



January 2023

Ralph Brandt, District Governor

Issue 7



### Happy New Year!

We continue to *Imagine Rotary for 2023.*

This month I am featuring the Honeoye Falls Mendon club led by President Sheldon Boyce:

Honeoye Falls Rotary has been very active this year. There are some events which were annual but could not be done because of Covid and they have returned.



This year our Rotary members, as well as our Interact high school students participated in a literacy program at the HFL Manor school, a clean-up at Rotary Park, we donated Christmas trees to local families, as well as contributed to our Family Community Network Fund, which helps provides for local families during difficult times.

The high school interact students coordinated and participated in a Halloween parade at Pinehurst senior living and trick-or-treating with local families in the village of Honeoye Falls.



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The members were also very glad to bring back the annual breakfast with Santa at Flaherty's. It was a huge success with a very large turnout. Food provided by our own Flaherty's restaurant. Rotary incorporated a food drive for the local food cupboard. Much fun was had by all! We are looking forward to additional special activities during the Winter and Spring.



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District 7120 is pleased to announce the selection of Jim Crane as  
District Governor Nominee Designate.  
Jim will serve as District Governor in 2025 - 2026.

District Governor 2025-2026



Jim is a long time member of the Victor Farmington Rotary Club. Additionally, at first he was introduced to Rotary by his father, joining the Canandaigua Club in 1975. After a career change he joined Victor Farmington in 1985 until 1990 after starting a small business in Farmington. Rejoining in 1999 when the Victor Farmington Club made a major change to the club meeting time.

Since joining the Victor Farmington club he has served has an active Board member and Officer, plus serving on various committees, from program to Governor Elects hospitably. He has served as club president when needed 2002-2003, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021. He has also been involved with the Youth Exchange Program and hosting an inbound student. Currently he is enjoying his time as Assistant Governor for area 6.

After graduating from Alfred State College he started his career as Engineering Aide/Inspector for the City of Canandaigua then in 1975 he accepted the position as the Cities Water & Wastewater Supervisor for Canandaigua. During this time, he attended college in Buffalo for environment licensing and management skills. Again in 1984 career change came when he accepted the management position of Water & Wastewater Utilities for the Towns of Canandaigua, Farmington and Town of Victor, later the Town of Hopewell and Manchester.

In 1983 Jim started a small (part-time) business which circled around his hobby of Archery and Bowhunting. The business started out small selling sporting goods for bowhunting and the shooting sports. However, in 1989 we constructed an 11,000 square foot facility to offer a full indoor archery experience, which Jim now operates full time.

Jim resides in Farmington and has one daughter working in a School District and three young men, two of whom have served in the Marine Corp all working and living nearby. The family make up is four children with 10 grandchildren, two of which are in the Army.

Jim's partner is Nancy Loughlin who is a Rotarian from the Watkins Montour Rotary Club. She is greatly involved with the Youth Exchange Program. She has served as Chair, Country Officer Etc. She has served as President of her Rotary Club. She is a great person, and has taught me things about the Youth Exchange program I was unaware of. We enjoy traveling and the outdoors.

Nancy and I look forward to this new mission and adventure for District 7120

## **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, January 21, 2023** at 9:30 AM at St. John Vianney Parish Center, 32 East Morris St., Bath, NY 14810; On-Line Registration <https://bit.ly/GMS-Bath-2023>

**Saturday, February 4, 2023** at 9:30am at Brighton High School, 1150 S. Winton Rd., Brighton, NY 14618; On-Line Registration <https://bit.ly/GMS-Brighton-2023>

**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





## District Oratorical Contest Home Page

**January 15** deadline for applications

Details and Submission Form at

<https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/oratorical-contest/>

Hello Rotarians,

We have an opportunity to promote the Rotary Oratorical Contest by distributing these flyers to schools, 4-H Clubs, Interact Clubs, Boy Scouts, Home-Schoolers or wherever Juniors in High School can be found. The Flyers have a QR code that can be downloaded ending in a short but effective talk given by four past Contest winners telling why it is beneficial to participate in this contest. We know that Juniors who are looking for a College Scholarship or money towards a Trade School will be motivated to enter the Oratorical Contest but first they have to learn about it. The flyer also gives them access to the Rotary website where they can print an application as well as learn all the details regarding the contest. Will you help spread the word?

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### Oratorical Contest

*Build Public  
Speaking Skills  
and Confidence*



**Name:** Grace Zimmerman  
**School:** Victor  
**Home:** Victor  
**Participated:** 2011  
**Since Then:** U of R  
Masters, Public Health  
**Now:** University of WA  
Physician's Assistant  
Program



**Name:** Gracie Elliott  
**School:** School of the Arts  
Rochester  
**Participated:** 2012  
**Since Then:** MCC – 2 years  
Smith College  
**Now:** Works in NYC as a  
Children's Book Editor



**Name:** Meredith Conklin  
**School:** Bloomfield  
Bloomfield  
**Participated:** 2019  
**Since Then:** Nazareth College  
**Now:** Music Therapy &  
Saxophone Performance



**Name:** Drew Dudley  
**School:** Home Schooled  
Greece  
**Participated:** 2020  
**Since Then:** MCC - Biology

**WIN a 2-4 year  
College Scholarship  
or CASH PRIZE**



<https://qr.page/g/4GJUeRRpCeo>

**Watch Video**



[Rotary7120.org/sitepage/oratorical-contest](https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/oratorical-contest)

**Learn More**

## ROTARY DISTRICT 7120

### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE COORDINATION LETTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTACT POINTS

**a. Contact points.** See Note 2.

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

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

#### NOTES:

1. Tracking Matrix:

Sixty-Four Points of Green Project

Club Organization(s) Sponsored Amount Donated

(Optional)

2. Contact Points:

Gary Anderson (EAC Chair) [gwa1948@aol.com](mailto:gwa1948@aol.com)

Ralph Brandt (District Governor) [rbrandt601@aol.com](mailto:rbrandt601@aol.com)

*Sixty-Four Points of Green Project*

## 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](mailto: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.

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**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:jotee218@aol.com)

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



## SPIRITUAL LITERACY MONTH

**(Note: This article was received after the December 10 Grapevine deadline )**

Spiritual Literacy Month in December challenges us to read at least one book on spirituality. This December, we can broaden our minds or deepen our faith by reading a book about spirituality, faith, or religion. It's important to remember that you can be **spiritual** without being **religious**. Religion is organized and has specific beliefs that usually come with a strict set of rules. However, spirituality is more of just believing in something bigger than humanity and being empowered. Spirituality does not necessarily stick to a set of rules or believe precisely what someone else believes in. So, whether you're spiritual, religious, or just plain curious, get reading this month to learn more about what stirs up the souls of others around you.

### HOW TO OBSERVE #Spiritual Literacy Month

There are many reasons why reading a spiritual book is beneficial, too. Here are just a few of them:

**SPIRITUAL LITERACY MONTH HISTORY :** Authors, Frederic and Mary Brussat, founded Spiritual Literacy Month in 1996. They encourage people to read texts from all different religions to gain respect for the world's religions and the spiritual traditions that come along with them.

Simply put, it's **good for your soul**. Reading a spiritual book opens your mind in ways you probably didn't realize it could. It also offers an uplifting, refreshing view of the world and universe we live in.

1. It will **lower your stress levels**. Studies show that reading spiritual literature can improve mental and physical health. It can also help keep you calm in stressful situations.
2. Reading spiritual books introduces you to **a whole new world**. Spiritual books can awaken you spiritually and mentally. They also open up your range of thinking and imagination to an entirely different level.
3. It is **exciting and fun!** Even if you don't agree with some of the viewpoints you are reading about, learning other perspectives and ideas will help you understand other people. You will also gain a well-rounded knowledge of others' spiritual life.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2023*

Submitted by Mary Merritt  
Literacy Committee



**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](mailto:jkrans228@gmail.com) or Josh Olewiler at [josh.olewiler@rotary.org](mailto: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

## 2023 DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY (DTA)

April 22, 2023

Bath Central School Bath, NY

### Two exciting news about the 2023 DTA:

1. The 2023 DTA will follow a NEW FORMAT - Trade Show Format. **WHY?**

In response to Rotarians' feedback of wanting more time for networking and sharing with other fellow Rotarians and the ability to learn more about Rotary matters and not bound to sit in at a 45-minute breakout session, etc. An opportunity for one-on-one questioning of leaders. Attendees have a better control of their time.

#### What does DTA Trade Show mean?

There are two features of the 2023 DTA:

- a. **Booths** – There will be booths where people could spend as much or as little time at any one booth to learn what they need to learn through videos, flyers, Q&A, etc.
- b. **Main Stage Show** – There will be general sessions with keynote presentations where everyone will hear the same message.

2. **No Registration fee** -DTA is a District event; thus, the District is paying for related expenses, such as room rental, materials, equipment, etc. There will be a light breakfast and snacks; however, no lunch will be provided. Session ends at approx. 12:30 p.m.

More details to come...

**SAVE-THE-DATE**

April 22, 2023



# 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Step**, complete the PolioPlus Society Pledge Form (next page), then scan and send to District PolioPlus Chair Janet Tenreiro at: [janettenreiro@gmail.com](mailto:janettenreiro@gmail.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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](https://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](https://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](http://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](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!**

**THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!**

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

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

What is the Great DuBois Circus all about? As written on their website...[www.thegreatdubois.com](http://www.thegreatdubois.com)...

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

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

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

**Levels of Sponsorship:**

Gold Level = \$1,000

Blue Level = \$750

Purple Level = \$500

Your name and / or your business name will be:

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

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

For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Colleen Farley, 585-489-0333,  
[colleen1031@yahoo.com](mailto:colleen1031@yahoo.com).



IMAGINE  
WHAT'S  
NEXT

REGISTER TODAY AT  
[CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG](https://CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG)  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA  
27-31 MAY 2023

Rotary  |  MELBOURNE  
2023

The graphic features a black background with a pattern of colorful, concentric circles and dots in orange, blue, green, and red. A faint, grey DNA double helix is visible in the background.





# CONGRATS!

## Princess Award

Most outstanding floral presentation among entries 35 feet and under in length



## Rose Parade, January 2, 2023 Pasadena, California

The Princess award, most outstanding floral presentation among entries 35 feet and under in length: Rotary Club International. The builder was Phoenix. City of Hope's float "Expanding Hope", winner of the Theme Trophy during the 134th Rose Parade in Pasadena on Monday, January 2, 2023.

White fine-ground rice, with shadings of light gray light lettuce seed, were used to decorate the carousel horse that's the focus of this latest float from the service organization – a 43-year parade veteran. The tall pillar, which is 20 feet 6 inches, is topped with white pampas grass, and has a center center of green deflexis, green Komondor fern, hot pink and pink roses.

## History

While watching the 1978 Pasadena Rose Parade on Television, Jack Gilbert, who was President of the Wilshire Rotary Club, in Los Angeles, California, and subsequently chairman of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee, had an idea. Rotary would be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 1980. Jack believed that by entering a float in the 1980 New Year's Day Rose Parade, Rotary could communicate its message, "Service Above Self" to millions of people worldwide. Jack shared his vision with other Rotarians, who supported the idea. Seven Governors in Southern California agreed to underwrite the cost of the float and make up any shortfall not covered by Club contributions. Fortunately, the Clubs contributed \$35,000 which covered the full cost of the original float. This first Tournament of Roses experience lead to the formation of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee which now receives contributions each year from approximately 8 Rotary Districts and an additional 700 Individual Rotary Clubs to fund the float. The Committee has entered a float every year since 1980.



Submitted by Marilyn Lyon

## Spencerport Rotary

The Spencerport Rotary hosted 2 people from India as part of the Milt Matthews Hospitality Program. District 3100 District Governor Elect Ashok Gupta and Past District Governor Rajiv Singhal stayed with Dave & Ann DeMers. The guests attended a social with the Spencerport Rotary club, attended a Greece Rotary meeting, went to the George Eastman House, Niagara Falls, the Corning Museum of Glass, several Spencerport Central schools, as well as other Finger Lakes sites. IPDG Janet Tenriero hosted a couple from Uganda and joined the Indian guests at several events.

Submitted by Dave DeMers  
Rotary District 7120 Governor 2024-25



*Service Above Self*





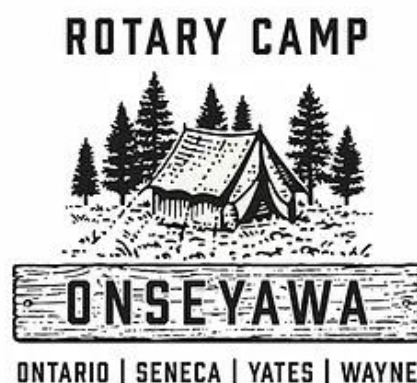
## Gananda Rotary \$6,000 Gift To Camp Onseyawa.

The spirit of Rotary to support camping for kids with disabilities continues stronger than ever. One Rotary Club recently went above and beyond the call of service.

During the October Halloween time, this creative club sponsors a five night "Haunted Hayride & House" event for the community. Gananda Rotary Board member and Onseyawa Board member Chip Rieck wrote "The success of this fundraiser has been growing every year since it was started 13 years ago. Attendance has grown to over 2,500 parents and their families. It is our pleasure to donate to this most worthy cause for kids. It could become an annual gift".

As the Rotary Camp Onseyawa Board begins budget planning and new location at Camp Whitman for 2023, it is noteworthy to state that this wonderful year-end gift has brought a balanced budget for 2022. We salute the Gananda Rotary Club for their creative efforts and exemplary commitment. We thank and congratulate Club President Christine Casaceli and Club Member Chip Rieck for their leadership.

By Victor Arsenault



## Camp Haccamo in Esteemed Group: Named a Finalist in Matchstick Prize

The Camp Haccamo Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Camp Haccamo has been officially recognized as one of five finalists -- of dozens nominated - - for the Causewave Community Partners Matchstick Prize.

This is the seventh year that the Matchstick Prize is being awarded to a local nonprofit by Causewave Community Partners, The Credit Union Collective (Reliant, The Summit and Pittsford Federal Credit Unions), and News 8 WROC TV.

The winner of the Matchstick Prize will receive \$5,000 from The Credit Union Collective, along with donated media space from the News 8 WROC— a total value of \$20,000. Four finalists will also be selected to receive a 30-second promotional video, produced by News 8 WROC TV. These videos will be important resources that will help these nonprofits tell their story to those they serve and those who support them.

"We are particularly pleased to receive this recognition because it validates the great work we do in fulfilling our mission and making a difference in our community," said Robert Williams, Camp Haccamo Board of Directors President. "If we win the grant, it will significantly boost our awareness and fundraising capabilities this year. We couldn't be more excited to be nominated and have made it this far."

Please stay tuned for more or stay up to date by visiting Camp Haccamo at <https://www.facebook.com/haccamo>.



Submitted by Neal Gorman



## Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotary

### THE TALE OF THE ROTARY SHOPPING CART BRIGADE

On the night of Friday 12/9, a good portion of the Honeoye Falls - Mendon Rotary spent a chilly 2.5 hours assembling a float in a local barn, in preparation for the big annual Christmas Parade in Honeoye Falls. We think it came out looking great - even the tractor was festooned with lights! - and we were excited to cruise down W. Main on it as the final float in the parade.

However, when the next night - parade night - rolled around, the float remained stuck in the barn. The keys to the tractor couldn't be procured. Our dejected club members milled around the grocery store plaza, where we'd assembled to board our float. All our hard work had come to nothing, and we couldn't even watch the parade, as it had already started.

But then, one club member came up with an ingenious solution using the materials at hand - shopping carts!!! Teamwork ensued, as the candy was quickly retrieved and distributed among the carts. Thus, the Rotary Shopping Cart Brigade was born, with Santa leading the way! We had an absolute blast pushing the littlest Rotarians in the borrowed shopping carts as we tossed candy to the onlookers, and Village Mayor Rick Milne says that we are the first-ever recipient of the parade's "What Could Have Been and Great Recovery" award! Perhaps next year we'll have to fashion our float as one giant shopping cart.

Here are some pictures of the Shopping Cart Brigade in action, as well as The Float that Never Floated.

*P.S. All shopping carts were promptly returned to the grocery store following the parade. We are so grateful to them for enabling this unique spectacle to materialize!*

Sent by Amy Harris



## Geneseo Rotary

Geneseo Rotary Good Neighbor Committee Christmas Caroling at the Highlands and Aprile Meadows apt complexes. Santa brought a lot of joy, and the kids were offered hot cocoa, cookies, and a candy cane. Sent by Heather Ferrero

We were assisted by members of the Good Neighbor Committee and sisters from the AST sorority. A link to some videos for your enjoyment can be found here: <https://youtube.com/@musickamp5232>



## Geneseo Rotary

Geneseo Rotarians ringing the bell for the Salvation Army as club members do each holiday season outside Wal-Mart.

Carol Carey and Howard Stewart are shown in left photo.

Music volunteer Captain Dave, Debby Emerson and John Lanpher in the right photo

Submitted by Art Hatton





## News From the Clifton Springs Rotary



AG/DGND Jim Crane, DG Ralph Brandt, and PDG Scott MacDonell are pictured with new member Don Shaw and his family.



Sent by PDG Scott MacDonell



Tuesday, December 8, was a memorable celebration for the Clifton Springs Rotary Club. During our annual holiday celebration, we inducted a new member, Donald Shaw, and awarded two Paul Harris Fellowship Awards.

The first recipient was valued community member and our club president, David Hamilton. The second was to community member, Joan Griswold, for her service to our Phelps/Clifton Springs community and involvement with the Second Seasons Consignment Boutique. District Governor Ralph Brandt along with Assistant Governor and DGND Jim Crane assisted in the ceremonies.



DG Ralph is pictured with our two Paul Harris recipients, David Hamilton and Joan Criswold along with PDG Scott MacDonell.



**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**



## Elmira Rotary Event 1



The first was at 8:45 a.m. on 12/12/22. Several Rotarians headed to Diven Elementary School (the school we have supported for over 15 years) to assist students with their Christmas Project which this year was to benefit our local SPCA. It happens that one of our Elmira Rotary members, is the Director of Education for the SPCA and helped to coordinate this project. We helped the students make cat toys from a sock, cotton batting, and some catnip. We made over 300 toys which will be given to each person adopting a new cat from the SPCA. After the students assembled the toy, they were then treated to a cupcake donated by Elmira Wegmans. Sent by Laurie Liberatore

Elmira Rotarians, Joy Perry, Tracie Dahl, Rechelle Brooks, Amy Willette, Laurie Liberatore & Katie Boland assisting the students in assembling their cat toys and passing out cupcakes..



Elmira Rotarian Carl Berman playing Christmas Carols for the children while they eat cupcakes donated by Elmira Wegmans.

BELOW: Elmira Rotarians, Carl Berman, Joy Perry, Tracie Dahl, Laurie Liberatore, Amy Willette, Rechelle Brooks, Diven School Principal, Jo Legare and Matt Gualiaro Elmira Rotarian and School Education Coordinator, for the SPCA along with Diven students showing off their efforts.



## Elmira Rotary Event 2



The second event took place at 7:30 p.m. that same evening when Elmira Rotarians helped our Community's nonprofit organization called The Arctic League.

Each year The Arctic League purchases toys funded by community donations. Then in the weeks before Christmas various community organizations help to pack the toys and then on Christmas Eve they are delivered by local volunteers.

Elmira Rotary packing night for the Arctic League  
Elmira Rotarians, Joe Koczan, Katie Boland, Delos and Polly Blackwell, President Ryken Ruuspakka, Tim Voneida, Matt Weibel, Rechelle Brooks, Carl Schweisinger and Laurie Liberatore

Sent by Laurie Liberatore

## Webster Rotary



*On Saturday, December 10th, the Webster Recreation Center celebrated An Evening with Santa Claus with Santa Claus (Webster Rotarian Bob Goldstein) and many of his Rotarian elves! Families were treated with pictures with Santa Claus along with candy canes, hot chocolate, cookies and story time.*

***The Webster club wishes all of our fellow Rotarians a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!***

Sent by Joe Corona

## Canandaigua Rotary Club Honors Member

Ellen Polimeni was recently honored with her Paul Harris Plus 6 Fellowship.

Ms. Polimeni has served in various Canandaigua non-profits and their boards, Canandaigua Mayor, and Elementary School Principal to mention a few.

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Pictured are Ellen Polimeni and Club President Marty Potter:



## Perry Rotary

Perry Rotary Club celebrated 2022 last month with a social in the beautiful new venue, Breezeway Barn, in Perry. Ninety guests, including members, their spouses and friends enjoyed a catered meal followed by music and dancing to the popular Kelly's Old Timers. The photo booth was great fun, too.

The fun continued to the club's annual auction later in December – think white elephant sale meets high-end crafts, foods, wine and home décor items. Bidding on nearly 30 items was brisk and full of good-natured humor with over \$1800 raised to benefit Suzanne's Home Care and Hospice of Perry where several Rotarians serve as volunteers. The icing on the event was a match by club member Sam Gullo and his wife, retired nurse Cherie, who is one of those hospice volunteers.

2023 began with a club assembly that answered questions several members posed and started the calendar for the expanded school scholarship program, planning for the Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show & Sale, President-Elect training, the annual spring raffle fundraiser, and more! On Jan. 19, Tompkins Community Bank Branch Manager-Rotarian Sara Mattingly provides a program on Avoiding Bank Fraud, a pretty hot topic of late.

– Lorraine Sturm



Leslie and Hans Kunze enjoying Perry Rotary's Christmas Social.



Jim and Christina Slusser, Anita Bellamy and Judy Hipes found the photo booth at the social a delightful way to spread good cheer.

## Corning Rotary Steps Up to Help the Salvation Army

The Corning Salvation Army suffered a great loss just as their Christmas season was beginning. Major John Stewart suddenly passed away leaving only one staff member to handle all the projects the Salvation Army does at this time of year. Members of Corning Rotary stepped up and asked, "How can we help?"



*Cathy Buck delivering angel gifts.*



*Part of the "loot" delivered to the Salvation Army*

Club members Yumiko Akiba and Cathy Buck arranged for several club members to purchase Angel Tree gifts for the last 25 tags that needed an angel. With just a few days to shop, all gifts were delivered on time. Among the participants were Dale Wexell, Ernie Danforth and Jan Harvey as well as Cathy and Yumiko. Several bags of canned goods were also delivered for the Salvation Army food pantry as well as cash donations.

Bell Ringers for the Red Kettle campaign were also needed. Rotarian Andy Rochester helped set up a computerized way to schedule the ringers. Serving as bell ringers were Rotarians Wendy Winnett, Stu Sammis, Ernie Danforth, Christy Kager, Laura Matson and Ted Goldwyn.

Submitted by Jan Harvey





## Corning Rotary raises money for Ukrainian Relief

The Rotary Club of Corning hosted its inaugural **Holiday Evening with Rotary** on Saturday, December 10, 2022, raising \$8,300 to benefit the United Nation's Ukraine Humanitarian Fund.

The event featured the world premiere of "**The Holiday Dating Game**," an original stage play written by Rotarian Bill Boland and directed by middle school drama coach Wendy Griffin. The script is based on the iconic 1960s "*The Dating Game*" TV show, with a holiday twist. Amateur actors from the Corning-Painted Post High School brought the production to life, and volunteers from Corning-Painted Post High School Learning Center served as stagehands, ushers and greeters. The Rotary Brass Band provided musical accompaniment.



The festive evening held at 171 Cedar Arts Center in Corning began with a cocktail hour followed by a professional magic show. The highlight of the evening was a powerful speech delivered by Polina, the 2022-23 Rotary exchange student from the Ukraine. Polina is currently attending Corning-Painted Post High School while dealing with the trauma of family separation due to the ongoing War in Ukraine.

Proceeds from the Holiday Evening with Rotary will benefit the United Nation's Ukraine Humanitarian Fund, operated by the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The fund is a rapid and flexible response mechanism to assist the most vulnerable communities and people with urgently needed support. Money raised from the event's sponsors and attendees will be used to help alleviate suffering for the people of Ukraine, especially during the long, cold winter ahead. Submitted by Jan Harvey

*Cast members performing in Corning Rotary's Holiday Evening with Rotary.*



## Pal-Mac Rotary

Our club distinguished itself in service to others during the 2022 holiday season. We raised more than \$250 ringing bells for the Salvation Army in an afternoon in front of the Macedon Walmart, gave a substantial amount to the Palmyra Community Center for it's Giving Tree, and worked with the Green Angels Christmas Project selecting, packing and delivering gifts to families in our area.

Jeff Crawford

Here are a few photos...



Bob Sloan, Deb LeMoyne, our exchange student, Emmy, and Leslie Vecchiotti, selecting gifts to be delivered for Green Angels.



Club member, Jeanna Skinner and sister, Joy Crawford, in front of Walmart.





## Greece Rotary

Through the Club's Community Service Committee, we provided a \$250 donation to an Athena High School student run organization, "A Greater Purpose Rochester."

We were able to purchase and pack 115 blessing bags for the House of Mercy.

We dropped off the blessing bags to the House of Mercy just before Christmas and they were extremely grateful and actually already started passing out bags to those in need while we were there!

Here is a link to their Facebook page. [A Greater Purpose Rochester | Facebook](#)

Please give them a "Like!"

Sent by Melissa Jordan





## Penfield Rotary

On December 17 - Penfield Rotarians took turns ringing the bell for Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign . In the photo are Penfield Rotarians Jerry and Jeanne Christopher



On January 6 , Penfield Rotarians held a special meeting to listen & judge speeches by 2 Penfield High School students who will compete the District Oratorical contest.

On January 7 , Club President Ken Kohl led the club's third Strategic Planning session .

Sent by PDG Linda Kohl



## Canandaigua Rotary Chimes In

Many of the Canandaigua Rotary Club members answered the Red Kettle call of the Salvation Army by ringing their bell. There are numerous Salvation sites but the Club covered four putting in over 80 hours in 2 separate days. [Watch out Kiwanis Club]

Pictured are Bell Ringers Beverly Cartwright, Tricia Carey: and Lynn Holcomb

Sent by Jack Kellogg





## BATH ROTARY CLUB HONORS FRIENDS OF ROTARY

Carol Berry, 2018 – 2019 Bath Rotary Club President, had found information regarding Friends of Rotary. She met with Bill White, Membership Chair, and the Friends of Rotary recognition was instituted by the club.

Official Friends of Rotary pins are awarded to those non-Rotarians who have given much time to help the Bath Rotary Club serve the community and the world. The club hopes that they are able to help with future activities, events, fundraisers, and projects.

Past recipients include: Michaelene Ahrens-Schultz, Shawn Clark, Michael Connor, Gilbert Ferris, Logan Herrick, Peter Langendorfer, and Stephen Sheehan.

This year it was decided to recognize four recipients as Friends of Rotary. They have given many hours to assist the club by working at its annual pasta dinners before the Wineglass Marathon and its semiannual chicken barbecues. Those, who recently received the official Friends of Rotary pins, are: Thelma Buckle, mother of Bath Rotarian Cheryl Muller; Claire McKinley, Haverling Junior High School student and daughter of Bath Rotary Club President Tess McKinley; Ethan Hursh, a very active Haverling Interactor. The fourth recipient, Woody Latour, husband of Bath Rotarian Nancy Latour, was especially thanked for his countless hours preparing the annual pasta fundraising dinners for several years, shopping for the Red Door Community Kitchen, and assisting Nancy with other Rotary projects. A few years ago Latour was also honored with a Paul Harris Fellow Award.

"I wish to thank these Friends of Rotary for their service to our club and thus the community and the world," stated Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President. "Their selfless hours of service have indeed been most appreciated."

Written by Elaine Tears

Pictures by Tess McKinley and Nancy Latour



Receiving Friends of Rotary pins were Claire McKinley and Ethan Hursh. Standing left to right are: Claire McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President Tess McKinley, and Ethan Hursh



Thelma Buckle, standing at right, is awarded a Friend of Rotary pin by Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President, standing at the left.

## Victor-Farmington Rotary

In 1989 The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club established the precedent of establishing a Giving Tree at the original Wade's Market in Farmington, now a Tops Supermarket. For over three decades residents have left wrapped Christmas gifts under the tree that were subsequently distributed by Rotarians to people in the community who might not otherwise be remembered during the holidays.

This year the club distributed over 1,600 gifts to diverse groups such as resident seniors at the Ontario County rehab center in Hopewell, single-parent children at the Wilson Commencement Park in Rochester, and residents served by the Friendship House in Middlesex, Yates County.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler





## Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest

The members of the Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest had a busy holiday season. With the help of the school social worker, we adopted two families from Adlai E. Stevenson School 29 and purchased an abundance of gifts for the six girls and two single parents. We held a gift-wrapping party as a fellowship event on December 20 and delivered the gifts just in time for Christmas!



To thank the bus drivers and monitors that drive our children to and from School 29 each day, several of us showed up on Wednesday morning, December 21, with gift certificates to our local coffee shop, Bicycle Brothers, and a colorful thank you note. The drivers were not only surprised but very appreciative of our efforts.

Sent by Lisa Norwood





## Happy New Year from the Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest

On the afternoon of New Year's Day, the Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest organized a walk as part of the New York State Canal Corporation's First Day Hike program. According to Governor Kathy Hochul, this state-wide event "encouraged New Yorkers to... celebrate the New Year at state parks, historic sites, wildlife areas, canal trails and public lands across the Empire State on January 1, 2023." Twelve intrepid souls, including club members, families, a local Rotarian, and friends showed up at Genesee Valley Park and walked 2.5 miles along the Genesee Greenway Trail near the University of Rochester in muddy, damp and cold conditions. Although not in the original plan, we also picked up a bag of garbage and righted and park bench along the way. Here's to another example of Rotarians in Action!



Sent by Lisa Norwood



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## Avon Rotary



### Foundation Moments

#### December 6:

Rotarian Julie Carney was presented with her Paul Harris plus 3 pin.

#### December 20:

Rotarian Bob House was presented with his Paul Harris plus 2 pin.

Congratulations and thank you both for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation!

Sent by Laurie Vonglis



Kirk Vanderbilt,  
presenting to Julie  
Carney



Bruce Amey, presenting  
to Bob House

## Canandaigua Rotary Honors Member



The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently honored one of its members with a Paul Harris Fellowship Plus Two. The Member is Jeff Anthony and has been a member since 1980, was a past Club President, serves on and chair's the Camp Onseyawa board of directors. The Camp is provided to persons free of charge to kids with developmental disabilities.

Pictured are Club President Marty Potter and Jeff Anthony:

Sent by Jack Kellogg





## Avon Rotary

### Linking Hands for Learning

**January 2, 2023:** A team of 14 volunteers travel to Nicaragua to help build a school in the remote village of El Carrizo in El Sauce. The funding for the project is only possible with the help of donors, volunteers & partners of the Enlace Project, especially Enrique Corrales. Thank you to family, friends, Avon & Rochester Rotary Clubs, colleagues and HFL/Avon Community members for helping us raise \$20,000 to build this school!

Submitted by: *Rotarians; Rob & Jeanine Lupisella*



Photo: (front) Rotarian- Heather Ayers, Ashley Vonglis-Becker, Sawyer Tehan, Elise Lupisella, Rotarian- Rob Lupisella  
(back) Rotarian- Tom Vonglis, Rotarian- Jake Ayers, Jackie Vonglis, Deb Vonglis-LaManna, Peter Vonglis, Paige Smith, Jason Hofmann, Caroline Lupisella, Rotarian- Jeanine Lupisella



## Red Jacket Rotary News

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, a group of Red Jacket Rotarians gathered at the Red Jacket Middle School to deliver Christmas baskets. Not only did our Club help to deliver the baskets, we also had Club members (Santa Helpers) who bought winter coats, boots, and mittens for all the young children in the participating families. The winter gear was paid for with Club funds. Appropriate size information was provided for each child by the food cupboard. We did have delivery help from local Fire Department members. The Twin Cities Holiday Basket Program's thank you letter says it best. Sent by Dick Stearns

Hello Sponsors, Volunteers and Delivery Drivers-

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you! Whether you provided food or gifts, gave of your time by helping to inventory or sort items as they came in, or served as a delivery driver to get all the items to the families, you played an integral role in our ability to serve 71 families in our community this holiday season. While it's sad to know that such a need exists in our small villages, it's so heartwarming to know that our families, businesses, churches, schools and organizations are willing to help fulfill that need to give our neighbors a nice holiday meal and gifts for their children. We received several notes, comments and text messages indicating how much the families appreciated the program and the help it provided. Here is a thank you note we received from one of our families: *"Our family has been blessed with your baskets for a few years. Thank you - all of you - for what you do! Our holidays are better because of you!"*

We are so grateful for your participation in the program and hope you found it fun, rewarding and fulfilling. We will begin coordinating next year's program early in the fall of 2023 so if

you would like to participate again, in any capacity, please look for an email by mid to late September.

Have a wonderful holiday season!  
The Twin Cities Holiday Basket Program Committee



From the left: Mae Schweickhard, Vern Hecker, Linda Hecker, Rose Foster, Jon Foster, Dick Stearns, Linda Collins, and Don Collins

## Geneva Rotary

Stephen Fazio, Geneva Rotary's program speaker at the Dec. 28 meeting, is very familiar to club members as he was a member of the Geneva High School Interact Club before graduating and going on to college. Fazio and his business partner recently appeared on the long-time popular tv show Shark Tank and earned a deal for their invention of the ZipString, a handheld string launcher toy. For more information on ZipString, check <https://zipstring.com>.



Rotarians are sometimes called on for unusual duties. The day of Dec. 3 was so windy in Geneva that Rotarians working the check-in tables for the Geneva Rotary Santa Train had to jump into action (literally) and hold the tent from blowing away. Fortunately, for them and the train riders, they were successful in keeping everyone and everything grounded.

Sent by Phil Beckley



## Canandaigua Rotary Inducts New Member

David Lucchesi was inducted into the Canandaigua Rotary Club at a recent meeting. Tom Rogers sponsored David who is mostly a retired real estate agent for Premier Properties. He and his wife of 37 years have two boys. She is a retired Probation Officer. David is also Vice President of the Boat House Owners Association. He is looking forward to volunteering in the many Rotarian projects, and was sponsored by Tom Rogers.

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Pictured left to right are Janet Tenreiro, Mark Sheppard, Club President Marty Potter, David Lucchesi, and Tom Rogers:





## Belmont Rotary

December 2-3 Belmont Rotary held its 1st Annual Belmont Rotary Tip-Off Basketball Tournament at Genesee Valley Central School. The tournament was attended by JV and Varsity Boys Basketball from 4 area schools. Admission to the event was:

\$3.00 Adult/\$1.00 Student

Students could bring 2-Non-Perishable food items for entry.



GV/Belfast won the Varsity Tournament  
Bolivar/Richburg won the JV Tournament



The non-perishable food that was collected plus food collected from Belmont Rotary members and the 10th Grade Class of Genesee Valley Central School (thanks to class advisor Anne Campbell) was donated to the Gospel Fellowship Food Pantry in Belmont.

Belmont Rotary hopes to grow this tournament with possibly Girls Basketball and more schools participating.  
Submitted by Kelly Hand



## Belmont Rotary

December 16-17 Belmont Rotarians assisted with "Wreaths Across America". On December 16 members helped with the delivery of the wreaths which needed to be unloaded and sorted. On December 17 members assisted with delivery of wreaths to the local cemeteries and then helped lay the wreaths at the graves of area Veterans. This is the 1st year this event was brought to our area. The local American Legion and "DAR" (Daughters of the American Revolution) hope to continue this event yearly. Plans are already in place for next year.

Submitted by Kelly Hand





## Fairport Rotary

### DICTIONARIES FOR ALL 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS

As part of Rotary's Seven Areas of Rotary Service "Basic Education and Literacy," Fairport Rotary Club is proud to promote literacy by handing out dictionaries to all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in the Fairport School District. Several Rotarians put Service Above Self and volunteered to partake in this annual tradition.

Rotarians Daniela Qualdieri, Maureen Hall, Terry O'Neil and MaryBeth Christiansen are seen here handing out dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Jefferson Avenue. Daniela and Rotarians Dennis Behr, Cindy Hunt, and Brandon Scribner, gave out dictionaries at Brooks Hill School as well. Congratulations Rotarians for bringing smiles to our young readers and future Rotarians!

Submitted by Becky Wilson



## SAVOR THE FLAVOR IS BACK!

The wraps are off! No more innuendoes! No more mystery! The details are finally revealed! **MARCH 5, 2023, from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM at EagleVale Golf Club** will be the site of the fabulous wine, brewery, restaurant tastings, AND silent auction event of the year... **SAVOR THE FLAVOR!!** (See Flyer)

Fairport Rotarians can be seen canvassing the area for program ads, sponsorships, auction items, and everything else it will take to provide a jam-packed, fun-filled, three-hour event everyone has been waiting for! Stifled by Covid the past couple of years, Fairport Rotarians are anxious to bring back the event of the year!!

ALL Rotary Club members are invited to "cross party lines" and come...enjoy good fellowship with the Fairport Rotary Club at...SAVOR THE FLAVOR. The event is limited to the first 500 tickets sold...so hurry...see their website for more information!

Adding to the festivities, will be live music provided by a well-known bandleader.

Submitted by Boris Glus





## Obituary



Our club has lost a wonderful member who was active until recently. Pat VerPlank was the first woman member of our club and its first female president (1993-94).



Pat was the leader of the Group Study Exchange for many years, hosting groups from all over the world. She was always involved with the Wayne County Fair Booth, Canaltown Days, creating floats for the parades for Rotary, and hosting the annual Rotary change over picnic. Pat was also the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow award from the Pal-Mac Rotary club as well as from the entire Rotary District 7120 for her service. She was also named Rotarian of the Year.

She had her own Kitchen and Bath Design business and was designing until a year before her death at 85. Services were held on December 27 in Palmyra.

President Jeff Crawford



**DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM**

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

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

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

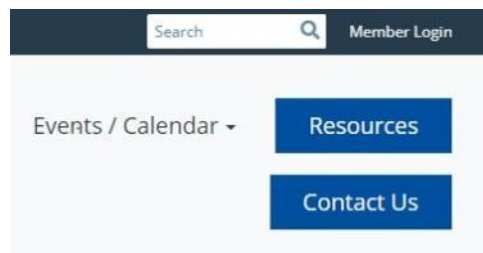
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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

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

**Club Calendar Submission Form**

Complete it and click the submit button.



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## Oratorical Contest

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### 2023 Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical Contest is based on the  
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Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Contestants will present a 5-7 minute speech on  
how they plan to live their lives based on the four-way test.

Depending on number of entrants, typically, there are three rounds of speeches:

Round One (semi-final): Mid-January

Round Two (semi-final): Late-January

Round Three (Final): Mid-February

2-4 Year Scholarships to local colleges are awarded in the final round for the top winners.

**Cash prize -- \$10,000 \***

(For educational opportunities, including Trade Schools)

Your local Rotary Club will sponsor and support you throughout the entire contest.

Applications are available on the District 7120 website under Youth Services

<http://Rotary7120.org>

**Applications due by January 15**

Rotary Oratorical Contest on Ethics Sponsored jointly by District Rotary 7120  
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Please submit completed applications to:

Donald Collins, Contest Chair

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

District 7120 Coordinator

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**Rochester Deaf Rotary Club**



# Spencerport Rotary presents...

## *Trivia Night*



Date: Tuesday January 17th, 2023

Location: Pinewood Country Club, 1189 Ogden Parma Townline Rd. Spencerport

Doors open @ 5pm - Trivia starts @ 6pm

Register your Team of 4 today! Limited number of tables.

Entry fee is \$10 per player/\$40 per team (Dinner not included w/entry fee)

Come for Dinner! Menu @ [www.pinewood.cc/pub-menu](http://www.pinewood.cc/pub-menu)

Cash Bar Available

Raffles, Games, 50/50

5 Rounds presented by Guest Hosts including:

Don Alhart, WHAM Channel 13

Kristen Swann, Spencerport School District Superintendent

Ralph Brandt, Rotary District Governor

Joey Danzig, The Dream Factory

Mike Zale, Ogden Town Supervisor

Part proceeds donated to the Dream Factory

<https://www.dreamfactoryvinc.org>



To register online click here: <https://forms.gle/dxn5TgEW8a3GzhEq9>

To register, mail the name of your team and the names of your 4 team members along with a check for \$10 per player, \$40 per team to Spencerport Rotary, PO Box 274, Spencerport, New York 14559.







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](http://www.fairportrotary.com) or any Fairport Rotarian





## **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: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Person \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jnnhamele@aol.com)

Name to be used on sign: \_\_\_\_\_



### Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar  
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



#### ⚙ January 2023

- Oratorical Contest Application Deadline  
**January 15th**
- January 21 Grant Management Seminar (GMS)  
St. John Vianney Parish Center, Bath, NY

#### ⚙ March 2023

- 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

#### ⚙ January 2023

January 17, 2023 Spencerport Rotary Trivia  
Night, Pinewood Country Club, Spencerport  
Doors open at 5:00 pm, Trivia starts at 6pm

#### ⚙ February 2023

February 1 to February 5  
ROC City Uncorked Wine & Spirits Online  
Auction

#### ⚙ March 2023

March 5, 2023 Fairport Rotary Club “Savor the  
Flavor” Eagle Vale Golf Club 1-4

#### ⚙ July 2023

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



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