananda Rotary club
Questions? Call Patti at 585-739-9521

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



September 2023

September 8 District Golf Tournament

September 23 District Literacy Seminar



November 2023

November 5 District Foundation Brunch

Upcoming CLUB Events



August 2023

August 12 Spencerport Rotary Golf Tournament. Timer Ridge Golf Club, Brockport, 1:00 pm Shotgun Start \$100/player

August 12 Avon Rotary Corn Festival
Free admission, Parking & Shuttle
Corn Eating Contest at noon, T-shirts
Free Skycoasters Concert

August 16 Honeoye Falls—Mendon Rotary Family Community Network “Fun”draiser



September 2023

September 2 Honeoye Lake Rotary Club Craft Show, 9am to 2pm, Main Street Gazebo

September 9 Newark Rotary Family Fest, & Raffle 11am to 8pm

September 9 Canandaigua Rotary The Race for The Rest of Us

September 9 Waterloo Rotary Pancake Breakfast 8-Noon

September 14 Roc City Rotary Corn Hole Tournament

September 16 Wayland Rotary Brisket and Pulled Pork Dinner

September 17 Waterloo Rotary Fall Frolic



October 2023

October 12,14,20,21 and 24 Gananda Rotary Haunted Hayride



November 2023

November 10 Camp Onseyawa Annual Dinner



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