



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



February 2023

Ralph Brandt, District Governor

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February Featured Club: Lima Rotary

Lima Rotary is an example of a small but mighty club.

President Jericho Banker reports: We were able to do a fun chili cook-off event and raised \$800 for our local food pantry so that they could buy meals for some families for Christmas. We also hosted the Seniors citizens dinner for Thanksgiving, getting some rave reviews on the food! We provided entertainment, Turkey dinner and a raffle for the "Lima Golden Agers Club"

In December we hosted a "Light up Lima" event where we lit up our new tree donated by Rotary outside of the Town Hall. There was also a Christmas parade and Santa came to greet the kids! We even had some horse drawn carriages that were decorated for Christmas in the parade.

During the last storm, many residents lost power and a large part were the senior citizens that live in the apartments off 15A. Christmas Eve Day it became much more apparent that the power would be out for a while and there were freezing temperatures that left people with a concerning situation. With the help of our mayor, John Skiptunas, who is also a Rotarian, a text was sent out and several Rotary members stepped in to help at a warming station that was set up at

Lima ambulance. We served hot beverages, pancake breakfast and several of the other town residents brought hot soup. Residents were able to get warm and charge their devices. We brought extra chargers, hugs, and hospitality with the help of Lima ambulance volunteers.

Future plans:

We are looking to host a pancake dinner sometime in March to raise money for another local charity TBD.

Of course, we are also spreading the word about Julie Chapus's mission; Miss Julie's School Beauty (dedicated to helping survivors of human trafficking). We will be talking at our next few meetings about a large fundraiser we could do for her, maybe in May that we would like to host at Mark Tubbs Park in Lima. I will be meeting with Honeoye Lake Rotary Club via zoom next week to review her mission, and they are interested in helping with funding. Others and I continue to actively recruit for our club and are trying to seek new members with a few prospects!

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February

Rotary Archive
February 1905

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. From left: The first four Rotarians. Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, and Paul P. Harris.

When the Rotary Club of Chicago published a roster in October 1905, the club had grown to 21 members, including two honorary members.

Submitted by Marilyn Lyon



GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINARS (GMS) for Global & District Grants in the 2023-2024 Rotary Year

Complete information available at
[https://www.rotary7120.org/sitepage/grant-management-seminars-\(gms\)](https://www.rotary7120.org/sitepage/grant-management-seminars-(gms))

I have updated the District Grants page and revised the Grants Management page on our District website to reflect the following:

Our District Foundation Team will also offer live Grant Management Seminars on 3 dates:

Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 9:30am at United Methodist Church, 1 E. Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432. On-Line Registration <https://bit.ly/GMS-Clifton-2023>

Submitted by PDG Dave Hannan

Good Morning Rotarians!

If you want an opportunity to participate in RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) in person this year, here is your chance! On March 4th in Johnson City, we will be having a live RLI event. It will go from 8 a.m. to about 4 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This is one of the best ways to learn more about Rotary and to network with people outside of our district to build friendships and get new ideas. I can tell you that I learned more about Rotary in one day than I had learned in many years!



Just because it has Leadership in the name does not mean that you have to be in a leadership role. You may never want to do that, but don't let that stop you from this fabulous opportunity. The price for taking this course is \$80.00, and very often, your club will cover that cost. You may want to ask.

So, please take a moment to consider whether you want to expand your Rotary knowledge and meet a lot of cool people – especially those of you in the Southern Tier – it's an easy drive down Interstate 86.

The link for registration is: <https://rlinea.org/> and scroll down to the Johnson City Event. It's very easy to register.

Hope to see many of you there!

Janet Tenreiro, IPDG District 7120
Regional Vice Chair, RLINEA



Last chance: Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) Down Under (Australia)

Australia District 9820 PDG Mark Humphries and wife Linda visited our Finger Lakes District as part of the Milt Mathews DGE program. They were so impressed with our district that they invited our Rotarians for a RFE prior to this year's Rotary International Convention in Melbourne.

The exchange will be from May 10 until May 25. You will be picked up in Melbourne and be hosted by Aussie Rotarians in three areas travelling north and east.

You will get to enjoy their Rotarian's hospitality and explore the region while visiting spectacular beaches and sweeping plains. Planned activities also include a moonlight sanctuary – you will be your fix of kangaroos and more. Other activities: Peninsula Hot Springs, Wineries and Gin Distillery, Golf, local markets, and Phillip Island (fairy penguins, spectacular sea life, chocolate and more).

Rotarian hosts will provide lodging, local travel, usually breakfast and some other meals for a significant savings compared to any tour. Your responsibilities will include airfare, possible initial night's stay, some meals (primarily for lunch and dinner), any event admission fees, and incidentals.

Please reply with interest or any questions to CGrovanz@rochester.rr.com or contact DGN Dave demer@gmail.com or Ann DeMers.

We have only a couple remaining openings and will be finalizing the exchange soon. **Please reply by February 20.**

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

Rotary District 7120 RFE Chair

OPPORTUNITY for EXCHANGE to AUSTRALIA DISTRICT 9820

A major objective of the Rotary Friendship Exchange program is to advance understanding and peace through personal contact worldwide. This is accomplished with a reciprocal agreement of hosting and staying in Rotarian homes plus experiencing the culture in other districts.

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



Rotary International District 9820

Welcomes

Rotary International District 7120

May 10th - May 25th 2023

Followed by
Rotary International Convention
Melbourne 2023



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

About District 9820

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



Your last stop will be on the Mornington Peninsula.

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

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



Some activities planned

Moonlight sanctuary - Australian native animals
Kangaroo, Koala's Possums and more
Peninsula Hot Springs

Soak in various natural hot spring pools
Wineries
200 to choose from

Golf
Some of Australia most renowned

Gin Distillery
Local Markets

Craft and produce
Phillip Island

Fairy Penguins, spectacular sea life, chocolate and more



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



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

Rotary

District 7120



Just another reminder to submit your literacy activity on the attached criteria form. Please be sure to get them in by 3/31 to JoAnn Terry whose contact information is at the bottom of the form. We're sure that you would like your club to be recognized for your literacy accomplishments.



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

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

1. General Ideas

Attending the Seminar,
Show how your club observed September 8th, either as the International Day of Reading or recognizing the month of September as Literacy Month.
Using an idea from the Children's Agenda Website, thechildrensagenda.org

2. Birth to 4 years old

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

3. Ages 5-12

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

4. Ages 13 and above

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

5. International

Books for the World
School Supplies

Name of Club _____

Contact person _____

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

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

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

September 10, 2022 PDG DAVE HANNAN

COVID-19:

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

INFLUENZA:

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

POLIO:

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

Major Gifts News -- Unique benefits and tax incentives?

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

Both these options provide interesting and unique benefits as well as tax incentives. As we approach the end of the tax year, talk with your tax advisor to consider the financial advantages of these programs for you!

Anyone interested in more information can contact Jeff Krans at jkrans228@gmail.com or Josh Olewiler at josh.olewiler@rotary.org

What is the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund?

Gifts to the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund ensure that future Rotarians will have the resources they need to design and implement sustainable projects year after year. Donations to the Endowment Fund can be made as an outright gift or a planned gift, such as a bequest in your estate plan. As of the 2018-2019 year, Rotary's Endowment totals \$374.5 million, with \$828.9 million in commitments.

Contributions to this fund are invested for the future. Only earnings on investments are used to support Rotary programs so that your generosity goes on to do good in the world in perpetuity.

What is YOUR Rotary legacy? Our Endowment Fund committee can help you make your lasting impact and we are just a phone call away! **(Submitted by PDG Jeff Krans)**

Beth Cross, 585-737-0579
Nancy Loughlin, 607-425-4530
Peter Winnett, 607-936-3720

Jeff Krans, 315-536-7180
Chuck Turner, 585-271-8597

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



I am writing to you today to let you know that the 2023 RYLA Application is on the District Website under Youth Services. <https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/ryla-1>

All instructions and pricing is there.

If your club does not have a candidate but would still like to sponsor a student please reach out to me.

I look forward to another successful year and I thank you, in advance, for your support of this program.

I am attaching a link to a short video that promotes the RYLA program.
<https://youtu.be/qFLTHCeVEtg>

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District Governor 2023-24
RYLA Chair
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Fellow Rotarians,

Training
(For Rotary District 7120)



Greetings from PDG Norma, District Trainer! I hope that you are keeping warm.

How do you feel about your Rotary membership? Are you proud to be a Rotarian? Do you feel fulfilled because you are making a difference in your community and beyond? How has Rotary changed you? Do you feel Rotary is making a difference in your personal and/or professional life?

To help you answer these questions, I invite you to come to the District Training Assembly which will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Bath Central School Bath, New York for half day. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Come and find out how you could enhance your Rotary membership and member experiences.

Come and find out how you could make a difference in your community, perhaps, the environment... children's health...education...etc.

Come and network with other Rotarians to learn what they are doing as a club!

Come and have fun!

[https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-training-assembly-\(dta\)](https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-training-assembly-(dta))

Gather a few of your club members and carpool and attend the DTA. IT IS FREE!
Registration information is forth coming.

DTA is new and improved - we are following the Trade Show format. More to follow to explain what events and activities there are! For now, we ask that you save the date.

You have any questions? Please feel free to email me -PDG Norma at madayag.reillyn@frontier.com

I hope to see you there.

Yours In Rotary Service,
Norma
District Trainer



The PolioPlus Society of District 7120

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

Joining the Society is a 2 step process.

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

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

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

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

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

Sign up Today!



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

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

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

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



The Polio Plus Society

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

PolioPlus Society of District 7120



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name (please print)_____Date_____

Email Address _____

Club Name_____. District # _____

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

Sign up today!

*A Spectacular
for Kids &
Rotarians of
All Ages!*

*More Fun Than Can
Fit in One Tent,
So We Have
Three!*

Come one, come all!

**ROTARY BLOOMFIELD 2023
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, May 6, 2023

**Veteran's Park • 6910 Route 5&20
Bloomfield, NY 14469
9:30am - 7:30pm**

Come when you can, for as long as you want!

Registration:
<https://bit.ly/2023-7120-DC-Registration>

Cost: \$50 per person

- All-day Circus theme with indoor/outdoor family activities across three tents (rings)!
- Affordable, non-stop fun for the entire family!
- Crafts! Carvings! Vendors! *Fun!*
- Myriad of food options, *all day!*
- Skydivers fly-in!
- Participate in a Community Service Project!
- Inspiring speakers, live entertainment and *more!*

Ringmaster Ralph!

For the most up-to-date info:



This year's District 7120 Conference is on Saturday, May 6th and promises to be like "none other" ever held in our District...or perhaps in any District anywhere! Unlike other District Conferences that you may have attended, or declined to attend, this one will be a VERY AFFORDABLE, SINGLE DAY EVENT, for the entire family, which will be a "spectacular for Rotarians of all ages!"

How is this District Conference different? Here are just a few examples:

- \$50 per person...yup, that's it! That includes food!
- It's in our District! Veterans Park, Bloomfield, NY (practically in the center of the District)
- The Great DuBois Circus will be performing which is a fast-paced, high-energy circus show for all ages...showcasing incredible feats of juggling, unicycle, aerial, stunts, contortion, magic, and audience interaction, all wrapped up in a blanket of comedy!



- Skydiving demonstration with skydivers landing on the Conference Grounds!

- Bands and music all day!

Signed up so far:

John Dady

Finger Lakes Alpine Band

Finger Lakes Community Band

Bill Schmitt and the Bluesmasters

Dave Boyer - Caricaturist

Bloomfield High School Band

Everheart

Max Wright Music

Come one, come all and enjoy some incredible fellowship! May 6, 2023...Rain or Shine!



More Information: <https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-conference-2023>

(Has links to Registration, Promotional Flyer, and to a Promotional Video)

Hours: 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Come when you can for as long as you want.

Location: Veterans Park, Bloomfield, NY

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

**IMAGINE
WHAT'S
NEXT**

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

Rotary  |  **MELBOURNE
2023**



VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY CO-HOSTS D-7120 YEX EVENT

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club joined with the District 7120 Youth Exchange program to host a Valentine-themed social event for both international students (13) currently being hosted in the district and outbound students (3) from D-7120 who will be spending a year abroad as YEX students.

V-F Rotary club president Charlie Parkhurst and D-7120 Youth Exchange Chair Gretchen DiNardo welcomed the students, host Rotarians and guests at the brunch. President Charlie acted as the emcee for the event.



L to R – YEX students at brunch: Jaiza Wolters (Netherlands) – Maximillian Seles (Slovakia) – Olivia Burri (Switzerland)

The V-F club has traditionally hosted Christmas parties for YEX students since 1981. This year the format changed to a Valentine-themed event where the students engaged in activities such as decorating Valentine cookies for local veterans. They also used their artistic skills to decorate special Valentine cookies for local veterans. A local AMVET official spoke to them briefly on the sacrifices made by veterans – sacrifices that should not be forgotten.

All students, inbound and outbound, stood and introduced themselves. They noted their country or the country they would soon going to as YEX students. The inbound students extended a Valentine greeting in their

native language. Attending members of the co-sponsoring YEX District Committee were acknowledged.

Each student received a special T-shirt commemorating the event. The students took turns auto-graphing the shirts for each other as a remembrance of the event. After the brunch and opening events the district YEX Committee adjourned to a separate room for committee business while the students socialized and dance to music from a local DJ.



The YEX students being hosted by D-7120

Sent by Dave Luitweiler

ROTARY CAMP ONSEYAWA PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Things are heating up, not necessarily the weather but the excitement of Camp Whitman and the "projects"!! As we prepare for the 2023 season, we know that it will take a few years to bring the camp up to speed so it will support the critical program needs.

We hope that a Club can consider adopting a project. In fact, a few of our projects have already been spoken for, with others in the discussion stage! This is so great to see a few clubs take the lead so quickly!! Good news does spread fast.

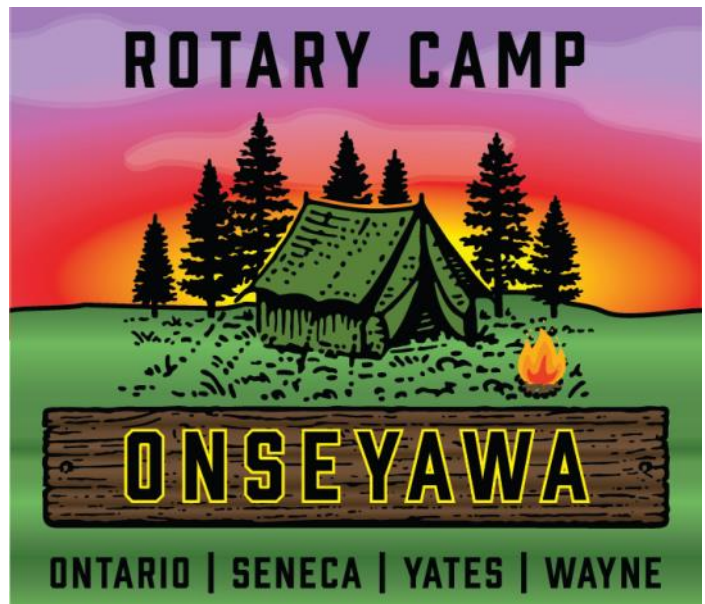
The committee has completed a list of needs and we also know that this will take careful coordinating work with many people. Please feel free to call me with any thoughts, ideas, and estimated funding cost. Please also remember that all projects and funding must be carefully cleared to avoid confusion, duplication, and embarrassment.

PROJECT LIST To Date:

- Kitchen enhancement
- Shooting sports - tables and pavilion
- Pavilions in the campsite areas
- Fire rings in each campsite
- Lifeguard chairs
- Picnic tables in campsite areas
- Electric to campsites
- Water to Sycamore campsite
- Flagpole – main parade field
- Onseyawa storage building
- Stage area
- PA system
- Move 4 cabins and fix roofs
- Run 220 electric for the kiln
- Outdoor program cooking area

Thanks So Much,

Robin Mark
Board of Directors
585-370-2389
robin0932@gmail.com



**When we found Camp Haccamo, I can't even tell you how happy we were...
-- a Camp Haccamo Family Spotlight Story**



Lani Post and her husband Stephen are very pleased to be connected to Camp Haccamo. Their story is compelling and gives a bird's eye view of the vital role Camp Haccamo plays in our community. The family learned about Camp Haccamo at a pivotal time in their lives as new parents, when challenges and obstacles can be overwhelming. Their kids, Lindsey and Riley, both living with Autism, ADHD, and bipolar disorder, required specialized attention.



"When we found Haccamo, I can't even tell you how happy we were. It was a difficult time in the beginning, we were frazzled and trying to figure everything out," said Lani.

It was a care coordinator at Rochester's Hillside Children's Center who mentioned Camp Haccamo to the Post family. They registered Lindsay right away and the results were instant.

"The very first day of camp, I think I slept 12 hours. It was such a relief to know Lindsey was in a place where she could go, be safe, be herself – and there were people that were skilled enough to handle her particular needs."



The experience was life-changing for Lindsey. "When she came back, she was so excited about it and talked about camp for weeks, she added." The kids regularly watch their camp videos each year.

"The camp gives both girls amazing opportunities for socializing and activities they might not normally have access to throughout the year," said Lani.

Neurotypical kids can attend any summer camp but unfortunately that's not the case for kids like Lindsey and Riley who require a little extra attention and forethought. That's where Camp Haccamo fits in. It's a unique camp designed specifically for kids and young adults with specialized needs, whether neuro or

physical.

The time camp provides for kids to form bonds and friendships is priceless and the break it affords families is just as invaluable.

"It gives us the time for respite or to handle other issues in life. One week we took a much-needed vacation. Another year we were able to coordinate end of life care for my mother-in-law in Syracuse. It was a very difficult time for us, but we were there for his mother when she needed us.

Lindsey has attended camp for 10 years while Riley has attended for 8 years. Lani has just joined the board as its newest family representative and is looking forward to helping.

The Rotary Clubs of Monroe County are pleased to announce registration is now open for Camp Haccamo for its 67th season. Key dates this summer are July 31 to Aug 4 for ages 7-18, and August 7 to 11 for ages 19-30.

All the events that make Camp Haccamo exceptional are returning, carnival night, prom night, pool activities, a talent show, and the iconic Haccamo locomotive.

Recommend a Family:

If you know of a family that can benefit from Camp Haccamo please ask them to register now <https://www.camphaccamo.org/applications>.

Save the date:

Join us at the 10th Annual Car, Truck, & Cycle Show Fundraiser (sponsorships available) on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Greece Ridge Mall (parking lot behind former Sears store). Gates open at 8 am and the event will wrap up around 1pm.

Stay Connected:

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/haccamo>

Submitted by Neal Gorman

Watkins-Montour Rotary

The Watkins-Montour Rotary Club had a celebration of Rotary Exchange at our January 5th meeting! We welcomed Washington Wanvver, a visiting Rotarian from Brazil, who was once hosted as a Rotary Exchange student by Club member Tom Weidemann. Washington is currently President of Rotary Club de Americana in his home country. An example of Rotary exchange coming full circle!

The Club also presented our current exchange students, Adriano (Canary Islands) and Max (Slovakia), with their Christmas gifts-which included lots of keepsake items from their respective school districts of Watkins Glen and Odessa-Montour. A special thank you to Rotarians Tom Weidemann and Nancy Loughlin for their tireless efforts in supporting our Exchange Program!

Sent by Emily Peckham Left to right: Nancy and Max, Tom and Adriano, and Tom and Wanvver.



Bloomfield Rotary Honors Students of the Month



Outstanding students for the months of September through January were recognized at the January 23rd meeting of Bloomfield Rotary. Students are selected for this honor because of their academic performance, leadership skills, and community involvement. Each student is awarded a \$50 check designated to the charity of the students' choice. Pictured are club president Lydia Archer, Lucas Colf, Mary-Margaret Griffiths, Leah Cavagnaro, Sedona Smith, and Allison Baughman. Absent from the photo is Jennier Ranney.

Written by Meg Huff
Submitted by Pat Overmoyer

Belmont Rotary

We here in Belmont are very excited to offer a District Project for sending Books authored by a past member to Ukraine. Belmont is willing to collect the donation money and forward to Mary Kay.

Please see the link to an article that was in the Olean Times Herald:

Children's book author giving books to young Ukrainians

Our club will be donating \$500 which will secure 35 books. With this project, besides helping Mary Kay, this fulfills both our Literacy and International engagements. If there are any other questions, please feel free to reach out to me Dana Hand (Belmont President) at 585-610-6133. For those clubs wanting to take part in this book project, please send any donations to:

BRC, P.O. Box 5, Belmont NY 14813 (Attn: Mary Kay Worth)

From the author:



My name is Mary Kay Worth. You might even call me Author Mary Kay Worth. I bleed blue. Yes, I am 30+ year Rotarian with a fascinating Rotary history. Belmont Rotary is my home club in District 7120. I got my first Paul Harris came from there. My career took me to CNY and District 7150. I was president of the Aurora Rotary Club for two of my six years there. I retired in 2012 and transferred my Rotary membership to Olean in District 7090. President there for two years, I also served as Assistant Governor. Three clubs, three districts, made for one BIG ROTARY heart. Reaching to Rotary for my Ukrainian Mission Project was natural and Rotary Clubs are helping me reach my goal of 500 HEY ELEPHANT! WHERE ARE YOU? books in the hands of Ukrainian children who know the devastation of war. The book is translated in English and Ukrainian. The book trailer includes both languages.

Pysanky eggs, painted in the Ukraine, appear throughout the book.

Submitted by Dana Hand—Belmont President

BATH ROTARY STUDENT FUND, INC.

The Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc. (BRSF, Inc.), the scholarship arm of the Bath Rotary Club, met on December 15th in order to elect new officers and members, discuss scholarships available, and address other relevant information. The purpose of the BRSF, Inc., a 501c (3) corporation is to seek out young men and women who have graduated from the following schools: Avoca, Bath-Haverling, Bradford, Campbell-Savona, Hammondsport, and Prattsburgh and who are in financial assistance to complete a course in higher education. The BRSF, Inc. strives to establish ways and means to secure funds to aid these young men and women.

At the meeting the following officers for the Board of Directors were elected: Elaine Tears, Chairperson; Joanne Sheehan, Secretary; Jane Russell, Treasurer. The other members of the Board of Directors are: John Gould, Tess McKinley, Cheryl Muller, and Benita Nesbitt.

The following scholarships may be awarded annually: Frank E. Nicklaus Memorial Scholarship, funded by the members of the Nicklaus family (up to three scholarships - \$1500 each); Ted Markham Memorial Scholarship, funded by the members of the Markham family (up to two scholarships - \$1000 each); Vern Woolston Memorial Scholarship, funded by Bath Rotarian John Gould (one scholarship - \$1000); Bath Rotary Club Scholarship, funded by the Bath Rotary Club (up to three scholarships - \$500 each); Bath Rotary Interact Scholarship, funded by the Bath Rotary Club and open only to Bath-Haverling Central School seniors (up to two scholarships - \$500 each). No child or grandchild of a Rotarian is eligible for these scholarships. If you would like to view the 2023 scholarship applications, they should be available by February 1, 2023 on the Bath Rotary Club's website (www.bathnyrotary.org).

As in the past, signs will be placed in June in the yards of the 2023 scholarship recipients. These signs recognize and honor the students for their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and community service. If anyone would like to help recognize these students, donations for the cost of the yard signs would be gratefully accepted. Please send any donation to: Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc., Attention: Jane Russell, BRSF, Inc. Treasurer, P. O. Box 648, Bath, NY 14810. Please write Donation for Scholarship Yard Signs on the memo line.

Written by Elaine Tears



Tom Matthews and Pres. Patti LaVigne Photo by John Lanpher

Geneseo Rotary

Thomas Matthews, President of Livingston CARES, was the guest speaker at the Geneseo Rotary meeting on January 23.

Livingston County Cares, Inc. (Livingston CARES) was established in 2005 by SUNY Geneseo and multiple community organizations, including the Town and Village of Geneseo, Livingston County Board of Supervisors and Chamber of Commerce, and Geneseo Central School) to respond and help with the recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina. A ten-year partnership agreement was reached between Livingston County, New York and Harrison County, Mississippi to work together to rebuild the Gulf Coast area of Biloxi and Gulfport. Beginning in 2006 and ending in 2019, Livingston CARES organized 40 week-long service trips to Biloxi working on low-income family homes. The Livingston CARES mission to help communities and individuals locally, regionally, statewide, nationwide and globally in humanitarian projects expanded in response to other natural disasters with 50 additional service trips to Staten Island, Brooklyn, Long Island, New Jersey, Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Puerto Rico. Since 2005, 1,508 volunteers, including 1200 students, 156 community residents, and 157 faculty/staff/alumni have participated on service trips. Service trips were suspended during the pandemic and Livingston CARES continued humanitarian work with projects like the "cookie project" delivering gourmet cookies to 2,600 health care workers at 118 sites

throughout Livingston County. In 2023, we are again offering service trips with three sold-out trips to Florida, Louisiana and Puerto Rico and we hope to expand and offer additional service opportunities in 2024.

Livingston CARES is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 public charity with no employees and a volunteer board of directors that accepts donations and gifts to support service trips and other humanitarian projects. We typically make appeals every fall for donations to hurricane related recovery projects and also manage funds for the Home Away From Home Respite Program in Geneseo, the Father Gordinier Community Service Award, the Linking Hands for Learning that builds schools in Nicaragua, the Food Security Advocates at SUNY Geneseo, and the annual April Geneseo Goes to Town service day. Details on these programs and other projects are posted on the Livingston CARES website: <https://geneseo.edu/livingston-cares>.

Livingston CARES needs community volunteers to help with our projects and service trips and donations for financial assistance to student volunteers as well as supporting our Gumbo to Go fundraising dinners. You may also subscribe to our electronic newsletter by writing to cares@geneseo.edu or contacting the Livingston CARES Secretary, Mackenzie Derider, who also serves as the Director of Student Volunteerism and Community Engagement at SUNY Geneseo derider@geneseo.edu
Submitted by Tom Matthews

Pres. Patti LaVigne presented Tom with a Thank You Guest Speaker mug at the conclusion of his presentation.

Geneva Rotary



Kathy Fuchs (right) is the newest member of the Geneva Rotary Club. With her sponsor, Mary Gearan, she was inducted into the club at its Feb. 1 meeting. Kathy teaches English at Finger Lakes Community College and organizes the city's Martin Luther King Day Art and Poetry Contest.

Sent by Phil Beckley



FELICIDADES, LIAM!

Liam Bajus, son of Andrew and Licia Bajus and a 9th grader at Hammondsport Central School, was recently accepted into the Rotary Youth Exchange program; he will spend the 2023 – 2024 school year in Chile. While a student at the local school, Liam has participated in cross country, wrestling, track, drama club, and chorus



as well as being on the school's honor roll. He has volunteered in the Kids' Corner at the Crow's Nest Artist Collective at the Keuka Lake Art Show in Hammondsport for multiple years. He also stated that he enjoys free diving, SCUBA diving, swimming, running, traveling, and just being outside especially in warm weather.

"Ever since I was little I have wanted to travel the world. Becoming a foreign exchange student is one of the ways I can start to fulfill that dream instead of waiting until I am older," stated Bajus. "I am super excited to be going to Chile for the next school year. I cannot wait to experience living in a different country, learning about a new culture, and exploring the potential opportunities. The Rotary Youth Exchange program is very supportive and most efficient at helping me prepare for my year abroad. I want to thank everyone, including the Bath Rotary Club, for supporting me and my dream. I couldn't do this alone!"

"The Rotary Club of Bath is thrilled to sponsor Liam on his youth exchange trip to Chile," remarked Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President. "We are excited to have him represent our region, and we look forward to hearing about his yearlong adventure abroad."

Liam Bajus, standing at left, presents a program about his Rotary Youth Exchange trip to the Bath Rotary Club. Congratulating him upon his selection as an exchange student and thanking him for his presentation at the club's weekly meeting is Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President, standing at the right.

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Nancy Latour



Geneva Rotary

Geneva Rotarian Dave Cook recently returned from a trip to Georgia, Belarus and Armenia sponsored and organized by the Rotary Childrens Fund. The Fund is now known as the Reunite Cultures Fund and does business as RCF. It is not affiliated with Rotary. But its organizer and coordinator, Vitaliy Bezrodnov, is the president of the Downtown Fuquay Varina Rotary Club in North Carolina. Cook presented a program on his trip, stressing that he wants to organize fund raising for batteries that are sorely needed at hospitals in Minsk, the capital of Belarus.



A few weeks later, Vitaliy brought a group of Armenian student/travelers to Geneva for a quick lunch and photo at the Geneva Sons and Daughters of Italy. Many Geneva Rotarians attended. The students are artists and performers and are traveling throughout the country.



Ray Ciancaglini (center) receives the special Rotary Avenues of Service Award in Community Service from District Governor Ralph Brandt (right). Noting that it was the first such award given out in District 7120, Brandt presented Ciancaglini with the award at the club's Jan. 18 meeting at Dana's Time Out Restaurant. The Avenues of Service Award recognizes individual Rotarians and Rotaractors who have received recognition in five Avenues of Service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service. Ciancaglini recently organized two very successful fund-raising dinners to benefit the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department and the Geneva Police Department. The events raised \$10,000 for the fire department and \$16,000 for the police department. Ciancaglini, a Paul Harris Fellow, is

well known in Geneva as a former professional boxer who founded The Second Impact organization. He has been battling Parkinson's Syndrome and Dementia Pugilistica for many years as a direct result of numerous untreated concussions he suffered during his boxing career. He started The Second Impact organization to tell his story of the mistakes he made not properly addressing concussions and the lifelong consequences he suffered as a result. The organization's goal is to raise awareness, offer support and encourage being honest about concussion symptoms. Rotarian John Oughterson assisted in the award presentation.

Sent by Phil Beckley

Avon Rotary

Avon Rotary Foundation Moment

At our January 10th meeting Rotarian Jim Tompsett was presented with his Paul Harris Fellow plus 4 pin for his continued support of the Rotary Foundation. Jim's generosity is helping improve lives all over the world. Congratulations and thank you Jim!

Submitted by Laurie Vonglis



Canandaigua Rotary Club Honors A Member

Recently, the Canandaigua Rotary Club honored Joe DelForty with a Benefactor Plaque and pin. He earned the honor because he voluntarily pledged to leave a gift to Rotary upon his passing.

Pictured are Tom Rogers, Past District Governor and Past Club President with Joe DelForty:



Submitted by Jack Kellogg

Rochester Rotary

Untapped Shores 2022 Project Summary

Rochester Rotary International Committee has supported Untapped Shores water projects since 2016. They received a Rotary district grant with support from local Rotary clubs and Kampala Uganda in 2019 which was very impactful providing safe clean water to 15,000 villagers. Untapped Shores projects provide water access, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) to rural local villages/schools to eradicate the spread of waterborne diseases in rural areas of Uganda. Untapped Shores unique WASH solution utilizes Pure Shores, a solar powered inexpensive easy to use water purification device that provides safe clean water for thousands of school children and village people. In RY 2021 we provided an additional \$1,000 in support for Untapped Shores to expand their WASH program in two schools in Uganda, St. Thereza Primary school-Keyenda and Katalemwa Secondary school Matugga. A project summary follows:

The project aimed at solving the challenge of both WASH stress and the need to prevent Covid-19 and hygiene related diseases in 2 schools by: increasing awareness for the novel Pure Shores solar water treatment and WASH, using roof water harvesting to water tanks, hand washing stations to improve access to safe water and sanitation, and most importantly using infotainment to educate/train villagers about the importance of safe water and hygiene. The project was very impactful, serving 1,704 children, adults at the schools and villagers at St. Thereza Primary school and 2,508 people at the Katalemwa secondary school in the past year.



These school children and in-school adults will benefit from the project for the next 20 years (the lifespan of the water tanks provided) which makes this a truly sustainable solution to a severe unsanitary water crisis. The availability of safe water at the schools will attract more learners and community members to live at these schools hence sending more children/students. www.untappedshores.org

The Rochester Rotary International Service Committee has identified Untapped Shores as a candidate for a Global Grant in RY 2024-2025. In partnership with two other Districts (D-6120 Florida, and D-9214 Uganda/Tanzania), we recognize, applaud and support Untapped Shores' long standing and proven commitment and dedication to providing safe, clean drinking water to rural Ugandan schoolchildren and their families. If you and your Club are interested in learning more about this Global Grant, and supporting Rochester Rotary's proposed District wide initiative, please contact Rich de Asis, Chair Rochester Rotary ISC at rdeasis911@gmail.com

Submitted by Kellianne Mohorter

V-F ROTARY DELIVERS MASKS & HAZMAT ITEMS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS

The Victor - Farmington Rotary club recently delivered a large quantity of KN95 masks as well as protective goggles and hazmat suits to the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department for their use. The articles included approximately 3000 masks, 320 goggles and 50 hazmat suits. The items were provided to local Rotary clubs by the Constellation Energy company. Constellation donated the packages, initially in Wayne County, to local Rotary clubs for distribution to volunteer fire departments.

The V-F club contacted the president of the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department, Carol Trapassao, and arranged to have the articles delivered to the department's facility on Rt. 96 in Farmington.

Farmington Fire Chief John Weidenborner and President Trapasso accepted the items.

Sent by Dave Luitweiler



L-R – V-F Club President Charlie Parkhurst, Farmington Fire Chief John Weidenborner, AG Jim Crane, President Carol Trapasso, V-F Rotarians Karen Parkhurst & Judy Luitweiler

Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest

The members of the Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest continued their monthly cleanup of their stretch of the Erie Canal, which runs eastward from Chili Avenue to Genesee Valley Park, Saturday, January 21. On this cold morning, two hardy members picked up three bags of garbage, and temporarily covered a stretch of railing that had disintegrated leaving a steep drop into the Erie Canal.



The following weekend, we joined Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Fairport, Canandaigua, and Penfield in sorting and packing about 2 1/2 pallets of books at a warehouse in Chili for the Rotary Books for the World program. We are getting close to the number of pallets needed for shipping a truckload to Texas and then onto developing countries in South America and Africa.

Sent by Lisa Norwood



Pal-Mac Rotary

Our two Wednesday lunch meetings in January resulted in our learning about two important Wayne County area services.

On January 11th, Gregory Peck, Foster Grandparents Program Manager for Wayne County and the Finger Lakes, spoke about an opportunity to become a Foster Grandparent to 1st and 2nd graders. He emphasized that building a relationship with these youngsters requires a time investment of at least 15 hours a week. One must be fifty-five or older to qualify.



On January 18, Stephanie Cooper, President of the Wayne County Humane Society, helped us understand that there IS a 365 days-a-year shelter for caring for pets without a home in our county. She emphasized that this has no connection with Lollypop Farm, a much larger shelter in Monroe County. The Wayne County Humane Society can accommodate up to 125 cats and 32 dogs. It offers a low income spade service, as well as an adopt-a-pet program.

Greg Peck and Stephanie Cooper each received a gift mug from President Jeff Crawford after sharing with our club.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford - Photos by Jeanna Skinner

Pal-Mac Rotary

Our First Wednesday evening gatherings always bring adventure! The variety of events experienced since last August brought us to a fun learning experience on Wednesday, January 4. Club member, Leslie Vecchiotti, led us in understanding the styles we use for interaction. Eighteen of us discovered that we primarily fall into one of four styles: analytical, driver, amiable, expressive. In other words, we each "Have Style!"

Sent by Jeff Crawford



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

From Young to Old

For many years, the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club has funded necessary school supplies ((\$50), uniforms and shoes (\$50) to the children of a Costa Rican village. Due to covid, students now need to purchase books (\$41) as well in case school has to close. This year we are supporting students in a fifth grade class where the daughter of a construction worker, who has been very supportive for many years, is a student. He receives our donation and does the shopping for us so we can avoid shipping costs.

Our donation will be directed toward three specific families with students in this fifth grade who are in dire circumstances due to covid and cancer. We will be helping defray the cost of needed materials and clothing as we sent a total of \$800 to help the 11 students in these three families get started with school on time. (School starts the beginning of February due to Costa Rica's location to the Equator.)

The HLRC donated \$300 and with personal donations from club members, we were able to wire \$800 to our supportive construction worker who had the pleasure of shopping for us. This enabled a few of the 11 students to get started with school on time. Hopefully, the students will all be able to begin on February 6th or very close to that date.

Jumping from ten year olds to senior citizens, the HLRC sponsored the February lunch social presented by Richmond Recreation on February 1st. Our senior citizens were treated to a Valentine's Day menu with lots of sweets and fun activities. The presenter for the party was a representative from the Rochester Button Club who shared lots of information about the history of buttons. (This may be a fun topic for a club meeting.) Thanks to Holly Stoddard for arranging this tasty and entertaining time for our senior citizens and to the HLRC for sponsoring this through the district grant they received for the 2022-2023 Rotary year. Sent by Jeanne Hamele



Belmont Rotary

Paul Harris plus 2 Award

On January 4, 2023 Dana Hand President of the Belmont Rotary Club presented Rotarian Don Skinner with a Paul Harris plus 2 pin at our regular meeting. Don has been an active and valuable member of our club for many years. He has successfully organized many projects and work parties. Don can be counted on to help with any club event and is very deserving of the award.



Belmont Rotary accepted the N95 Masks, Goggles, and Tyvek suits that were donated to the District to be disbursed to Fire Departments. Belmont Fire Department had a sufficient supply of these items on hand so Belmont Rotary allotment was donated to Amity Rescue Squad. Pictured: Dana Hand-Belmont Rotary President and Corey Smith-Amity Rescue Squad.

Sent by Kelly Hand

Corning Rotary

Groundhog Day Pancake Supper

What better day to celebrate the return of Corning Rotary's annual Groundhog Day Pancake Supper than actually on Groundhog Day?

Thursday, February 2nd, saw the return of the annual Groundhog Day Pancake Supper to raise funds for our local grant efforts. With Past President Buddy Cutler once again at the reins, Rotarians pitched in to make this supper a big success. Even District Governor Ralph Brandt came to help!

Diners were entertained by the Rotary Band while Interact students helped serve and clean-up.



LEFT:
Diners enjoying pancakes and conviviality.

Sent by Jan Harvey



President Stu Sammis and DG Ralph Brandt at work in the kitchen.



Interact students grabbing a quick meal at the end of the evening. Interact kids rule!

Corning Rotary Gives Grant to Corning Fire District

Corning Rotary recently donated \$5,000 to the Corning Joint Fire District. Rotarian Jenniffer Mullen and President Stuart Sammis presented the check to Chief Brad Davies of the Corning City Fire Department, Chief Peter Bierwieler of the Forest View Gang Mills Fire Department and Chief Mike Brenning of the Corning Joint Fire District.



The grant will be used to purchase smoke detectors targeted toward low income homeowners who find the cost of the new 10-year smoke detectors prohibitive. The Joint Fire Districts will be working with local and regional school and support agencies to identify such homeowners. The smoke detectors will be installed by members of the Fire Departments to ensure safe placements, as allowed. Installation instructions will also be given to assist homeowners who want to do the installations themselves.

This grant is awarded as part of the club's Community Health and Safety initiative. Other core focus areas include literacy, youth leadership, hunger, environment and international efforts. This is the first partnership and grant between Corning Rotary and the Joint Fire District.

Sent by Jan Harvey



Brighton Rotary



WHILE ON OUR APRIL 23, 1945 14th MISSION, WE DEVELOPED AN INDUCTION FIRE IN #4 ENGINE, THAT FORCED US TO LAND ON IWO JIMA. THIS TIME I HAD MY KODAK CAMERA WITH ME & TOOK THIS PICTURE OF THE 546ft HIGH MT. SURIBACHI, AS WE LEFT IWO. I NOW KNOW THAT THE MARINES HAD PLACED OUR AMERICAN FLAG UP THERE, A LITTLE OVER A MONTH EARLIER. UNFORTUNATELY, IT CAN'T BE SEEN.



Brighton Rotary Club members and guests were mesmerized by the stories related by Mason Fitch on his Army Air Force service in the Pacific Theater during the final months of World War II. A member of the 504th Bombardier Group, he flew thirty-five bombing missions over Japan from January to August 1945.

Mason was Radar Operator on the first B29s delivered from Boeing, stationed on Tinian Island of the Mariana Islands. Flying time was sixteen very hazardous hours to the targets. Many were lost.

In February, a bombing mission to Tokyo resulted in the group flying well past the target before realizing what had happened. No one in the Pacific Theater could understand that "strange wind." Later it was learned they had discovered the Pacific Jet Stream, heretofore unknown. They never encountered it again.

In April, after a mission and stopover in Iwo Jima, Mason took a treasured picture, shown above, with his Kodak Brownie Box camera, his first purchase after graduating from Penfield's Indian Landing School in 1939. He describes the circumstances in the photo's caption.

Sent by Roland Steorts

Spencerport Rotary

Spencerport Rotary's recent Trivia Night was a great success! Thank you to our Trivia Hosts who read the questions – School Superintendent and Rotarian Kristin Swann, PDG Don Alhart, DG Ralph Brandt, Joey Danzig from The Dream Factory, Town Supervisor and Rotarian Mike Zale. We had a great turnout for our first ever Trivia fundraiser, with 25 teams of 4 playing and plenty of Rotary volunteers to help out. A special thanks to Simon Devenish, who set up all the technical equipment we needed.

A portion of the proceeds was donated to The Dream Factory of Rochester. Any club wishing to sign up a fantastic speaker is encouraged to reach out to Joey Danzig at joey@ielighting.com. She will be happy to set up a speaker to come from The Dream Factory - a great organization - and visit your club. For more information on this wonderful non-profit: www.dreamfactoryinc.org/rochester

Sent by Colleen Farley



Trivia Hosts DG Ralph Brandt



Trivia Host PDG Don Alhart



Trivia Hosts PDG Don Alhart, Joey Danzig, Mike Zale

Honeoye Lake Rotary

OUT OF HIBERNATION



On February 9th, the HLRC decided to transform its meeting setting from virtual to one in the real world. Since the old Valley Inn has been remodeled/refurbished and has now reopened, club members decided to come out of hibernation and get together in person to check things out.

The atmosphere was delightful, the food was excellent and, of course the company was fantastic! This social event allowed club members to reunite and connect as we remember from past in person gatherings. No formal meeting was held as we just wanted to relax and become reacquainted as friends and club members.

A good time was had by all and we will be planning more social gatherings as the Rotary year progresses.

Sent by Jeanne Hamele

FAIRPORT ROTARY SAVOR THE FLAVOR EVENT

March 5, 2023, 1:00 – 4:00, EagleVale Country Club, Fairport, New York

What brings up to 500 people out on a Sunday afternoon, for just three little hours? What are these people going to do in just a short amount of time?

First...Taste buds are put to the test as guests stop at over twenty food booths to see what specialties are offered by restaurants from around the area...a good way to plan your next dining experience. From coffee shops to Mexican Jalapeños, they're all here waiting for you! Want to finish off that dining experience with a bit of dessert...Yes, it's here too, from moo to you. You must be thirsty by now...but there's no need to take that three-day wine tour around the lakes...the wineries have come here for your tasting. Some of the greatest vineyards this side of Napa Valley await your appraisal! Not a wine person? Not to fear... the beer is here! The "who's who" in breweries from around the area have come together to "put a head" on the finest craft beers...yours for the tasting! What's that place over in the corner with merchandise on display? Has a department store rented space? No...it's just a good old fashioned Silent Auction. Items donated from local merchants await your bidding for items from bikes to boom boxes. Check it out!

Well, we must have tired you out by now. We hope you've enjoyed yourselves...so much to experience, in a short amount of time!

By purchasing a ticket to SAVOR THE FLAVOR, you can rest assured that local and global charities will appreciate what you have done for them, and The Fairport Rotary Club thanks you for it. The only thing left to do now is...wait till next year!

Tickets anyone?

Boris Glus



FAIRPORT ROTARY ACKNOWLEDGED FOR SERVICE ABOVE SELF

On January 25, 2022, a fire at the Pines of Perinton left 31 families homeless. Fairport Rotarians immediately stepped in and provided these families with monetary donations, food, and clothing. As families were relocated to various hotels, Fairport Rotarians delivered food to the hotels for several weeks. Once families were finally relocated, Fairport Rotarians provided NEW pillows for all family members.

On January 25, 2023, Fairport Rotary Club received a proclamation from the Town of Perinton thanking them for their selfless service to our community.

Becky Wilson



Corning Rotary Presents Paul Harris Fellow Award to Stacy Ward



L-R: Rotarians Ted Goldwyn, Stacy Ward.

Photo credit: Gilbert Sweet

The Rotary Club of Corning recently honored Rotarian Stacy Gilbertsen Ward as its newest Paul Harris Fellow. The Corning Rotary Club presents the Paul Harris award to outstanding Club and community members in recognition of activities that exemplify Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

Since joining the Corning Rotary Club in 2016, Ms. Ward has been one of the Club's most active and engaged members, serving on numerous committees including Literacy, Programs, Community Service, Suds for Service, and Membership. She currently serves as the Club's Membership Chair.

Ms. Ward never misses an opportunity to positively represent Rotary in the community, whether it is through planting and yardwork at the Kate Danforth Community Gardens or the Corning Area Food Pantries, planting cherry trees at Denison Park, doing highway or river cleanup, serving and selling raffle tickets at the Pancake Supper, coordinating and facilitating the Suds for Service and Pints for Polio

events, organizing social meetings, reading to students at Winfield and Severn Elementary Schools, or serving pizza at Camp STAR.

Ms. Ward was previously recognized as the Corning Rotarian of the Year in 2018. Please join the Corning Rotary Club in congratulating Ms. Ward on becoming the newest Paul Harris Fellow!

Sent by Theodore Goldwyn



Perry Rotary Club

Perry Rotary Club welcomed new member Trini Kuzmicki at its Feb. 2, 2023 meeting. She is pictured here as past president Jeff Fitch inducts her as only he can do, with much humor. Trini is president of Hart's Insurance Agency, downtown's oldest continuously-operated business whose past officers were Rotarians. Trini is already at work on the club's spring raffle. Perry Rotarians have taken to heart the annual goal to increase membership. In addition to Trini, prospects now under consideration could grow the club by 4-5.



The club this year expanded its scholarship program to two more school districts (Letchworth Central and Warsaw Central) in which several members reside. The new awards of \$1,000 each require eligible seniors to complete the rigorous application process through their Guidance offices. Names are redacted for panel reviews by judges who read, rate and rank them. The scholarships are based upon Rotary's motto, Service Above Self.



The club's December auction proceeds of over \$1800 were presented to Suzanne Schuster, founder of the Perry non-profit hospice, Suzanne's Comfort Care Home. The amount was doubled in a match given by past president Sam Gullo and his wife Cherie, a volunteer there. Suzanne Schuster is pictured with Sam and Rotary President Devon Kelly.

Perry Rotary in recent weeks presented awards to multiple Paul Harris Fellows, all past presidents: Sam Gullo, Eric Parker, Daryl Heiby and Wes Kline .

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm

Penfield Rotary

Left: The Penfield Rotary Club met for a fun January Social at Joe Gatts Food & Cocktails

Right: Penfield Rotary Club President Ken Kohl presented the proposed Strategic Plan for the club .

Sent by PDG Linda Kohl



Dundee Rotary Club

President Robyn Ballard presented two members of the Dundee Rotary Club with Paul Harris Fellowship awards at the regular meeting on January 18th. Shown here are President Ballard (L), Lauren Snyder (C) who received her 7th Paul Harris award and Tom Shepard (R) who earned his 2nd Paul Harris Fellowship.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Presidents' Day



3rd Monday in February

DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

1) If your club is using Club Runner use this link:

<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/article/1044-how-do-i-create-an-event-in-event-planner>

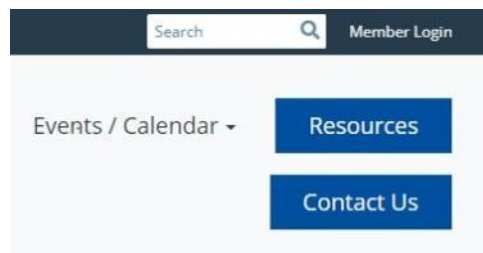
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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

And under **Events / Calendar**, chose :

Club Calendar Submission Form

Complete it and click the submit button.





SUNSHINE VALENTINE

Give your loved ones some sunshine this Valentine's Day!

Choose from our 3 deluxe packages for all of the important people in your life. We have the classics along with some packages you can't find anywhere else.

Delivery will be available at a flat rate of \$20. All deliveries will take place on Tuesday, February 14th between 10 am - 4 pm.

Pick-up will take place at these 4 locations between 12-6 pm on February 14th

- Sunshine Camp - 809 Five Points Road, Rush
- Rochester Rotary Office - 180 Linden Oaks Suite, 200
- Workers United - 750 East Ave, Rochester
- Lisa's Liquor Barn - 2157 Penfield Rd, Penfield,

Each package sold will help send a child with special abilities to the fully accessible Sunshine Camp

Every package will include a thank you note from a Sunshine Camper!



The Squeeze

- Red Rose and Red Kittelberger Flower Bouquet
- Andy's Candies Large Chocolate Heart
- 4-pack Rohrbach Brewing beer or Prosecco
- Barilla Pasta and Guglielmo Sauce

\$125.00



The Hug

- Assorted Kittelberger Flower Bouquet
- Andy's Candies Large Chocolate Heart

\$80.00



Date Night

- One large, one-topping pizza from Salvatore's
- Andy's Candies Large Chocolate Heart
- 4-pack Rohrbach Brewing assorted beer

\$50.00

Order Now

A la carte flower and stuffed bear options available!



SunshineValentine.org

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

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





Fairport Rotary Club Presents

SAVOR THE FLAVOR OF FAIRPORT

**Sunday March 5, 2023
1 - 4 PM
Eagle Vale Golf Club**

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

Presented by
Lyons National Bank



\$40 per ticket

May be purchased at
www.fairportrotary.com or any Fairport Rotarian





PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY,
MARCH
18TH

8 AM - 12 PM

ENJOY DELICIOUS
PANCAKES COVERED WITH
OUR VERY OWN SUNSHINE
CAMP MAPLE SYRUP

VISIT [SUNSHINECAMP.ORG](https://sunshinecamp.org)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

ADULTS - \$10
KIDS UNDER 13 - \$5
KIDS UNDER 3 - FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
[SUNSHINECAMP.ORG](https://sunshinecamp.org)





Save the Date... Saturday March 25, 2023

Chocolate and Wine Extravaganza

Sponsored by Seneca Falls Rotary



Quality Inn Waterloo/Seneca Falls

Saturday March 25th, 2023 4pm to 7pm

Contact Liz Becht (315)559-4421 or Linda Knight (585)314-7783

21 and over only!

Purchase tickets from Rotarians or at the door \$20



Rotary Club of Penfield Spring 2023 Charity Event

Euchre



Tournament

Saturday, April 15, 2023 ♦ Baywinde Community, Webster



Camp Haccamo's
10th Annual

Car, Truck & Cycle Show



Saturday June 3, 2023
Gates open @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Awards shortly after 1:00 PM



The Mall at Greece Ridge

Behind the old Sears store

\$15 Pre-registration \$20 Day of Show
\$3 Spectator Donation

50/50 Raffle

Vendors

Music

Food

Door Prizes



2022 Best of Show: 1936 Ford

Judging:

Top 50 "People's Choice"

16 Special Awards

Trophies for all Winners

Contact: Chuck Krause Krause.chuck@pmlmail.com 585-703-0918

CAMP ONSEYAWA GOLF TOURNAMENT Saturday, June 10, 2023



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

Schedule of Events:

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023

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

Registration: 11:30

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

Shot gun start: 1:00

Dinner: On the porch after completion of 18 holes (additional dinner tickets are \$30)

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

Fee includes green fees, cart, lunch and dinner

Dinner Only: \$30.00

Entry form and check made payable to Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament are due no later than

June 2, 2023 and should be mailed to:

Gary Reilly
819 Moseley Road
Fairport, NY 14450

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

1. Team Captain

Name: _____

Email: _____

3.

Name: _____

Email: _____

2.

Name: _____

Email: _____

4.

Name: _____

Email: _____



Robynpalooza Golf Tourney

Come join the Webster Rotary Club in the fun on June 16th at Morgan's Crossing (formerly Chili Country Club) for the 12th Annual Tournament of fun and charity.

This year's proceeds will focus on Literacy and Education programs locally. One of the Seven Areas of Focus!

Check out our Facebook page or go to www.websterrotaryny.org for more info or call 585-424-0859.



HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY

38th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

CONSIDERED THE BEST LITTLE TOURNAMENT FOR THE MONEY

Monday, July 31, 2023, at 10:00 AM SHARP!

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

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE – OLD HICKORY GOLF CLUB

6653 BIG TREE ROAD, LIVONIA, NY 14487

GREAT FUN!!! – GREAT PRIZES!!!

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

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

Captain's Name: _____ **2nd Person** _____

Address: _____ **3rd Person** _____

_____ **4th Person** _____

Email address _____

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

Golf, Cart, Lunch, Steak Dinner & 3 Raffle Tickets TBD \$ _____
Dinner Only.....TBD per person \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Honeoye Lake Rotary Foundation

Mail to: Honeoye Lake Rotary, P.O. Box 674, Honeoye, NY 14471 by 7/21/2023

GOLF HOLE SPONSORSHIP

_____ **Corporate-Patron @ \$150.00 each includes golf & dinner for 1 person**
_____ **Associate – Eagle @ \$75.00 each**
_____ **Affiliate – Birdie @ \$50.00 each**
_____ **Friend – Par @ \$25.00 each**

**Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ Questions: Jeanne Hamele 585-729-9118
or jnnhamele@aol.com**

Name to be used on sign: _____

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



⚙ March 2023

- March 11 Grant Management Seminar (GMS)
- March 19 President Elect Training (PETS)

⚙ April 2023

- April 22 District Training Assembly
Bath Central School 8:00am to 12:30 pm
- Details to follow

⚙ May 2023

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

Upcoming CLUB Events

⚙ February 2023

February 13 Rochester Rotary deadline to order
Sunshine Valentine
February 14th Pick-up or delivery (between
10am—4pm)

⚙ March 2023

March 5 Fairport Rotary Club “Savor the Flavor”
Eagle Vale Golf Club 1-4pm
\$40 per ticket

March 11 Corning Rotary Spelling Bee, 7:30 am
to 1:30 pm

March 12 Greece Rotary Club 45th Annual Ziti
dinner, Greece Olympia High School, 11am to
3pm \$10 dine in or \$12 take out

March 18 Sunshine Camp Pancake Breakfast,
8am to 12pm. Adults \$10, kids under 13 \$5
Tickets: Sunshinecamp.org

March 25 Seneca Falls Rotary, Chocolate and
Wine Extravaganza, tickets \$20, Quality Inn
Waterloo/Seneca Falls

⚙ April 2023

April 15 Penfield Rotary Spring Euchre
Tournament

⚙ June 2023

June 3 Camp Haccano Auto & Car Show
Greece Ridge Mall

June 10 Camp Onsewaya Golf Tournament
Silver Creek Golf Course

June 16 Webster Rotary Golf Tourney at
Morgans Crossing

⚙ July 2023

July 7 and 8 Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival,
Village Park, craft show, vendors,
free Skycoasters Concert on Saturday

July 31 Honeoye Lake Rotary
GOLF TOURNAMENT “Old Hickory Golf Club”



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