



Rotary International - District 7120



Rotary  
District 7120



December 2023

Julie M. Carney, District Governor

Issue 6



Happy Holidays, Rotarians!

Jim and I would like to wish you a season filled with joy, warmth, and the spirit of giving. However you celebrate, we appreciate your dedication to service above self and what it does to create hope in our communities. During this time, please remember that not all in our communities are celebrating. With mental health and wellness being at the forefront of our Rotary year, caring for those who are alone during the holidays is incredibly important. Whether it's reaching out for a chat, inviting them to join in festivities, or simply showing kindness, these gestures can make a world of difference. Sometimes, a small act of reaching out can brighten someone's entire holiday season. If you know someone who might be alone, extending an invitation or simply checking in on them can mean the world. May this time bring you moments of togetherness, reflection on your impactful work, and inspiration for the coming year. Here's to the power of Rotary and the incredible difference ***you make in the world.***

***Cheers to a wonderful holiday season!***

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

## The month of November was Foundation month.

Special recognition to Bloomfield Rotary for becoming a **100% Paul Harris Fellow Club!!!**

I had the pleasure of recognizing the accomplishments of Clubs in our District that generously supported the Annual Fund in 2022-2023. These clubs are distinguished from more than 36,000 Rotary clubs worldwide and received banners to display!

Of only 1,530 clubs worldwide to achieve **Top Three Highest Per Capita Annual Giving** we celebrate:

Victor- Farmington  
Caledonia-Mumford  
Red Jacket

Of only 3,800 clubs worldwide to attain status as an **Every Rotarian, Every Year Club** we celebrate:

Belmont  
Caledonia-Mumford  
Canandaigua  
Irondequoit  
Rochester Latino

Of only 4,500 clubs worldwide to become a **100% Foundation Giving Club** we celebrate:

Belmont  
Caledonia-Mumford  
Canandaigua  
Irondequoit  
Rochester Latino

I also had the honor of handing out Certificates of Appreciation to 11 clubs that achieved a donation of >\$1500 to **End Polio Now!** We celebrate: Avon, Canandaigua, Corning, Dundee, Fairport, Geneva, Greece, Naples, Newark, Pittsford and Red Jacket!

Thank you to every member of your club for your generous gifts to our Rotary Foundation and for making the Rotary Foundation a priority!

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

ANNOUNCING...



  
**Early Bird**  
REGISTRATION

<https://bit.ly/2024-7120-DC>

The Early Bird Registration is now open!!! The \$250pp registration will be available until January 31, 2024.

After that the registration will be \$275pp.

We will be staying at the Saratoga Hilton and you can make your reservations at:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/RotaryDistrict7120Annual2024>

**DISCOUNTED ROOM RATES WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE UNTIL  
MARCH 10, 2024**

The block of rooms will be released to the public after that date

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING ALL OF YOU AT THIS  
CONFERENCE!!!!**

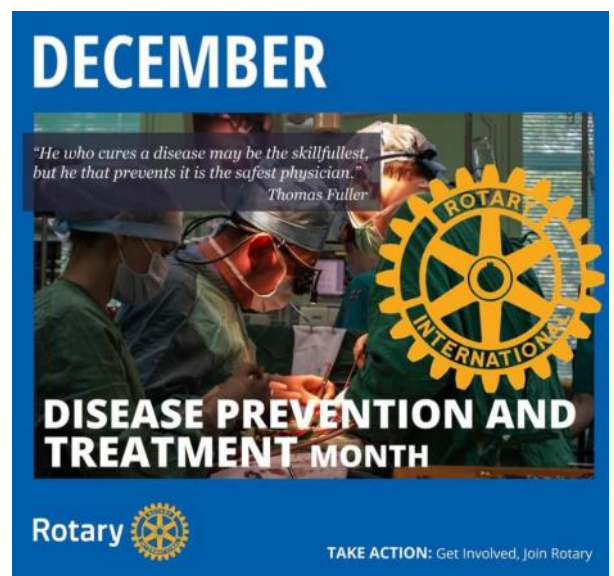




Hear ye!  
Hear ye!

Upcoming  
Events

*See Page  
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## Save the Date Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>!

**Rotary District 7120** will be volunteering with Wreaths Across America. We will be placing 1200 wreaths. We would like to see as many Rotary Club from our District. Please bring families and friends.

Place a Wreath on the Grave of an American Hero.

**When:** Saturday, December 16, 2023. Noon

**Where:** Webster Union Cemetery. 345 Webster Road  
(Corner of Rt 250 and Woodhull Road).

**Doing What:** Be part of our short ceremony, then place about 730 wreaths. We will then head over to Webster Rural Cemetery (Ridge Road) to place about 500 Veteran Wreaths.

**For any information contact Wanda:**

[wmartinezjohncox@gmail.com](mailto:wmartinezjohncox@gmail.com)



**Rotary**  Diversity, Equity  
District 7120 & Inclusion Committee





## ***Urgent Need!!***

The Governor Elect Hospitality program is in need of more host couples from January 12 to 19, 2024. The hosts will house a District Governor Elect (DGE) & partner as well as take them on planned events. You will be joining 3 other DGEs and their hosts as we showcase the Rochester & Finger Lakes area. The first part of the program is the southern part of the district from January 12-15 (one host couple needed there) and the second part in the northern part of the district from January 15-19. (one host couple needed there). **Please consider this opportunity.** If interested contact Dick DuBois ([ddubois50@gmail.com](mailto:ddubois50@gmail.com)) 607-731-0769 or DGE Dave DeMers ([demers@gmail.com](mailto:demers@gmail.com)) 585-764-6648

**Rotary**  
District 7120



***Save the Date for the***  
***2024 District Training Assembly***

***Saturday, April 13, 2024,***

***8:00 AM to 1:00 PM***

***Canandaigua Academy***

# SAVE THE DATES

**Pre-PETS** Virtual Sessions will be held on  
zoom at 7pm on these four dates:

**MONDAY, FEB 5**

**TUES, FEB 13**

**WED, FEB 21**

**THURS, FEB 29**



Multi-District PETS

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Sign up at [www.RotaryEmpireMDPETS.org](http://www.RotaryEmpireMDPETS.org)

IN PERSON TRAINING WEEKEND

**March 15-17, 2024**

NEW LOCATION:  
DOUBLETREE CARRIER CIRCLE, SYRACUSE

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Multi-District PETS

Training for President Elects,  
Assistant Governors and  
members of Rotary Districts  
7120, 7150, 7170 and 7190



## DISTRICT COORDINATION LETTER 23-1

### Subj: PROJECT COOKSTOVE II



ENVIRONMENT

1. **SITUATION.** In 2021, our district raised over \$25,000 to donate to Stove Team International to safe and environmentally friendly cook stoves for residents of Central America who have traditionally cooked over open fires which are dangerous, inefficient, and are contributing deforestation in the region. A single cook stove can be built for \$100 by local labor which contributes to the economy. See addendum note for information the Cook Stove Team This fall the district will conduct Project Cook Stove II to raise even more funds for this worthy endeavor.
2. **MISSION.** To have each district club donate a percentage of its fall fundraising profits to support Stove Team International to support its efforts in Central America.
3. **EXECUTION UPDATE**

#### **Fall Project Stove Team Report: The Deadline has been extended until December 31st.**

Clubs should report pledges to District Secretary Leslie.

| Club         | Pledge Amount | Cook Stoves Enabled | District     |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Geneseo      | 550.00        | 2.7                 |              |
| Newark       | 500.00        | 2.5                 |              |
| Penfield     | 100.00        | .5                  |              |
| Perry        | 200.00        | 1.0                 |              |
| SE Rochester | 500.00        | 2.5                 |              |
| Webster      | 250.00        | 1.25                |              |
|              |               |                     | <b>10.45</b> |

- a. Intent. Each club has different capabilities. We ask each club to donate what it can support to the effort.
  - b. Concept. We ask that each club pledge its donation to the District Secretary by October 31st, 2023, and send a check for the pledged amount to the District Treasurer November 30th, 2023.
  - c. Tasks
    - (1) Individual Clubs. Report pledges to the District Secretary by October 31st and send donations to the district Treasurer by November 30th.
    - (2) District Secretary. Take reports from clubs and coordinate with the EAC Chair so that he can keep the District Governor updated.
    - (3) District Treasurer. Accept donations from various club treasurers and send Stove Team International a check for the total by December 15th 2023.
    - (4) District Environmental Committee (EAC) Chair. Provide the DG with biweekly updates so that she can share them with club presidents.
  - d. Coordinating Instructions. Questions regarding the project should be referred to the EAC Chair- Gary Anerson.
4. **LOGISTICS.** Individual clubs will decide what level of donation they can support according to their capabilities.
5. **COMMUNICATION**
- a. District Governor. Julie Carney <juliecarney7120@gmail.com>
  - b. District Secretary. Leslie Vecchiotti <rotary7120execsec@gmail.com>
  - c. District Treasurer. Scott Healy <shealy6949@gmail.com>
  - d. District EAC Chair. gwa1948@aol.com, (571) 212-0483

**ADDENDUM:** for additional information, visit  
<http://www.stoveteam.org/our-approach>

#### Stove Teams facts

Each year, smoke inhalation from indoor cooking fires kills more people than malaria and AIDS combined. And CO2 emissions from cooking fires are a major contributor to climate change.

We empower local people in Central America to produce safe, clean-burning cookstoves. To date we have made safe kitchens a reality for more than half a million people.

Each \$200 cookstove saves up to 15 tons of CO2 from entering the atmosphere, equivalent to the average American's yearly carbon footprint.

In our last drive, District 7120 enabled 105 cook stoves( \$21,00). Sent by Gary Anderson

## 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

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE:

COVID-19, INFLUENZA, and POLIO

June 6, 2023

PDG DAVE HANNAN



DISEASE 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 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.

# **District 7120 Governor Elect** **Hospitality Program**

**January 12-19, 2024**

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 District 7120 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](mailto:anndemers21@gmail.com) or 585-764-3274**

**To apply to be a host, please fill out the form on the link or scan the QR code below:**

**<https://rb.gy/m5efuu>**





**Oratorical Contest**  
*Build Public  
Speaking Skills  
and Confidence*



**Rotary**   
**DISTRICT 7120**



# Oratorical/Music Competition

## 2023-2024

Sponsored by Rotary District 7120

In collaboration with twelve

Finger Lakes Universities

And 65 Regional Rotary Clubs

- Featuring both classical music and music theatre

**Music:** Open to all high school juniors

**Oratorical:** Open to all high school juniors, seniors

- Scholarships and cash awards

- Club Entry fee \$200 for each candidate

Application deadlines January 15, 25, 2024

Specific details and preliminary deadlines at [www.Rotary7120.org](http://www.Rotary7120.org)

Don Collins

Oratorical Competition Chair

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c/t: 585-704-9415

Jack Best, PRID

Vocal Competition Chair

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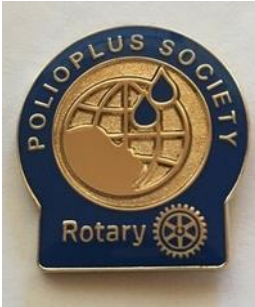
c/t: 585-261-0073

*Give the Gift of a Smile to  
Everyone you meet this  
Holiday Season*

Happy Holidays

Christine Casaceli  
District 7120  
Mental Health Chair





**Our wish is to have at least  
one member of the PolioPlus Society from every club.**

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

**By the numbers:**

\$3                      average cost to fully protect a child against polio  
430 million        children in total vaccinated in 39 countries in 2017  
\$100 million      cost to conduct polio surveillance worldwide

**District 7120 now has a PolioPlus Society recognized by Rotary International. To become a member, you pledge to donate \$100.00 or more per year until Polio is eradicated in the world. October 24<sup>th</sup> is World Polio Day – please consider participating by making this pledge. The commitment form is below! Remember that every dollar is matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation.**





## 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](https://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: **The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, USA along with the Contribution form that you can download here:**

**[https://rotary7750.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Rotary\\_Foundation\\_contribution\\_form.pdf](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](mailto: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!**

**Rotary**  
District 7120



## President-elect of Rotary International holds annual

### Eastern Cities Fellowship Reception

Story by WHAM news—Rochester November 15

Rush, N.Y. — Stephanie's Urchick year as president of [Rotary International](#) does not begin until next July, but she's already on the road.

That included a stop in the Rochester area Tuesday, when she had a chance to visit the Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush — sharing the view from the fully accessible treehouse.

Her travels also included Ukraine, where she mentored new Rotarians.

"Through our grant system, the grants were sent to clubs in Ukraine and also to Rotary clubs in the countries that surround Ukraine, so they were primarily used for humanitarian activities — for food, for clothing, for shelter, for school supplies, for refugee children, for other kinds of humanitarian activities," Urick said.

More than 200 Rotarians and guests joined Urick for the annual Eastern Cities Fellowship Reception on Tuesday night.

The reception was followed by a formal discussion in the auditorium, along with games in the newly renovated space.

Submitted by Marilyn Lyon





# THE 2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024**

**REGISTER AND PAY BY 15 DECEMBER 2023  
BEFORE PRICES INCREASE**

**BUILDING IDEAS FROM HOPE.  
SETTING COURSE TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE.  
SHARING HOPE WITH THE WORLD.**

Be a part of Rotary's biggest event of the year!  
Register and pay by 15 December 2023 before prices increase.



Register today at  
[convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org)





## Camp Haccamo New Member Spotlight - Carol Schwartz-Mizelle



We are delighted to introduce you to Carol Schwartz-Mizelle, one of our newest board members. Carol is a passionate and dedicated Rotarian who has been serving the community for five years with Rotary E-Club 7120, formerly known as the Monroe South Club. She joined Rotary by way of her husband, Tom Mizelle, who has been a Rotarian for 15 years with the Ontario Walworth Club. They are both active members of the E-Club now, which allows them to connect with other Rotarians online and participate in various service projects.

### New to the board but not new to Camp Haccamo

Carol has a personal connection to Camp Haccamo, as her younger sister Inez was a camper here for many years. Inez, who passed away a few years ago, had a seizure disorder and a mental impairment, but she was also a joyful and friendly person who absolutely loved camp. Carol recalls how Haccamo made Inez's summers special and how she made many new friends here. Inez started at Camp Sunshine, and then moved to Camp Haccamo when she became aged out. Camp Haccamo is unique in that it welcomes campers up to age 30, giving them a chance to enjoy the outdoors, have fun, and learn new skills.

As someone who is very familiar with its mission and vision, Carol is excited to join the board and contribute to the growth and success of Camp Haccamo. She believes that camp is a wonderful place for people with disabilities to have fun, make friends, and gain confidence. She is looking forward to working with the staff, volunteers, and fellow board members to ensure that camp continues to provide a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for all campers.

Carol grew up in the Lower Maplewood neighborhood of Rochester, where she attended John Marshall High School. She was a community organizer for the Catholic Diocese of Rochester early in her career. Please join us in welcoming Carol to the Camp Haccamo family and be sure to say hello if you see her around!

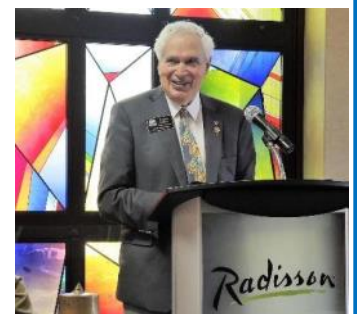
Camp Haccamo turns 68 years old in 2024! Learn more at [www.camphaccamo.org](http://www.camphaccamo.org) or on Facebook at <https://www.camphaccamo.org>.

*Submitted by Neal Gorman*



### Don Milton – Forever in Our Hearts

The entire Camp Haccamo community is heartbroken about the passing of our beloved friend and constant cheerleader Don Milton. Don was an integral part of Camp Haccamo for many years. He was generous and made a positive impact wherever he went. We will cherish his memory and his commitment, and we offer our sincere sympathy to his family. Camp Haccamo will enter its 68<sup>th</sup> season in 2024 because of Don and his dedication. We will be posting more to honor Don in the coming days on our website and Facebook page. In the meantime, please see the tribute to Don posted here in this Grapevine by his Penfield home club.





## **ROTARY E-CLUB OF D-7120 ZOOM MEETINGS, 1st and 3rd Mondays PLEASE JOIN US**

- **December 18, 2024 7:00 PM**

Bivona Child Sex Abuse Prevention Program  
Stephanie Szwejbka, Program Director

- **January 16, 2024 7:00 PM [Monday is MLK Day]**

E-Club Website & The ClubRunner Member Area  
Robert Lyon - Geneseo Rotary

***We will take a quick look at the E-Clubs Website.***

***Training on using the ClubRunner Member Area***

***Logging In to the Member Area***

***"Member Profile" pages***

***Adding Your Photo to your profile...and more***

**No pre-registration, link opens at 6:50 PM**

**NEW ZOOM LINK:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88465566184?pwd=Ux6lr9XhAfxpwzTac1nqxkXyOkPb6j.1>

Want to Serve, but can't attend traditional Rotary meetings?

Opportunities are available for former Rotarians who are unable to meet traditional attendance requirements

CURRENT FOCUS, member-driven

- o Human trafficking, root out its global scourge
- o Youth-related programs
- o District 7120 Camps for children and adults with special needs
- o Any of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** [www.EClubD7120.org](http://www.EClubD7120.org)

**WANT TO HELP US GROW? NO MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS,  
YOUR IDEAS WELCOME.**

**To express your interest or ask questions, please contact:**

Carol Schwartz-Mizelle  
President  
[Cschwartz2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Cschwartz2@rochester.rr.com)  
c/t: 585-755-7689



## Rochester Deaf Rotary

Waving Hands to Rochester Deaf Rotary's Santa Breakfast Event...  
a Huge Success!

For many years families have looked forward to going to the RDR Santa Breakfast the first Saturday of December. After several years without it, we are back! About 100 people enjoyed this event, which included a pancake breakfast with pancakes, sausages, eggs, juices, and coffee. There were also crafts, and other activities for all to enjoy. Santa was there to listen to the children's wishes. Thank you to all our supporters!



Article by RDR President Michele Randall and Photos by Bob Green (RDR)





## Victor-Farmington

V-F Rotarians Judy Luitweiler, Galen Powers, Bev Rosbrook, Jim Crane, Patrick Murphy (spouse) and Dave Luitweiler assembling 35<sup>th</sup> Annual V-F Rotary Giving Tree for Christmas season at Tops Market in Farmington,  
Sent by Dave Luitweiler



## Spencerport Rotary

### SANTA EXPRESS

District Governor Elect Dave DeMers and Spencerport Rotarians Simon Devenish braved the cold to volunteer at Spencerport's Santa Express event. Coordinated annually by the town's Parks and Rec Department, hundreds of cars filled with families drove through the event and were given small gifts and candy. Spencerport Rotary gave out wrist bracelets, which proved to be very popular.

Submitted by Colleen Farley





## Rush Henrietta Rotary

The Rush Henrietta Rotary members were out in force Saturday for "Project Christmas" where the club delivers gift cards and Poinsettias to area seniors.

Submitted by Steve Synesael





## Geneseo Rotary

## Stocking stuffer in-service event

At our December 4 meeting we wrapped gifts and stuffed 50 stockings for teens in need. Angela Ellis was the lead on this project. Debby Emerson, Club Literacy Chair, said it was a joint literacy project with Geneseo Rotary and Catholic Charities. They provided the stockings and the stuffers, and we wrapped them and filled the stockings assembly line style.

The club provided a book with each stocking.

Photos submitted by Heather Ferrero  
and Bonnie Swanson





## Geneva Rotary



For the 22nd year, the Geneva Rotary Santa Train Express rolled down the railroad tracks Saturday, Dec. 2, bringing Christmas cheer to kids, parents, grandparents and friends. Everyone departs the Santa Train with a smile on their face. Geneva Rotary partners with Finger Lakes Railway to give kids a chance to ride on a train and meet with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors all help with the five trains riding the rails for about an hour each. Last Saturday there were 944 people on the trains. For a great view of the Santa Train, please watch the video done by Geneva Rotarian Chris Lavin. The link follows:

<https://video214.com/play/9pLUNQEg3WDOmdezz4Htcg/s/dark>

We guarantee it will put a smile on your face.  
Phil Beckley







## THE HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE GAZEBO



The Honeoye Lake Rotary Club joined in many of the festivities to kick off the holiday season. We decorated a tree for display at the gazebo grounds, sponsored a Snowman Scavenger Hunt, enjoyed many of the fun activities set up for the public to enjoy including the parade and the Community Band concert at HCS.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



## HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY

## 2023 TOYS FOR TOTS

In addition to helping the community celebrate the holiday season, the HLRC once again collected TOYS FOR TOTS, warm clothing for the needy, and food for our local food pantries. The club is always very generous and even came through with cash donations for the food pantry at our local church so gift cards could be purchased for meat and other refrigerated items the pantries cannot keep on their shelves.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele





## Red Jacket Rotary

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Red Jacket Club members delivered 67 Thanksgiving baskets of food for the Twin Cities Food Cupboard. This delivery is an annual tradition for our club. Some years we get help from the community and Friends of Red Jacket Rotary, this year we weren't so lucky. Come time for Christmas basket deliveries, we expect to have help in varying degrees from Community members, Friends of Red Jacket Rotary, and the Manchester and Shortsville Fire Departments and Emergency Squads. The Twin Cities Food Cupboard says there should be 72 baskets with lots of gifts for the children along with the food baskets. We will be grateful for all the help we get.

Submitted by

*Dick Stearns*





## Geneseo Rotary - Introducing

November 13, 2023

Photos submitted by Heather Ferrero

Interact  
Club of Geneseo  
Central School



## Geneseo Rotary

Kayla Andersen, President of the SUNY Geneseo Rotaract Club, was one of ten SUNY Geneseo students who will serve as Presidential Scholars for the 2023--2024 academic year. The students represent a variety of academic areas and exemplify the College's institutional values.

Presidential Scholars are top-achieving members of the senior class who also serve as ambassadors for the College. Students are nominated early in the spring semester, and are then invited to apply to the program. Their application materials are reviewed by a panel of faculty and high-achieving senior students who then make recommendations to the Provost for final approval.

Kayla's mother, Susan Andersen, is a Rotarian in Penn Yan and has been for many years, serving in different roles. Her father is David Andersen.

Kayla Andersen is a dual Applied Physics and Sustainability Studies major with a minor in Mathematics.



The picture was taken during Kayla's time researching in India this summer, specifically that location is the City of Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.

Alongside her studies, she has participated in international research groups for engineering through New York University, Indian Institute of Technology - Mandi, and Reutlingen University in Germany.

Kayla has held positions as an intern of the Office of Sustainability to lead the on-campus composting program, a laboratory instructor and undergraduate researcher for the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and an assistant in the 3D Experimental Space on campus.

In 2022, Kayla and her teammates received grant funding through the Student Ambassador program for their project "Harvesting Sustainable Energy."

She is currently a mentor for the NSF/G-STEM Program and Department of Physics and Astronomy, co-president of the Grow STEM Club, a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key, and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies, and plays in the Geneseo Jazz Ensemble. Kayla has presented her work at three GREAT Day sessions, a departmental colloquium, and to board members of the non-profit organization she works with, Nomadic Earth Architecture.

After graduation from Geneseo, Kayla hopes to continue her studies in sustainable engineering abroad.

The advisors to the Rotaract Club are Kurt Fletcher and Michael Mills.  
Submitted by Marilyn Lyon





## Webster Rotary

THE FINAL ADOPT A HIGHWAY SATURDAY OF THE YEAR WAS A BUSY ONE FOR THE WEBSTER CLUB AS IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A FOOD DRIVE THAT HELPED OUT THE WEBSTER HOPE MINISTRY. ADOPT A HIGHWAY KICKED OFF THE MORNING WITH ONE OF THE LARGEST GROUPS TO CLEAN THE HIGHWAY WHICH INCLUDED MANY OF OUR INTERACT STUDENTS. ONCE THE CLEAN-UP EFFORTS WERE COMPLETE AND BREAKFAST HAD BEEN EATEN, THE WEBSTER CLUB MOVED TO THE WEBSTER HOPE MINISTRY TO HELP OUT WITH A FOOD DRIVE THAT WAS SPOTLIGHTED ON 13 WHAM'S BRIGHT SPOT! TO ALL OUR FELLOW ROTARIANS AND FAMILIES, THE WEBSTER CLUB WISHED A HEALTHY AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Sent by Joe Corona





## Victor Farmington Rotary at Camp ONSEYAWA Dinner



L TO R

– Victor Arsenault, Kathy Arsnault, Nancy Loughlin, Jim Crane, Karen Parkhurst, Judy Luitweiler & Dave Luitweiler

Sent by Dave Luitweiler

## Geneseo Rotary

On November 6, the Geneseo Rotary Club held it's annual Veterans Luncheon at the Valley Oak Event Center. As in past years, local veterans were invited to enjoy a free meal.

The guest speaker was David Terry, Director of Livingston County Veterans Services.



Photo David Terry, Club President Heather Ferrero



## Rush Henrietta Rotary

Members from the Rush Henrietta Rotary were out for their annual “Principal’s Book of the Month” program at the Audubon School. The program has been supported by the club for many years.  
Sent by Steve Synesael





## V-F ROTARY CLUB – FOUNDATION RECOGNITIONS

The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation recently honored the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club with a special 2022-2023 banner recognizing the club's generous support of the Annual Fund. The V-F Rotary Club was one of only 1,450 of Rotary's 36,000 clubs worldwide to achieve Top Three Highest In Per Capita Annual Giving honors in their District. The V-F club led all D-7120 clubs with an average donation of \$1,037 per member.

District 7120 Foundation Chair PDG Dave Hannan presented the banner to 2022-2023 club president Charlie Parkhurst. The club was also honored for being one of only 3,800 clubs worldwide to attain status as Every Rotarian, Every Year Club, and one of only 4,500 clubs worldwide to become a 100% Foundation Giving Club.

DG Julie Carney and PDG Hannan also recognized club member DGN Jim Crane as a Major Donor and, club member Myranda Garza as the club's latest Paul Harris Fellow. Sent by Dave Luitweiler

Dave Luitweiler  
V-F Rotary Club



PDG DAVE HANNAN – VF ROTARY CLUB 2022-2023  
PRESIDENT CHARLIE PARKHURST – DG JULIE  
CARNEY – PRESENTING AWARD BANNER



PDG DAVE HANNAN – RTN MYRANDA GARZA – DG  
JULIE CARNEY – PHF AWARD PRESENTATION



DG JULIE CARNEY BESTOWING MAJOR  
DONOR PIN TO DGN JIM CRANE



## Red Jacket Rotary November 21st was a banner day for Red Jacket Rotary.



Vern and Linda Hecker received recognition as Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. The Major Donor award represents a minimum contribution to the Foundation of \$10,000.00. The award was presented by PDG Ellen Hughes, left, whom Vern, center, credits as his inspiration. Looking on are DG Julie Carney, second from right, and PDG Dave Hannan, right. Vern's wife Linda, second from left, shared in the celebration.



With all the dignitaries on hand, we received a banner for being the third leading District 7120 Club for per capita contributions to The Rotary Foundation for the 2022-2023 Rotary year. We averaged over \$600.00 per member

We were also presented with a certificate acknowledging our support for the End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign.

Submitted by  
*Dick Stearns*





## Chemung County Sunrise Rotary

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary had another successful Pumpkin Express Festival on October 28, 2023. This year we added some new activities. We had a bounce house, a costume contest and a pumpkin hunt for the tiny pumpkins. Children that hunted in the hay found the tiny pumpkins along with gift certificates. We provided each vendor with candy to give away for trick or treating. Our costume contest was judged by Runway for a Cause, one of the recipients of our cash gift to the community. The day started out mild but then a strong wind came through and we were assisting vendors in securing their pop ups! After that the temperature dropped!

We had three storytellers one of which was Dumbledore which the children just loved! Our honorary members, Barb and Al Prucil can be seen enjoying a train ride. The Engineer, Rotarian Kevin Sullivan, is seen driving the train. A big thank you to the Sullivan Family of Horseheads for hosting this event.

Submitted by Sandra Jessup





## Geneva Rotary

Leslie Cohen Hickey was inducted Nov. 15 as our newest Geneva Rotary member. Her sponsor, Assistant Gov. Jim Dickson, introduced her as a life-long Genevan and his neighbor since 1983. Leslie graduated from Geneva High in 1984, St. John Fisher with a Bachelor's in Psychology and the American Institute of Paralegal Studies. She attended the Touro College/Jacob Fuchsberg School of Law and passed the NY State bar exam in 1997. Leslie opened her own law office in March 1998 and became a part time Assistant District Attorney for Ontario County and then full time Assistant District Attorney until 2020. Leslie became a Geneva City Court Judge in January 2021 and has also returned to the private practice of law. She is married to Daniel Hickey and has one son, Danny, a Geneva police officer. She is the proud grandmother of a boy who was born Nov. 9.

Leslie is a past Geneva Rotarian who had to give up her membership due to her heavy work schedule. She missed being a Rotarian and is glad to be returning to Rotary. She has also served on boards for Geneva BID, Geneva YMCA and Geneva Boys and Girls Club.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



## Red Jacket Rotary

Red Jacket Rotary welcomed a Paul Harris Fellow at their annual Holiday dinner party. Matt Schaertl, left, is seen presenting a Paul Harris plus 2 to Dick Stearns. Matt was master of ceremonies for the dinner, a joint gathering of Red Jacket Rotary and the Shortsville-Manchester Chamber of Commerce. The joint dinner was a success, good food and great company. This was our second year for a joint party.

Submitted by Dick Stearns





## Rush Henrietta Rotary

The Rush Henrietta Rotary honored Aimee with a Paul Harris Fellow for her volunteering and work with the club. It was a total surprise and very much appreciated! Ray Warick presented Aimee Synesael her Paul Harris Fellow Certificate

Submitted by Stephen Synesael





## AVON ROTARY FOUNDATION NIGHT

District Foundation Chair (and PDG) David Hannan joined our meeting and provided a thorough overview of the Rotary Foundation including the generous history of giving by our club and members.

Our District Leaders, DG Julie Carney & DFC David Hannan presented Past President Steve Csapo a certificate for the club's generous giving during the 2022-23 Rotary year to the Polio Plus Fund.



*President, Mike Ford, Kirk Vanderbilt, David Hannan, Julie Carney, Past President Steve Csapo*



*pictured, District foundation chair, David Hannan, District Governor, Julie Carney, Jake Ayers, Marcia Cameron, Foundation Chair, Kirk Vanderbilt*

Rotarian Rob Lupisella thanked the club for our continuous support of Linking Hands for Learning for ongoing school builds and updated us about their next school. He also told us about a project which was partially funded through a District Grant supplied by Rochester Rotary. Rob and Jeanine's vision and dedication are inspiring Rotarians all over the District.

Submitted by Laurie Vonglis



*Rotarian, Rob Lupisella*



## Pal-Mac Rotary

At a recent meeting a Paul Harris was presented to Deb LeMoyne. Deb currently serves as co-president of our club, along with Dianne Sloan. She has been a rotarian for several years, exemplifying the Four-way Test and our club motto: Having Fun While Getting Things Done.

Jeff Crawford, club media



## Dansville Rotary

This holiday season, the Dansville Rotary Interact Club decorated a tree with free hats and mittens for people in need. Rotary members are encouraged to place more mittens and hats on the tree as the items are removed by their new owners. The Annual Dansville "Winter in the Village" celebration, on the first Saturday in December, is a retail and volunteer extravaganza extending into the evening hours. Decorated trees provided by a variety of organizations and individuals line the sidewalk in Church Park. At dusk, Santa arrives to officiate the evening lighting of the trees which brighten the park every evening until after Christmas.



Olivia Levee, center, is a District 7120 Long Term Program candidate for the Empire State Student Youth Exchange year 2024-25. Olivia, sponsored by Dansville Rotary Club, is a student at Dansville Central School and is pictured here with her parents, Todd and Nikki, at the Dansville School's fall Homecoming event. Olivia has selected 5 possible countries for her assignment, hoping her favorite choice will be the one selected by the Committee. Olivia is also a member of the Dansville Rotary Interact Club.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



## Corning Awards Paul Harris Fellowship

Ted Goldwyn presented the Corning Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellowship for Community Service at the December 7<sup>th</sup> club meeting. The recipient is Dave Quackenbush who is the Coordinator for the High School Learning Center.

The HSLC is a stand-alone school of the Corning-Painted Post School District serving select youth from the Corning School District. It is a unique program featuring very high standards and expectations, ensuring that graduates have the skills and ethics needed to succeed after graduation. The School connects youth and the community in mutually beneficial relationships that enrich all stakeholders. Graduates will possess a NYS Regent's Diploma and goals for the future. The school has served hundreds of students in its 22 years helping them to achieve success in their lives.

Dave has been with the school since it was conceived in 2002, and was a member of the Strategic Planning Committee that designed the school. In addition to serving as Coordinator for the school, Dave teaches Humanities and Band. He also serves as the Interact Club Advisor.

*Submitted by Ted Goldwyn and Jan Harvey*



## Corning Inducts Two New Members

Corning Rotarian Wendy Winnett introduced Cory Walker to the club as he was inducted as a new member recently.

Cory pursued his associate degree at Corning Community College before earning his bachelor's degree from SUNY Fredonia. Following his graduation, Cory joined the team at Corning Credit Union, where he has dedicated the past 13 years of his career. Throughout his time at CCU, Cory has taken on various roles, with his most recent position being a Senior Mortgage Loan Officer. When he's not busy at work, you'll often find Cory strolling down Market St. with his beloved dog, Lady, or embarking on a scenic hike through Spencer Crest. Additionally, Cory proudly supports the New York Giants and believes it's essential to mention his fandom.



Another new member was inducted and introduced to the Corning club by Rotarian Katrina Mancini. Christopher Askew works in the financial field with John G. Ullman & Associates, Inc. He is a member of the Corning Area Chamber of Commerce. Before moving to Corning, Chris has lived in South America and the U.K.

*Submitted by Jan Harvey*





## Corning Rotary Sparkles

**Sparkle** (Christmas street festival in Corning) **Saturday**, Dec 2nd -- afternoon and evening. Nice mild weather for the event. We were strategically near a source of electricity and bathrooms, and thanks to Dale, had **many boxes of cookies and cider**. We had LOTS and LOTS of cider and cookies..... The question was - how fast can we put nice warm cider into cups and give it to the many Sparkle revelers. (Not fast enough.)



But while we were handing out cookies, it was a wonderful chance to speak with people from our community and talk about Rotary. We were at Sparkle as part of our connection to this community. And - there were lots of questions! Who can join? What activities do you in the community? What is Rotary International? Don't you work on killing the Polio virus? Can I have another cookie? (just kidding).

We had the opportunity to meet with members of other Rotary Clubs and other Service Clubs as well as people that were interested in volunteering to help. People were very generous with their donations to Corning Rotary for our work in the community.

So, in summary, there were a great many attendees at Sparkle. Gaffer District gave us projections, and they were spot on - LOTS. Access was expertly organized by Gaffer and easy for setup and take-down of our tent -- but when I went to my 7-9 shift at the tent, it took nearly 5 min to travel 1/2 block to get to the tent, because of the crowds. So, in summary, it was a success. We were able to meet people, let them know more about Corning Rotary and answer their questions, and spread holiday cheer with cider and LOTS of cookies. At the end, Yumiko heroically tried to find people for all of our cookies. Ultimately, though, I found a home for our additional cookies and cider at Salvation Army.



Thank you to the committee members that came together on the details, and donated their items for the tent (how many ladles? who brought the music?) and here are the people that made it happen: Gaffer District planning and volunteers, Walmart (donated many of our cookies), Yumiko Akiba, Bill/Sue Boland, Ernie Danforth, Pauline Emery, Laura Matson, Kendra Mourhess, Jenniffer Mullen, Andy Rochester, Stu Sammis, Cory Walker, Wendy Winnett, Dale Wexell, Jan Harvey, and more.

*Submitted by Andy Rochester*

## SW Rotary Club

### Holiday Stress

Is that time of the year! A season that comes with some contradictory experiences, on occasions causing stress more than joy. Today, I want to share with all of you a few points to keep in mind for self-care during the holidays.

1. **Be mindful of your plans.** Sometimes we want to stretch our time the most we can. However, be aware of what your holiday schedule looks like. Spreading ourselves too thin and trying to please everyone at the expense of our time can get more stressful than enjoyable.
2. **Gifts are not the only thing.** With all the changes around the world, it's understandable to notice changes in our finances. If for some reason buying gifts will not be in the same way you were used to, adapt yourself to what is possible this year. Spending time with family is also valuable.
3. **Be patient.** Patience sometimes is a virtue we need to nurture all year, but in the holidays is a helpful skill, especially with yourself. Take time to rest during these times and at the same time show patience with others. People can be stressed out there because of what they are going through in their own lives.
4. **Connect with others.** Around these days it can be inevitable to think about the ones we love and are no longer with us. Reach out to people that you are close with (family members or friends, etc.) and will be understanding. You don't have to be alone.

In case you need additional support, you can reach out to the **crisis line number: 988** for any further assistance. If you are not going through any of these challenges, be there for others. Supporting each other is the best way to demonstrate how service goes above self and celebrate what the holidays mean.

By Dayanara Vázquez Comas  
Member of SW Rotary Club  
Member of the Diversity, Inclusion,  
and Equity Committee, District 7120





## Fairport Rotary Club



With Fairport being in the line of totality for the upcoming solar eclipse in April, Fairport Rotary commissioned local artist, Lorraine Staunch, with creating a special poster that not only highlights this historic event but includes a well-known landmark of the village, the lift bridge. Prints are on sale now and can be purchased directly from any Fairport Rotarian for \$15. Online sales and shipping are also available for \$22 on our website, [FairportRotary.com](http://FairportRotary.com). What a great holiday, birthday or anniversary gift for friends and family or a terrific addition to your office or home décor! The poster is 20"x16" and is printed on hard stock poster paper.

Submitted by Domenick Cecconi

## Penfield Rotary

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH OUR VETERANS:**

On November 16, the Penfield Rotary put together a special Thanksgiving celebration for our veterans living at the Nucor House, a sober-living transitional home for veterans with PTSD, TBI, and other military trauma. The team created some wonderful dishes to share like Paul's sweet potatoes, the Christopher's pies, the Kohl's mashed potatoes, Jeannette's turkey, Dana's green bean casserole, Nancy and Lisa's butternut squash, Laurie's corn casserole, Nancy's iced tea, and Tara's ham and salad. Want to know more about these awesome one-of-a-kind dishes? We'd love to hear from you so please reach out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PenfieldRotary>.

This is an annual event for the team in Penfield where members gather up and make great food to eat and have a great Thanksgiving time at the Nucor House.

Submitted by Neal Gorman





## Horseheads Rotary Club



Elliott Blauvelt and Barb Keller display the flag that had been flown over the Capitol to the nursing facility

On November 11, 2023, the Horseheads Rotary honored the 15 veterans for their service in residence at the Chemung County Nursing Facility. We worked closely with Patty Mesko, activities director, at the facility who prepared certificates to present with gift bags assembled from donations from the Rotary members. Horseheads Rotary also presented a flag that had been flown over the Capitol to the facility for display and Elliott Blauvelt, Past President, recited "Just a Common Soldier" by Larry Vaincourt and there wasn't a dry eye in the room.

Rotary members helped serve a celebratory snack and visited residents in their rooms who couldn't attend.

Submitted by Grace E Dalton



Horseheads Rotary members that were present at the memorial: From left to right- Jeff Tobey, Vice President, Brenda Benza, Secretary, Grace Dalton, President-Elect, Sue Schneck, Barb Keller, Treasurer and fellow veteran, Elliott Blauvelt, Past President and fellow veteran



Elliott Blauvelt visits a veteran in his room and presents him with a hat in appreciation of his service

## Horseheads Rotary Club

Horseheads Rotary also, in partnership with Grace Episcopal Church and the Chemung County Food Bank, prepares and serves a free community dinner the fourth Wednesday of every month. This past month, we served a Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 that was completely free for the community. We served 147 people—we ran out of places to sit, tables, chairs, plates, and silverware but not food! We served turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn casserole, and homemade cranberry sauce as well as pumpkin and apple pie for dessert! Our group prepares and serves a dinner for the community every fourth Wednesday of the month and this was by far the largest turnout we've seen. The dinner received well-earned rave reviews.

Submitted by Grace E Dalton

## BATH ROTARIANS ATTEND SOCIAL EVENT

Instead of its regular, weekly club meeting, members of the Bath Rotary Club enjoyed a night of good snack food including homemade Detroit pizza, craft beers, and Rotary fellowship on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Tub Town Brewing in Bath. The two brothers, who own the site and brew their own craft beers, chose the name Tub Town Brewing as a salute to the bathtub races which used to be held on historic Liberty Street. In addition to enjoying food and beer, the members competed with other patrons in a trivia competition which the owners host weekly. The club sponsored three teams which the members cleverly named, based on one member of each team. Team 1, placing second, was composed of Brandi Graham (Bath Rotary Club President, who is also a financial advisor), Nancy Latour, Terry Bilancio, and Angela Mattoon; they named themselves All President and Accounted For. Team 2, named Dewey and made up of LeighAnn Rumsey (Director of the Dormann Library), Joe Rumsey, Mike Slovak, and Al Johnson, placed fourth. Finally, Team 3, called Woody's Wonders, with Woody Latour, Bill White, Eddie VanStine, and Jay Maslyn as members placed seventh.

All had a great time and many laughs displaying their competitive spirit. They thoroughly enjoyed the night of fellowship and look forward to their next social event, the club's Christmas party on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Written by Elaine Tears

Pictures by Brandi Graham



(clockwise): Nancy Latour, Brandi Graham, Woody Latour, Bill White, Al Johnson, Mike Slovak, LeighAnn Rumsey, Joe Rumsey, Eddie VanStine, Jay Maslyn, Terry Bilancio, and Angela Mattoon attended a club social event at Tub Town Brewing in Bath.



Members of the Bath Rotary Club enjoyed a night of snack food including homemade Detroit pizza, craft beers, and trivia competition at the Tub Town Brewing in Bath on November 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Spencerport Rotary

Spencerport Rotary has had a very busy month with a number of great service projects:

### SMILES ACROSS the MILES

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, the American Legion in Spencerport sent out 196 stockings to veterans at Bethesda Hospital. Of that total, 166 stockings were filled by the Legion Auxiliary and 30 stockings were filled by the Spencerport Rotary Club. This is an annual service project for the club to thank veterans for their service.

### JOINT SERVICE PROJECT

The Spencerport Rotary Club recently visited a meeting of the Spencerport Kiwanis Club for a joint service project. Dozens of cards were written out with holiday greetings, to be sent to local nursing homes and elder care facilities. Pictured: Kiwanis Secretary Donna Peasley, Rotary President Ann Demers and 2 volunteers from Spencerport High School – Nikki Huyntt and Anh Tran.



Submitted by Colleen Farley

## BATH ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Bath Rotary Club announces scholarship opportunities available to high school seniors at Avoca, Bath-Haverling, Bradford, Campbell-Savona, Hammondsport, and Prattsburgh Central Schools. The applications for the five scholarships will be sent to the guidance counselors at these schools as well as posted on the Bath Rotary Club's website ([www.bathnyrotary.org](http://www.bathnyrotary.org)) during the first week of January 2024. The criteria for each of the scholarships listed below are clearly printed on the applications.

- Frank E. Nicklaus Memorial Scholarship (3@ \$1500 each)
- Ted Markham Memorial Scholarship (2@ \$1000 each)
- Vern Woolston Memorial Scholarship (1@ \$1000)
- Bath Rotary Club Scholarship (3@ \$500 each)
- Interact Scholarship (2@ \$500 each)

According to Elaine Tears, Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc. Chair, there is \$10,000 available in scholarships this academic year. Tears also announces that eligible applicants must use the 2024 scholarship applications and submit their completed applications digitally by March 15, 2024. All members of the Bath Rotary Club urge seniors at the above-mentioned schools to apply for one or more of the scholarships offered.

Written by Elaine Tears

## Victor – Farmington Rotary Club

### RETURN OF ROTARY YEX STUDENT

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club recently welcomed back their 2013-2014 Rotary YEX student Constance Bostoen (France) who was accompanied by her parents, Caroline, Eric Bostoen, and fiancé, Andre Sag. Constance is currently employed as a television reporter and has recently authored a mystery novel.

Constance was the speaker for a club meeting in early December. She discussed where her career path has taken her over the past decade and introduced her family members. The program included the club members and guests singing “Happy Birthday” to her mother and serving cake to all attendees. During their time in the area the guests had the opportunity to visit locations significant to Constance during her year in the local area.

During her year as a YEX student Constance became a fan of the Rochester Americans hockey team and attended several Amerk games. Her parents and fiancé had never attended a professional hockey game. The club arranged a special event, in cooperation with the Rochester Americans, and a delegation of club members, joined by D-7120 YEX Chair Gretchen Di Nardo, hosted Constance and her family for an Amerk game at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester. Team mascot, The Moose, made a special visit to the group for a picture with Constance and Adrien. During the game their visit was noted on the team’s scoreboard.

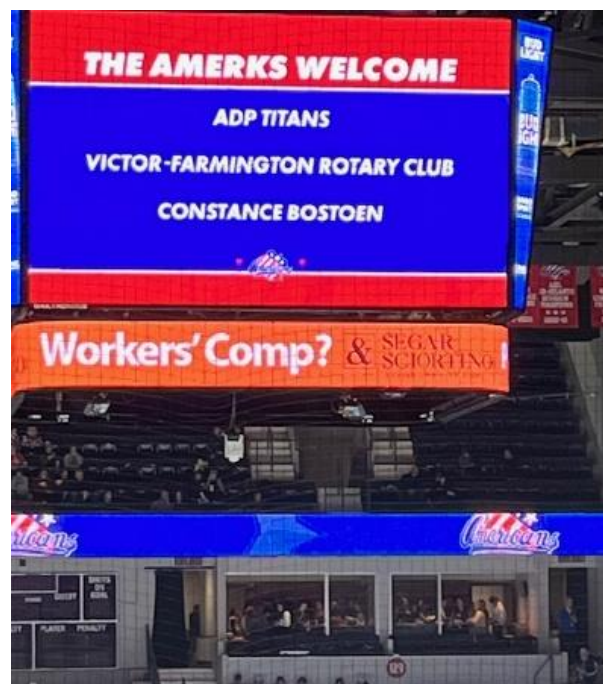
Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Constance Bostoen speaking to V-F Rotary Club



The Moose greets Constance and Adrien



Scoreboard greeting to Constance and V-F Rotary Club

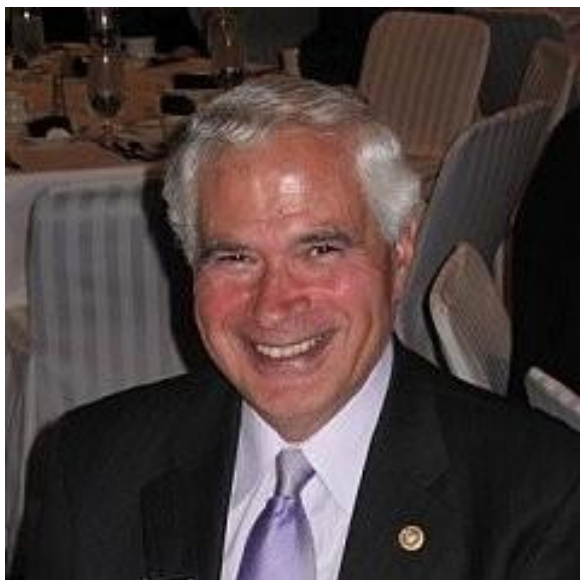




## Obituary



### IN MEMORIAM: DON MILTON, A ROTARIAN, AND FRIEND TO MANY



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Don Milton, a cherished member of the Penfield Rotary Club and a beloved friend to countless individuals. Don passed away peacefully on December 6, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Don's dedication and passion for Rotary were undeniable. He joined the Penfield club in 1977 and served in various leadership roles, including Club President and District Governor. Don was a tireless advocate for Camp Haccamo, a Rotary camp for children with special needs, and his contributions to the community were invaluable.

Don Milton was a remarkable individual who left an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone who knew him. His dedication to service, his infectious positivity, and his unwavering friendship will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Rest in peace, Don. You will be deeply missed.

Friends may call Sunday, December 10, 2023, from 2-6 PM at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Penfield Rotary, P.O. Box 28, Penfield, NY 14526, or a charity of your choice. To share a memory of Don or send a condolence to the family visit [www.anthonychapels.com](http://www.anthonychapels.com).

Submitted by Neal Gorman



## Obituary



### LARRY DON BATES

1937 – 2023



Larry Don Bates died unexpectedly at the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility in Painted Post on November 13, 2023. He was born in Lavaca, Arkansas and spent much of his life in Bath.

After enlisting in the Air Force, Larry was stationed at St. Lawrence Island, Alaska from which he was sent to the Syracuse University Intensive Language Program to learn the Russian language since he was a radio operator in Alaska, located close to the Soviet Union.

After leaving the Air Force, Larry graduated from Pittsburg State Teachers College in Kansas and later secured a teaching job as a U. S. History teacher in Bath. He also received his Masters Degree from Elmira College. After receiving an opportunity from the G. I. Bill, Larry decided to attend law school at the University of Buffalo from which he received his Juris Doctor Degree.

Larry was active in the Village of Bath and Steuben County politics for several years, serving as Village Trustee, Village Mayor, Village Attorney, and Steuben County District Attorney. He finished his work within the New York State

system as the Traveling Hearing Officer for the NYS Department of Correctional Services.

Over the years Larry was a very active member of the Hammondsport Rotary Club and the Bath Rotary Club. He and his wife who survives him, June LeRay Bates, also a very active member of the Bath Rotary Club for many years, were recently awarded Honorary Membership in the Bath Rotary Club. In addition, Larry was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bath, the Bath Lodge of Elks, the Bath American Legion, and the NYS and the Steuben County Bar Associations as well as being an active volunteer and leader in the local United Way earning the Give-Advocate-Volunteer Award at the United Way's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, participating in the development of Mossy Bank Park overlooking Bath, and passionately enjoying Bluegrass music.

All who knew Larry agree that he was a genuinely kind and generous man who always shared a positive word or funny story.

Requiescat in pace!

Sent by Elaine Tears



### **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>

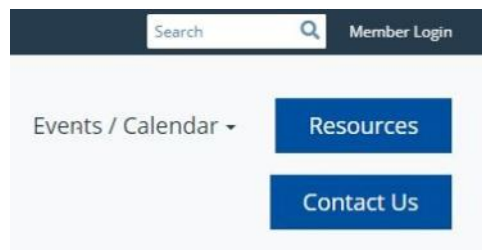
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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**

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Donated to DEAAF, Deaf Education & Arts for African Families, Zambia.

Purchased Shelter Box, shipped out after natural disaster to rebuild lives.

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**January 9, 2024 • 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm- Presentation • 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm- Questions & Answers

**@ RVA, 4365 W. Henrietta Road, Henrietta, NY**



Nicholas J. Coulter (PCHO)

Nicholas J. Coulter, Executive Vice President and Chief of Development and Community Engagement @ **Person Centered Housing Options (PCHO, Inc)** will review development and purpose of PCHO and how its outreach is designed to help facilitate access to essential services.

In the discussion, we hope to show the highlights of program and its efficacy in providing permanent housing options to those in need, especially the **DEAF COMMUNITY**.

***Interpreters will be provided***

**Everyone Invited! Light Refreshments for All!**

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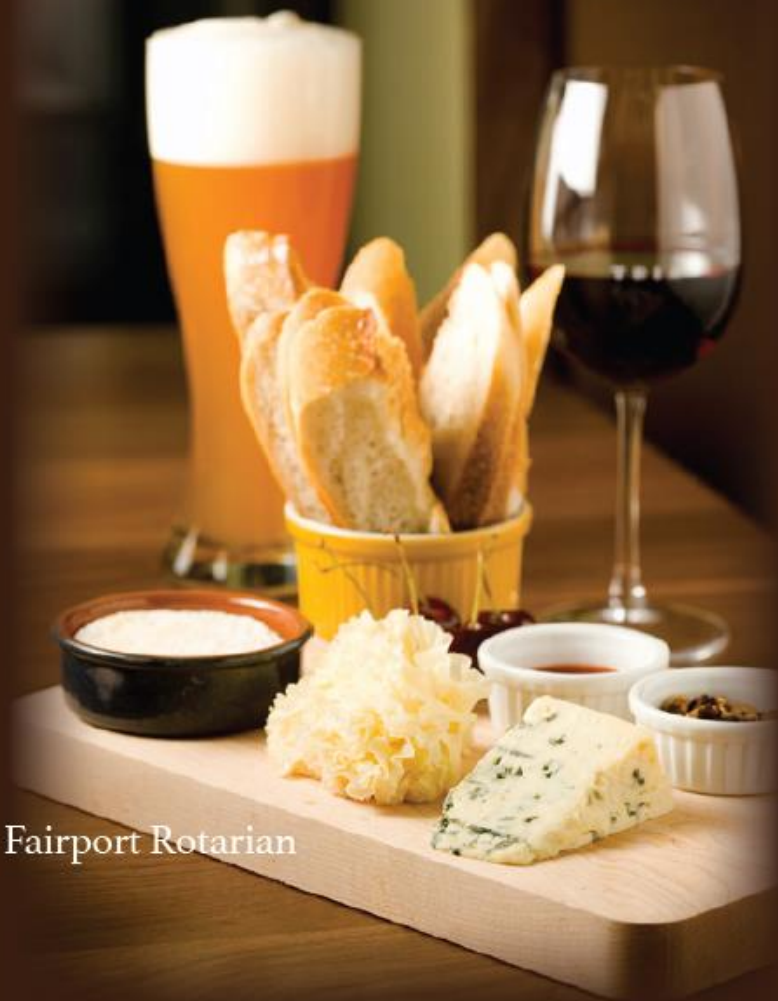
Sunday March 3, 2024  
1 - 4 PM  
Eagle Vale Golf Club

An afternoon of wine,  
beer, spirits and food tasting!

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for additions and changes

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### Upcoming DISTRICT Events

- ⚙ **December 2023**
  - Wreaths Across America
  - Saturday, December 16, 2023. Noon**
  - Webster Union Cemetery. 345 Webster Road
- ⚙ **January 2024**
  - January 15** Oratorical Contest Deadline
  - January 24** Vocal Contest Deadline
- ⚙ **February 2024**
  - February 1** Club Newsletter/Bulletin Contest deadline
  - February 5, 13, 21, 29.** Pre-PETS on Zoom
- ⚙ **March 2024**
  - March 15-17.** PETS In Person, Syracuse,
  - March 28** Club Achievement Award Deadline
- ⚙ **April 2024**
  - April 13** District Training Assembly, 9am-1pm, Canandaigua
  - April 16** Club Website and Club Facebook Page Award Deadline
  - April 26-28** District Conference

### Upcoming CLUB Events



#### January 2024

**January 9 Rochester Deaf Rotary** PCHO  
Presentation 6pm - 7pm



#### March 2024

**March 3 Fairport Rotary** Savor The Flavor of  
Fairport 1-4pm Eagle Vale Golf Club



#### April 2024

**April 8 Fairport Rotary** Solar Eclipse 3:20PM



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