



District 7120 Conference 2023
“Sometimes, ya just gotta shake it up a bit”

Well, maybe more than a bit. That was the basic concept of the District 7120 Conference for 2023. It was the hope of District Governor Ralph Brandt to increase the number of Rotarians attending our District Conference. By asking one simple question of many Rotarians, “Why have you not attended a District Conference in the past?”, Ralph found that several “barriers” were evident; “It’s too expensive for registration and an overnight at a hotel, not to mention arranging child care while we are away”, “It’s too far”, “I don’t want to give up an entire spring weekend”, “There’s some pretty cool stuff, but generally it’s stiff and rigid”, were a few of the more common replies.

So how in the world do you maintain the necessary elements of a District Conference and still manage to overcome those barriers? Further, how do you make major changes and still manage to keep the usual attendees interested? Those were the key issues discussed, beginning three long years ago, when DG Ralph and his home Bloomfield Club started planning his Conference. It soon became apparent that adding input from other clubs would increase the innovative process, so folks from Honeoye Lake and Conference Co-Chair Jeanne Hamele, Lima, Rush-Henrietta, Victor-Farmington, and Spencerport were added to the “brain trust”. Others would be added along the way. Past District Governor, Norma Reilly was invited to help to balance the old and new ideas.

Sitting around at the initial formulative and brainstorming meeting, things were confusing, to say the least. The basic questions of who, what, where, when, and why, were strange enough without a prior frame of reference. Add to that, attempting to overcome the barriers that Ralph had uncovered, and planning proved challenging indeed. After all, this was to be a whole new concept. His vision was a pretty radical one. The first agreement made was that the phrase “because we’ve always done it that way” was not to be the sole reason to have something included in this program. As things progressed and ideas were suggested, frustration seemed to mount. Then, out of nowhere, someone blurted out, “This is becoming a real three-ring circus!” That was it! A real three ring circus! Perfect! Ideas began to flow, excitement began to build, and the conference began to take shape. Thoughts that might have been considered crazy were now on the table. It was quickly determined that this would be an outdoor event held all in one location. With hopes of mitigating the uncertainty of our May 6th weather, large tents became an easy decision.

The “where” was determined to be as close to the center of the district as possible. From a brainstormed list, four potential sites were selected as finalists. After research and site visits, Veterans Park in Bloomfield was selected. The site was perfect for our purposes. It was pretty much smack dab in the middle of the district and the Bloomfield Town Board had decided not to charge us a dime for use of the facility, graciously granting us five days of exclusivity so we’d have ample time for set up and take down.

The attractions became: the DuBois Circus, The Western New York Skydivers (to land right on the grounds!), and bands of various genres, providing music all day long. The tradition of the Necrology (Memorial) Service, the required District Business Meeting, as well as a presentation on Human Trafficking, would be held in the morning in the building on site. The much loved “Parade of Flags” by our exchange students, as well as other presentations and awards, would be held just prior to the outdoor activities in the main tent. The club displays of their service projects, a silent auction for the Rotary Foundation, and what we termed “not for profits”, that is, groups that have worked hand in hand with various Rotary Clubs, would be housed in one of the three tents. There were games planned, such as corn hole. Included as well, was face painting for kids of all ages, clowns, balloon magic, and fun all around. Scheduled also, was a chain saw carving artist and a paint ball “shooting” range. Three food trucks were contracted. Also organized was a Farmers Market and wine and beer tasting, all from local vendors, who could also sell their products. Circus food (popcorn and cotton candy) would be made available all day. There would be shuttle bus service from the nearby Bloomfield Elementary School so that on-site parking could be reserved for cars with handicapped plates / placards. The Bloomfield Lions Club generously volunteered to be the parking

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attendants. There would be no registration fee for kids under 12 years old. All of this would be available for only \$50.00 per person and from that, \$25.00 in food vouchers handed back to the registrants to be used at the food trucks!

So, the vision of an inexpensive, local, one location, one day fun, family event, took shape. How did we do? Well, we had nearly four hundred people at the event, which is roughly double a "normal" Conference. The parking and the shuttle service ran perfectly and conveniently all day, the bands were well received, the meetings were well attended, the food was fabulous, the skydivers had everyone looking up, the circus was stunning, the tasting experience was terrifically well visited, two Rotary Wheels were carved by chainsaw. The biggest fear that the committee had during the entire three-year planning process, was the unpredictable Western New York weather, which was sunny and in the upper 60's, so in short, absolutely perfect!

Normally with any event, you'd expect some good and some bad feedback. We received only rave reviews! Were there glitches? Sure, but they were mostly "behind the scenes", so with all things considered, District 7120 Conference 2023 was an incredible, unforgettable, unique event, a great success and really did, "shake it up a bit"! Bravo, Ringmaster Ralph!

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Imagine Rotary
We are People of Action
Won't you Join Us

Rotary District 7120 Change Over Dinner

June 21, 2023 *Wednesday*

5:00 pm- 9:00 pm

**5:00 pm- Cocktail
Reception**

**6:30 pm- Dinner &
Presentation**



DGE Julie M. Carney
Avon Rotary Club

Willow Creek Venue
3100 Rochester Road
Lakeville, NY 14480

\$45.00 per attendee

Register Online Today:

<https://bit.ly/7120-Change-2023>

Attire:

Rotary Business Casual

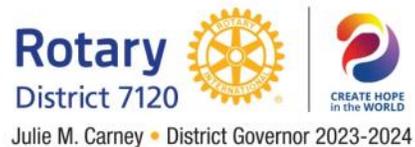
R.S.V. P. by June 12



Located conveniently 1 mile south of 390 at Exit 9 in the town of Lakeville in Livingston County, just 30 minutes south of Rochester.



Questions?
Vicky Vorhauer at
vvorhauer@gmail.com



Julie M. Carney • District Governor 2023-2024





Public Image update!

- If your club or project is not using the new Rotary Logo Here are the top templates in [Brand Center](#). Be sure to check it out for a unified look and feel across our district and clubs.
 - [Rotary club logo](#)
 - [People of Action Facebook post](#)
 - [Rotary club brochure](#)
- Social media is more effective when you post on a regular basis. A useful tool that you can share with your clubs is a social media calendar. An example is here (<https://bit.ly/7120-Sample-Social-Calendar>) -- clubs can use this as a model and update the content for their own promotion. We recommend posting at least once a week, and be careful about posting too often, particularly on the same day!
- The Rotary Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign features Rotary ads that show the public that we're people of action. PSAs are aired by media outlets at no cost to Rotary. Since launching in March 2020, Rotary's PSA campaign has reached millions of Americans through TV, radio, and print, with a total donated media value of **\$22.6 million!** Visit the [PSA Download Center](#) to access the PSA videos that you can share. To learn which stations have run Rotary PSAs in your market, contact PR@rotary.org.
- The [Learning Center](#) is continually being updated. Updated courses include *Our Logo: Representing Rotary and Leading Change*. New courses this year include *Promoting Rotary on Social Media*. These courses are appropriate for all Rotarians, not just club Public Image Chairs and teams.
- Copyright trolls are pursuing Rotary Internet usage, looking for copyright infringement for images and videos. **Over 40% of the U.S. Rotary Club & District Liability Insurance Program's open claims now pertain to copyright infringement.** Please review your district and club social media and websites and remove anything that does not have the copyright owner's permission. This includes bulletins, newsletters, and other documents and forms, even if they are 10+ years old!

Question of the month: Does Brand Center support QR code creation?

Answer: Brand Center does not. However, there are many free apps and tools that you can use, including [QR Code Generator](#), [My QR Code](#), and even the Google Chrome app on your smart phone:

1. Download the Google Chrome app.
2. Navigate to the URL you want to share.
3. Tap the Share button on the upper right-hand corner.
4. Select Create QR Code.
5. Either hold it up for someone to scan or tap Share.

Rotary Brand Center

For info on the Rotary brand, click on link below:

<https://brandcenter.rotary.org/>

Your Logos at a Glance

DECEMBER 2020

A consistent voice and visual identity are essential components of a strong brand. By using the design elements in this guide you ensure that our brand is presented in a unified way, helping to build awareness and recognition of Rotary and Rotaract. You can find more information on the Brand Center at [rotary.org/brandcenter](https://brandcenter.rotary.org/).

Your club, district, or zone logo is made up of the Masterbrand Signature (MBS) plus the club name, district, or zone number. Multiple district or zone numbers can also be listed. This logo must be used instead of the MBS alone. No other words should appear above or below the MBS.

You can use either the MBS or the simplified version in your club, district, or zone logo. We recommend using the simplified version if the logo will be smaller than 1.25 cm (0.5 inches) or will be embroidered.

Find templates for creating your logo on the Brand Center at [rotary.org/brandcenter](https://brandcenter.rotary.org/).

Reverse Options



CLUB, DISTRICT, OR ZONE LOGOS

Masterbrand Signature

Club Name above or **Rotary**
Club Name, District, or Zone below

Examples

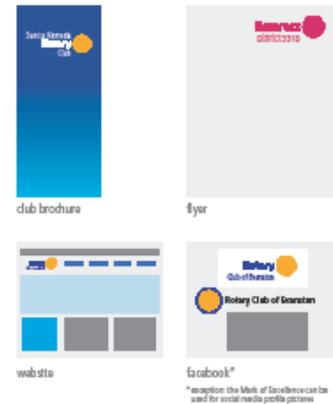


Masterbrand Signature Simplified

Club Name above or **Rotary**
Club Name, District, or Zone below



Layout Examples



Rotaract Masterbrand Signature

Club Name above or **Rotaract**
Club Name, District, or Zone below

Examples

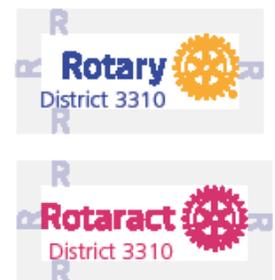


Rotaract Masterbrand Signature Simplified

Club Name above or **Rotaract**
Club Name, District, or Zone below



Clear Space



Clear space is the space surrounding the club, district, or zone logo that needs to remain empty. It is equal to the height of the capital "R" in "Rotary" or "Rotaract."



Literacy Corner



“Reading changed my life,” declared the twelve-year-old boy from the back row of the class. This reaction was in response to asking students what they thought about the books that Rotary club and district programs provided to their classrooms in rural Guatemala. In addition to quality children’s and adolescent literature, these programs provide professional development for teachers – training and support in strategies to inspire and engage their students as readers. These students and their teachers are learning that ‘reading’ is not rote identification of words on a page, but an opportunity to get involved and be inspired by stories, learn about far-away places, and meet people who have changed the world. Education is the key to opening doors to the world, yet many cannot access that opportunity. Rotary members change lives by ensuring that students have access to books, to technology, and to well-trained, inspiring teachers.

Submitted by, Mary Merritt and Tracy Wooden

Literacy Committee members

District Literacy Seminar Scheduled

Information from the District 7120 Literacy Committee:

September is Rotary Literacy Month

WHAT	-- Literacy Seminar
WHO	-- Rotarians
WHEN	-- Saturday, September 23, 2023 -- 9 AM - 11 AM
WHERE	-- Clifton Springs Hospital, Rotary Room

Submitted by Nancy Aumann,
Member District Literacy Committee

INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE:

COVID-19, INFLUENZA, and POLIO

June 6, 2023

PDG DAVE HANNAN



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT

COVID-19:

1. On May 11, 2023, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ended, according to the US Department of Health and Human Services. This does not mean the disease went away. Population levels of immunity, whether from vaccination or from the disease, are high enough to warrant this action. Over 85% of people have had at least 1 dose and over 73% are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated and under vaccinated people are still at risk for contracting this deadly disease.
2. The Original (Monovalent) Vaccines are no longer available. Updated (Bivalent) Booster Vaccines are now available for those 6 months and older. If you are over 65 years, or immunocompromised, you should get a second Updated (Bivalent) Booster 4 months after the first one. It provides additional protection against the Omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5, for those who have previously been vaccinated. If you are a "late-adapter" or "health risk-taker," I strongly encourage you to reconsider and start your vaccine series now, even if you have already experienced the disease!

INFLUENZA:

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

POLIO:

1. A resident of Rockland County, who had not traveled overseas, contracted Polio in 2022 and the Polio Virus was detected in sewage samples in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Nassau Counties, and in New York City. Fortunately, there have been no other cases in the US.
2. Polio is a paralyzing and potentially deadly disease. The IPV (Salk) Polio Vaccine is safe and effective. It has been used for decades, is required for school entry in NY, and is available to anyone over 2 months old. Protect yourselves and your families. If you had the full Polio Vaccine series as a child, you do not need a booster at this time.

Strategic Planning Workshop

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

Do you dream of your Rotary Club being known as the premier service organization in your community? Would you like to retain and attract more members to your Rotary club? You can achieve all this and more when you discover the value and importance of an effective Strategic Plan. These concepts have helped many clubs grow membership and become a sought-after leader in their community.

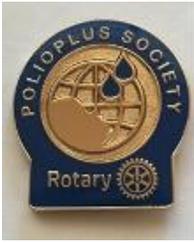
Making a commitment to keep or regain vibrancy within your Rotary Club is the beginning of an attitude mind-shift that will allow your club to transform the results of its efforts from average to EXTRAORDINARY.

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

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

PDG Bill Gormont

PDG Scott MacDonell



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!



Red Wings Rotary Night

Rotary District 7120



Rochester Red Wings vs. Buffalo Bisons!

Saturday, July 8, 2023 @ 6:05pm

RPO Concert & Fireworks!



Ticket orders must be received by the Red Wings no later than **July 5th**. All tickets will be mailed to the address below if received by **July 1st**. Any other orders received will be left at Will Call. _____ Game

Ticket(s) @ \$10.00 (\$5 off day of game price) = \$ _____

Name: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ City, State,

Zip: _____

CC Number: _____

Email Address: _____

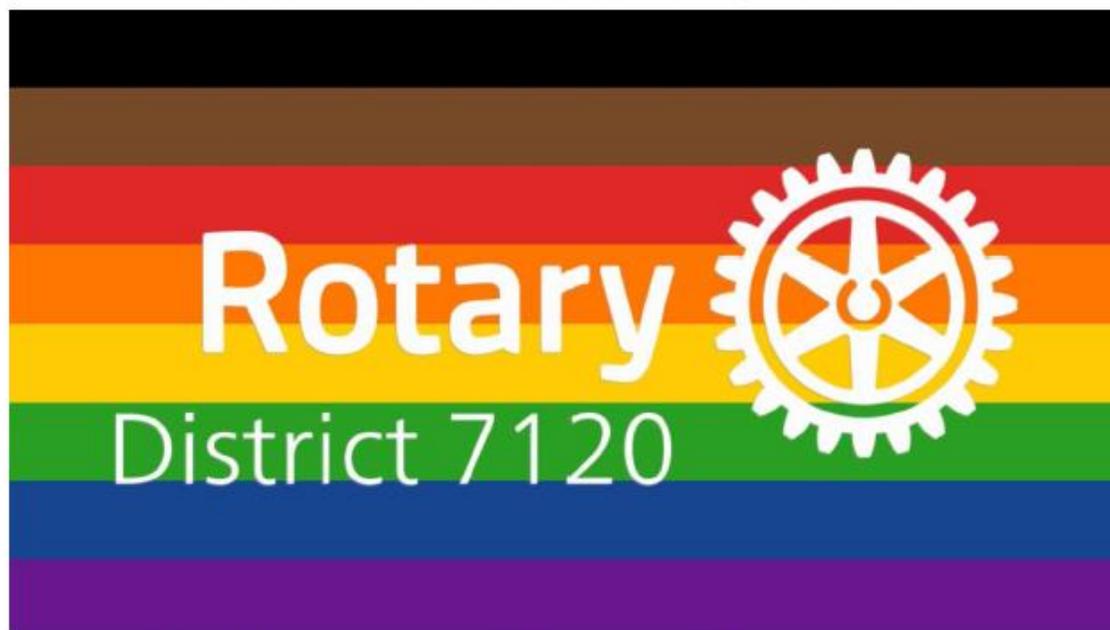
Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Return to: Rochester Red Wings Attn: Rotary Day One Morrie Silver Way Rochester, NY 14608 Please make checks payable to: Rochester Community Baseball

Rotary Club District 7120

We are looking forward for each club of the district 7120
to join us to march at the Roc Pride Parade.

Is our 1st time marching at
the Rochester, NY Pride Parade July 15th, 2023.



Time: Parade starts 1:00pm, line up 11:00am

Email: Wanda Martinez-Johncox & Cat Jensen for more information:

wmartinezjohncox@gmail.com catwomyn19@gmail.com

Rotary
District 7120



Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion Committee



Rotary 
DISTRICT 7120



Vocal Music Competition

2023-2024

Sponsored jointly by Rotary District 7120
and Finger Lakes Universities' Music
Departments

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

Dates and details in process, by July 1, 2023

Jack Best, PRID

Vocal Competition Chair

jackbest@rochester.rr.com

c/t: 585-261-0073

Rotary International Conference in Melbourne

Well, as I sit here in Australia thinking about the future of Rotary, I am excited to say that the year ahead is going to be a time for all of us to bring our unique talents and our innovative ideas to the table. The Rotary International Conference in Melbourne was filled with energy and ideas and fellowship. I was honored to be asked by Rotary International President Gordon McNally to join him and two others on stage to speak about the future of Rotary and to Imagine what is next. I shared the stage with my District Governor classmate Ian from Australia and Kathleen, the spouse of my classmate from Hawaii.

The theme for next year is Create Hope In The World and I know that if we all collaborate together that we can inspire each other and those around us to make our communities, our world and ourselves better. I believe that we all have a voice and everyone should be heard. I look forward to the year ahead with all of you. This is not my year, or Rotary International President Gordon's year, it is our year! And I know that District 7120 is going to shine!

On Wednesday, June 21st, I personally invite you to register and attend the District Changeover Dinner. The deadline has been extended to June 12, so please do not miss out on this opportunity to hear about the future of our District.

I would also like to thank everyone who has mentored me and given me guidance to get to this place of being your District Governor. I am honored to represent Rotary and I am excited for the year ahead!

Submitted by DGE Julie Carney



Save The Date

*District Foundation
Brunch*

Sunday, November 5, 2023

11:30am-3:00pm

*RIT Inn & Conference
Center*

*5257 West Henrietta Road
Henrietta, NY 14467*

DISTRICT 7120 ROTARY LETTER OF COORDINATION

Subj: 2023 GREAT LAKES CLEAN-UP

1. BACKGROUND. For the last three years, our District has participated in Rotary's Great Lakes Clean-up which involves participating clubs from both Canada and the districts bordering the Great Lakes in the United States. Due to COVID restrictions, Canadian Clubs were not able to participate in the first events but will join us this year. The events generally have coincided with Earth Week but are not limited to that period. Some of our district's clubs are not on the Great Lake watershed, but we encourage them to initiate efforts in their own watershed areas. Last year, over 75 ¾ of our clubs participated. This year we are shooting for 100%. Can and bottle drives count as they reduce pollutions on the shore's streams, and rivers.

2. OBJECTIVE. To provide a substantial effort to improve the quality of the Great lakes Watershed in our district to include the Lake Ontario Shoreline, Finger Lakes, Genesee River, and Erie Canal. Clubs not bordering on these areas are encouraged to clean up in their watershed areas.

3. EXECUTION

a. Each club knows its own area and can judge what needs to be done. We encourage each club to pick a project within its means. Although we strive to do most projects in conjunction of Earth Week, we realize that some clubs participate in projects outside this timeframe. **The Period of the campaign will be from March 1st until July 5th.**

b. Coordination instructions

(1) Each club will conduct a project within its means and report the project to District.

(2) Each club is encouraged to coordinate with local governmental environmental authorities and other non no profit/not-for-profit organizations with environmental goals (examples include Monroe County Parks, Conesus Lake Association, local conservation agencies etc.)

(3) The District EAC will provide project reports to the DG and monthly reports to the **GRAPEVINE** monthly.

4. LOGISTICS. Individual clubs are encouraged to partner with local governments where possible as they may be able to provide resources such as bulk trash removal to assist in clean-up efforts.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTACT POINTS

(1) Club reports should include the name of the club and a brief description of what was accomplished (Such as number of trash bags collected, major rubble removed etc.)

(2) Reports can go through the following; we will consolidate:

(a) Direct through the EAC Chair Gary Anderson gwa1948@aol.com,

Cell: (571) 212-0483

And copy:

(b) Through the Assistant District Governors

(c) Through the District Secretary, [Leslie Vecchiotti](#)

(d) For questions, contact the EAC Chair gwa1948@aol.com (571) 212-0483



CAMP STAR

AUGUST 13th -18th, 2023

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

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

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

E-mail: CampSTARDirector@yahoo.com

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Current Teacher: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____

Disability: _____



The Y at Watson Woods
Painted Post, New York

A Special Place for Children

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





Camp Haccamo's 10th Annual Car, Truck, and Cycle Show a Success - Raising Critical Funds to Maintain Camp Services



Camp Haccamo's 10th Annual Car, Truck, and Cycle Show was a huge success, raising over \$20,000 to send deserving kids to camp for free.

The event, held last Saturday (June 3) at Greece Ridge Mall, drew over 200 spectators and nearly 200 exhibitors. The show featured a wide variety of vehicles, from classic cars to modern-day muscle cars. There were also several awards, more than 76, given out, including Best of Show, which went to Dave Brye for his 1961 Chevrolet Biscayne (pictured above). See photos from a selection of area volunteer photographers at <https://www.facebook.com/haccamo>.

"We're so grateful for the support of the Rochester community," said Chuck Krause, Camp Haccamo's auto show chairman. "This event is a great way to bring people together and raise money for a good cause."

Camp Haccamo is a Rotary camp that provides a free, safe, and fun overnight summer camping experience for children and adults with special needs. It's also the only camp in our area that serves adults, ages 19 to 30. **The camp is a place where smiles grow and where individuals are welcomed and embraced for who they are.**



"We're gearing up for another camp season," said Krause. "We need your help to make sure that every child who wants to come to camp can afford to do so. Please consider making a donation today." Key dates this season are -- July 31 to Aug 4 for ages 7-18, and August 7 to 11 for ages 19-30.

To learn more about Camp Haccamo or to provide a contribution, visit www.camphaccamo.org.

Sent by Neal Gorman

Corning Rotary cleans up!

On Saturday, May 13th, **Corning Rotary collaborated with Friends of the Chemung River Watershed** for a river cleanup initiative as part of Rotary's Great Lakes Clean-Up project. While



not a part of the watershed areas along the Great Lakes or the Finger Lakes, the Chemung River is a major waterway in the Southern Tier flowing into the Susquehanna River and eventually into the Atlantic Ocean. It is a major recreation area with fishing and kayaking.



From 10 am to noon, a dedicated group of volunteers, including students from Interact participated

in the event. Rotarian Yumiko Akiba organized the event. She ensured the success of the river cleanup, bringing together the Corning Rotarians, Interact students, and Friends of the Chemung River Watershed. Through Yumiko's guidance, the group made a significant contribution to the preservation and well-being of the Chemung River. Sent by Jan Harvey



ENVIRONMENT



Belmont Rotary

Belmont Rotary club used the nice weather this spring to help spruce up the Village of Belmont.

On May 17 members cleaned up along State Rt. 19 through the village of Belmont. Rotarians also assisted with the potting of planters of flowers for the Village of Belmont.



With the cool weather the flowers were finally able to be put out just in time for Memorial Day.



Sent by Kelly Hand

Red Jacket Rotary

It was a cool but sunny day in early May that members of Red Jacket Rotary forewent their normal breakfast gathering and instead met at the mid-point of their section of Route 21 for the Spring semi-annual highway clean-up between Shortsville and Chapin.

The event starts with coffee and doughnuts for everyone. Then, out comes the hard hats, long handled grabbers, safety vests, and bags. The Club has found that doing the highway clean-up in place of a formal meeting generally brings about greater participation. After all, members already have Tuesday mornings set aside for Rotary, so why not? It is easier than getting members to set aside time on a Saturday morning.

The clean-up was postponed by a week to allow some of the ditches to dry out a bit.

Sent by Dick Stearns



Geneva Rotary



For several years, Geneva Rotarians have been caring for a garden at the north end of Seneca Lake in front of the Finger Lakes Welcome Center.

Turning out recently to dig out weeds and rake were (left to right) Rotarians Bill Flood, Stephanie Hesler, Linda Equinozzi, Mary Lawthers and Linda Sutherland, joined by her fiance John Graham.

The garden features a sign pointing out that the garden is kept looking nice by the Geneva Rotary Club.

Sent by Phil Beckley

Pal-Mac Rotary

Can picking up other people's trash be fun? It can be for the Pal-Mac Rotary Club. Look at these smiling faces during and after we did our annual road clean-up along route 21! After all, we are the club that "has fun while getting things done."

Sent by Jeff Crawford



“GET BEHIND THE WHEEL”

Due to rain on Saturday, May 20 the Bath Rotary Club had to postpone its participation in Rotary's Day of Service to May 21. At that time, it cleaned up Champlain Beach on the southern end of Keuka Lake near the Village of Hammondsport. Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President, was joined by her two children, Carter and Claire; the latter has helped at many other Rotary projects and has thus been honored by receiving a Friend of Rotary status.

Carter and Claire McKinley, children of Tess McKinley, President of the Bath Rotary Club, help to clean up Champlain Beach at the end of Keuka Lake as part of Rotary's Day of Service.

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Tess McKinley



Geneseo Rotary

May 11th United Way Day of Caring at Camp Stella Maris. President Patti LaVigne and I joined PP Matt Gaynor and the team from Tompkins Community Bank to stain fences, benches, and decks. Over 250 people participated to help get the camp ready for Summer 2023

Info by Tim Hayes, photos by Cheryl Cappon, Tompkins Bank, submitted by Matt Gaynor



UPDATE: MAY 11 | ACROSS SIX COUNTIES DAY OF CARING

Thank you! In just one day, over 6,000 volunteers completed 400 projects, supporting 200 nonprofit agencies across six counties! Source: United Way



Penfield Rotary



Penfield Rotarians participating in the Penfield Business Chamber's PenFest 2023



Penfield Rotarians beautifying the Penfield 4 corners park with flowers



Penfield Rotarians supporting the Rotary Penfield Little League team

Avon Rotary

A SPECTACULAR FOR KIDS & ROTARIANS OF ALL AGES

“Come one, come all! Welcome to the greatest entertainment since the fall of Rome.”

Ok, that might be just a smidge of hyperbole, but there’s no denying the spectacular circus atmosphere the Bloomfield Rotary Club staged for the Saturday, May 6, District Conference at Veteran’s Park.

With more fun than could fit under one tent (so they had three!), activities ranged from a sky diving demonstration to live music, a silent auction, Crosman air gun demos, chain saw carving and not the least of which, a circus performance! All in all, the perfect way to bid a fond farewell to District Governor Ralph Brandt’s stint as ringmaster of District 7120.

The morning began with a salute to all the District 7120 Rotarians who passed away over the last year. Jerry Dougherty and Doc Hayes were among those mentioned in the memorial service.

Keynote speaker Julie Chapus from Miss Julie’s School of Beauty offered an emotional and heartfelt address. Miss Julie’s School of Beauty is a non-profit cosmetology school, empowering survivors of human trafficking. Julie works tirelessly to help survivors with rehabilitation and reintegration by training and assisting them to acquire their cosmetology licenses. Once that license is awarded it gives the survivor the opportunity to earn an income, helping them break free from the chains of human trafficking. Julie’s message was a valuable one and it is my hope the Avon Rotary may help this important cause going forward (missjulieesschoolofbeauty.org).

And what a circus-themed event would be complete without eats? The May 6 District Conference fare included Dainty Donuts, popcorn, BBQ, and craft beer. There was an excellent variety of food trucks to choose from. Each patron received \$25 in food tickets to purchase whatever tickled their taste buds.

May 6 also offered a different opportunity to celebrate with the Bloomfield Club and District Governor Ralph Brandt’s successful year. District conferences are typically two to three day affairs, but the Bloomfield Club hosted a pleasant one day celebration this year with a lower admission fee-something out of the norm and something well executed.

Well done Bloomfield Rotary Club-you have something, No!, you have everything to be proud of!

Submitted by: Cat Jensen



Photo: Tom Honan, Helen Zamboni, Henry Lemen, Cat Jensen

Geneva Rotary

One of the most popular Geneva Rotary Club meetings of the year is the Geneva High School Interact Club bake sale. Geneva Rotarians learned some time ago that there are no calories in baked goods purchased for a good cause.

Club member Mike Rusinko, who often auctions at events around the area, helped the students take in more than \$700, which the Interactors will put toward international and local projects.

Sent by Phil Beckley



Geneva Rotary

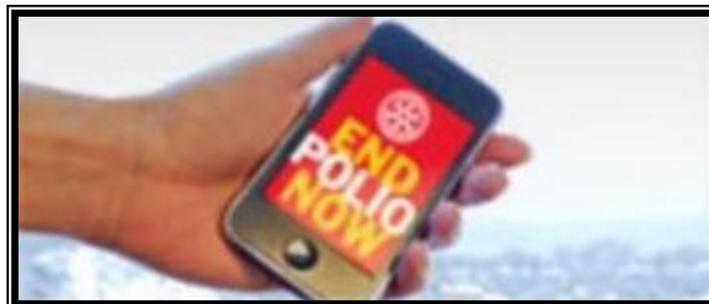
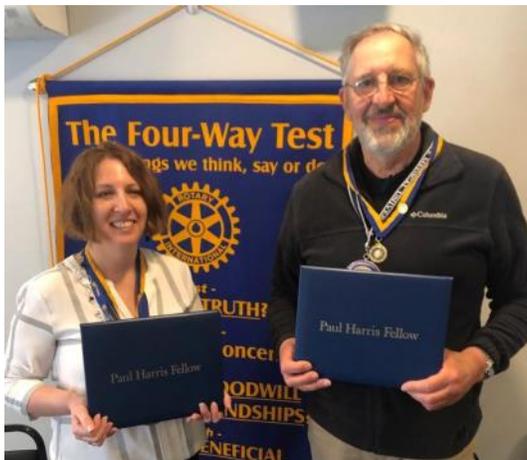
The Geneva Rotary Club presented Paul Harris Awards to four people at the club meetings May 24 and May 31.

The first two honored were Katie Flowers, Director of the Center for Community Engagement & Service-Learning at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and Dave Cook, retired Geneva Social Security Manager and a former club president. They are shown with District Governor Ralph Brandt (right) and Jim Dickson, Geneva Paul Harris Chairman.



Brandt and Dickson returned the next week to present Paul Harris Awards to former club President Stephanie Hesler, Development Professional, Alumni Affairs and Development at Cornell University, and Dr. Rich Kasulke, retired urologist.

Sent by Phil Beckley



Canandaigua Rotary Club Inducts New Members

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently inducted the following new members:

Jodi Kaufman sponsored Michael Mills who is owner of his PR firm and lives in Canandaigua with his wife and child;
Doug Merrill sponsored Susan Martenson, who is a Canandaigua native and is involved with the Canandaigua Lake Watershed;

Judi Gorenflo sponsored Kathleen Draper who is also a Canandaigua native and is involved with sustainability Industries;

Curt Bailey sponsored Tom LaCrosse who is with Morgan Stanley and lives in Canandaigua with his wife and new born;

Chris Hubler sponsored Sam Viggiani who owns Uber Landscaping.

Pictured are the inductees and their sponsors as indicated above. On either ends are the Induction Committee members Mark Sheppard and Donna Cator::

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Belmont Rotary

Belmont Rotary held a Beef on Weck Dinner in March and another in April. The dinners were held at the Belmont UMC and were takeout only. Cost for each dinner was \$13.00 and included Beef on Weck, salt potatoes, mac salad and a cookie.

The events were very successful. A portion of the proceeds went to the Belmont Youth League. Sent by Kelly Hand



Geneseo Rotary

Geneseo Rotary held its annual Spring Plant Sale at Anderson Farm Roadside Stand in May. Some of the sale crew were (left to right): Linda Gibbs, Carol Carey and Darcy Lynch

Submitted by Bonnie Swanson.



Canandaigua Rotary Honors a Member

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently honored Dick McGavern with a Paul Harris Plus 2 Fellowship.

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Pictured are Rotary President Marty Potter and Dick McGavern:

Pal-Mac Rotary



The month of May brought beautiful flowers to our Pal-Mac Rotary Club meetings...

One of our lunch meetings included Tricia Kuntz, the owner of the Purple Painted Lady. She spoke about her unique store and festival. The store has grown in size and creative content under her ownership. The PPL Festival, has drawn thousands to her and her husband's property outside of Palmyra.

Our club has served to organize the parking for this event.

Sent by Jeff Crawford

Canandaigua Rotary Awards Rotarian-of-the-Year and Rookie Rotarian-of-the-Year at a Recent Meeting.

Ken Poole was honored with the Rotarian-of-the-Year for his very significant work with the clothing drive and book drive. He would personally collect these items and take them to Rochester for palletizing and shipping to Texas and then overseas.



Pictured are Club President Marty Potter and Ken Poole.



Judy Ratcliffe was honored with the Rookie-of-the-Year for her participation in almost every Rotary activity in her first year with tons of enthusiasm. Pictured below right are Jodi Kaufman who nominated Judy, Honoree Judy Ratcliffe, and Club President Marty Potter.
Sent by Jack Kellogg

Dundee Rotary Receives Club Champion Award

On May 17, 2023, Dundee Rotary Club President Robyn Ballard received the 2022-23 Club Champion Award from Assistant District Governor, Jim Dickson, for Area 7. Dundee Rotary was selected for this award from Rotary District 7120 based upon ADG Dickson's nomination. Dickson stated that he nominated the Dundee Club based on the number of community activities the club carries out, the number of Paul Harris Fellows in the Club, the frequent postings in the District newsletter, and the camaraderie and cooperation among members. The Dundee Club was very grateful and proud to receive this honor.

Sent by Lauren Snyder



BATH ROTARY CLUB INDUCTS NEW MEMBER

LeighAnn Rumsey was recently inducted into the Bath Rotary Club by President Tess McKinley. "The ideal of Rotary is service. Our principal motto is 'Service Above Self', and the object of this club and all Rotary clubs worldwide is to encourage and foster this ideal as a basis of worthy enterprise," stated McKinley. "We are most pleased to have another talented community member join our club. LeighAnn, we are fortunate to have a woman of your background and professionalism become part of the Rotary family, and we know that you will be a most valuable addition to our club. We hope that you will always remember this ceremony today as an important first step in your Rotary service."



LeighAnn Rumsey was inducted into the Bath Rotary Club on June 1. Standing left to right are: Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President; LeighAnn Rumsey, inductee; Joseph Rumsey, husband and sponsor/mentor of LeighAnn.

Rumsey received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from SUNY Geneseo and a Master of Science degree in School Library and Information Technologies from Mansfield University.

Presently she is Director of the Dormann Library in Bath. Her prior employment included K-12 Librarian at Avoca Central School, K-12 Librarian at Odessa-Montour Central School, and 7-12 Librarian at Penn Yan Central School. She is a member of the American Library Association and the New York Library Association.

In addition to her career in library science, Rumsey enjoys reading, crafting, painting, spending time with her family and pets as well as employing her skills on the computer.

Although Rumsey was officially inducted June 1, she had already attended three weekly club meetings, had presented a program to the club on the library's newest plans, had hosted a weekly club meeting at the library, and had offered the club the opportunity to return to the library for its weekly meetings.

Upon her induction into the local service club, Rumsey remarked, "I wanted to join Rotary and become an active member of the Bath Rotary Club because I believe in the power of service to make a difference in our community and in the world."

As part of the induction ceremony, nine Bath Rotarians read important facts about Rotary and its service to the local community and the entire world. Indeed, the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship unites business and professional men and women in the ideal of service.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Joseph Rumsey, Superintendent of Bath-Haverling Central School, a Bath Rotarian himself, and the husband of LeighAnn, stated that he was most proud to serve as LeighAnn's sponsor and mentor. As he placed the official Rotary pin upon her, he remarked, "LeighAnn is well aware of the needs of people and will passionately serve our community and the world as she has served our family. She will indeed be a positive and active asset to the Bath Rotary Club.



At the end of the Induction Ceremony for LeighAnn Rumsey on June 1, Joe Rumsey, her husband and sponsor/mentor placed the official Rotary pin upon her.

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Tess McKinley

Canandaigua Rotary Club Awards Paul Harris Fellowship

The Canandaigua Rotary Club awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship Plus 7 to Bruce Kennedy. The Award is given to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community. Recipients are Rotarians and community professionals in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary by placing Service Above Self. Recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow is an opportunity to show appreciation for a person, either Rotarian or non-Rotarian, who share these values.

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Pictured above are Club President Marty Potter, Rotary District Governor Ralph Brandt, Bruce Kennedy, and Rotary District Governor Elect Julie Carney.



Receiving her first Paul Harris pin was Heather Rickett. Pictured below is District Governor Elect Julie Carney, District Governor Ralph Brandt, Heather Rickett and Past President Mary Green.

Canandaigua Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellowships

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently presented two Paul Harris Fellowships to two non-Rotarians. One went to Denise Chaapel who has been co-owner of Mobile Music and also the driving Chair of the Business Improvement District (BID) for many years. .



Pictured above is Rotary District Governor Elect Julie Carney, District Governor Ralph Brandt, Denise Chaapel, and Club President Elect Nancy Stelnyk

The second Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded to Janine Dean for her years of dedication, improving layouts, and problem solving at Moore Printing. Pictured at right is presenter George Herren, Janine Dean, District Governor Ralph Brandt, and District Governor Elect Julie Carney.

The estate of former Rotarian John Spare left money to the Rotary Club to honor five non-Rotarians from the community, two of which are these recipients.

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Canandaigua Rotary Club Awards Paul Harris Fellowship

The Canandaigua Rotary Club honored Dave Lucchesi with his first Paul Harris Fellowship recently.

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



Canandaigua Rotary Award to Interact Student

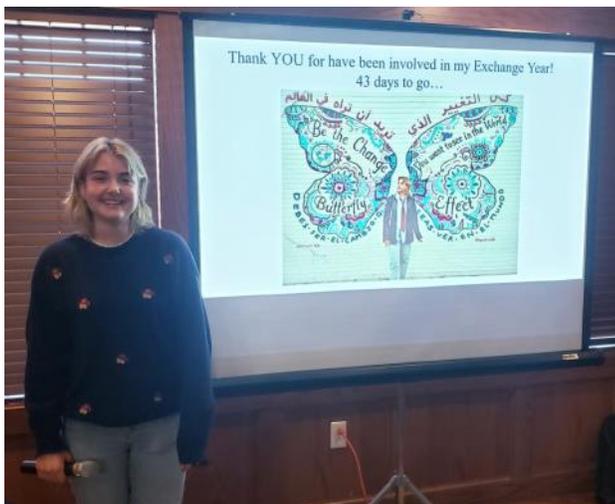
The Canandaigua Rotary Club presented the Outstanding Interact Student of the Year Award to Andrew Volpe. Andrew is a Senior student at Canandaigua Academy and a member of the Rotary Interact Club. The accolades from his teachers and fellow students was overwhelming. The Interact Club is a Service Club for High School students where they determine and perform community needs.

Andrew is the son of Scott and Erin Volpe. Sent by Jack Kellogg



Pictured is Andrew and Rotary Club President Marty Potter

Pal-Mac Rotary



At our evening meeting on May 24, Emmy Sverlinger, our Rotary Exchange student, summarized her year's visit using photos and a video.

Emmy has delighted our club with her investment of time, energy and laughter.

Sent by Jeff Crawford

Canandaigua Rotary Recognizes Casellas Family

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently recognized the Casellas family for raising the most money in the last two years for the Rotary Bowl-a-Thon. In particular, young daughter Kira raised \$500 just this year. The money raised during the Bowl-a-Thon is for scholarships to local high school seniors.

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Pictured is Rotary Club President Marty Potter, Kira with her parents:

Dansville Rotary

Dansville Rotarians and the Dansville Stampede Special Olympics softball team jointly submitted a float for Dansville's Dogwood Festival Parade held on May 20. The Rotarians also provided the team with practice shirts, tees and more using dues returned to the club by District 7120.

Rotarians and team members are shown here on the float during the parade displaying their club and team pride.

The faces of the players have been blotted out as we weren't able to get individual permission releases from parents.

Sent by
Pete Vogt
Dansville



Corning Rotary Literacy Graduation Celebration

Instead of the normal Thursday lunch meeting, a special celebration was held Friday, May 19th, to celebrate the graduation of the Severn Elementary School second grade students from the three-year reading literacy program. Fifty-seven second grade students and seven teachers from Corning's Severn Elementary School were the celebrated attendees. This program began when these kids were in kindergarten and first received the "I Read, You Read" books and continued through the first and the second grades. Today's celebration served as recognition of the students' success.



The students were treated to a "fancy" served lunch of chicken fingers, French fries and cookies. For many of these students, this was their first experience eating in a full-service restaurant with servers bringing them their food and actually using cloth napkins! Three students read thank you letters they had written to the Rotary Club.

Rotarian Nora Smith (right) presented Rotarian Jennifer Batzing, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education for the Corning-Painted Post Area School District, the Rotary Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the cooperation of Severn teachers and principle in making this program so successful.

The Corning Rotary literacy program serves students in Winfield Street Elementary and Severn Elementary Schools. Beginning in kindergarten, Rotary gives "I Read, You Read" books to every kindergarten student throughout the school year. A Rotarian goes to the classrooms, reads the books and hands them out to the students every month. As the students then move to first and then second grades, Rotary continues to give the students books once a month. The students "graduate" from the program at the end of their second grade. Rotary has shared this opportunity to provide literacy impact with First Heritage Credit Union and First Presbyterian Church of Corning, providing all kindergarten, first and second graders with books each year.

Sent by Jan Harvey



Perry Rotary Expands Scholarship Program



Perry Rotary Club for the first time expanded its scholarship to Letchworth and Warsaw CSDs giving each district a \$1,000 award to a deserving senior. From left to right: Perry Rotarian Jeff Rase, Warsaw CSD Superintendent Matthew Wilkins, Rotary \$1,000 scholarship recipient Jacob DeBadts and his parents, Laura and Eric DeBadts. Jacob will pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering and then put it to use helping others.

Left to right: Perry Rotarians Dr. Bill Stavisky and Dr. Ralph Field with \$1,000 Letchworth Central scholarship recipient Morgan Brace, LCS High School Principal Paul Rogers and Superintendent Todd Campbell.



Brace will attend Houghton University to double major in inclusive childhood education and sports, recreation, and wellness management.



Above: The 2023 Perry Central School District Rotary Scholarship recipients, flanked by Rotarian-Scholarship Committee co-chairman Ralph Field and PHS Principal Becky Belkota, are: third place recipient (\$500) Josh Smith, second place scholar Brooke Kwiecien (\$1,000) and first place honoree (\$1,500) Emma McLaughlin. Emma will attend SUNY Fredonia where she will be enrolled in the Honors Program, and will study Vocal Performance and Acting. Kwiecien will attend Hilbert College to study Cyber Security. Smith will attend Florida Southern College to major in Marine Biology and Environmental Studies.

– submitted by Perry Rotary Secretary Lorraine Sturm

BATH ROTARY CLUB AWARDS \$8500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Nine graduating seniors from two area schools were awarded \$8500 collectively by the Bath Rotary Club as part of the organization's continuing commitment to help students further their education.

The students, accompanied by their parents, were honored by the local club on May 18 at its Annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon held in Lyons Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Bath. Also recognized as guests of this memorable and celebratory event were: Rotary District 7120 Governor, Ralph E. Brandt, Jr.; Roy and Sandra Hepler, members of the Dr. Frank E. Nicklaus family; Tim Gallagher and Lyndsay Wolfe, Bath-Haverling Central School Guidance Counselors; James Derr, Hammondspport Central School Guidance Counselor. The students were lauded for their outstanding academic achievement and extraordinary involvement in school and community activities, including service projects.

The program began with a welcome by Elaine Tears, Chairperson of the Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc., the scholarship arm of the local club and was followed by an inspirational invocation by John Gould, a member of the BRSF, Inc. Board of Directors; the singing of "Rotary Bonds" led by Cheryl Muller, a member of the BRSF, Inc. Board of Directors; the Pledge of Allegiance led by Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President and also a member of the BRSF, Inc. Board of Directors.

After a bountiful salad bar, provided by Around the Corner Catering, Tears introduced the recipients and stated the scholarship each had been awarded. The students then introduced their parents who were in attendance.

The awards, including the recipients' high school and college plans are as follows:

Frank E. Nicklaus Memorial Scholarship (\$1500 each)
 Ethan Buckley; Hammondspport Central School; SUNY Fredonia; Sound Recording Technology
 Chelsey Stewart; Bath-Haverling Central School; Mansfield University; Early Childhood and Special Education
 Blake Wright; Hammondspport Central School; University of Alabama; Marketing
 Ted Markham Memorial Scholarship (Student must be entering the field of environmental studies, agricultural studies, or a related study.) (\$1000)
 Stefania Tears; Hammondspport Central School; Alfred State College; Veterinary Technician
 Vern Woolston Memorial Scholarship (Student must be entering the field of social work or human services.) (\$1000)
 Molly Wright; Bath-Haverling Central School; Keuka College; Nursing
 Bath Rotary Club Scholarship (\$500 each)
 Cadence Butler; Hammondspport Central School; SUNY Geneseo; Biochemistry
 Christopher Hill; Hammondspport Central School; Rochester Institute of Technology; Mechanical Engineering
 Kelsey Thorp; Bath-Haverling Central School; Clarks Summit University; Education
 Interact Scholarship (\$500)
 Cady Hill; Bath-Haverling Central School; Corning Community College; Business

Muller presented the recipients with a sign stating "A Bath Rotary Scholarship Winner Lives Here" to be placed in their front yards. Muller will also attend the Bath-Haverling and Hammondspport Central Schools' Award Assemblies in order to recognize the scholarship recipients.

The Board of Directors for the Bath Rotary Student Fund Inc., who enjoyed reading and rating the applications submitted by the students, include: Elaine Tears, Chairperson; Joanne Sheehan, Secretary; Jane Russell, Treasurer; John Gould, who also sponsored the Vern Woolston Memorial Scholarship; Tess McKinley; Cheryl Muller; Benita Nesbitt.



Frank E. Nicklaus Memorial Scholarships – Sitting left to right: James Derr, Benita Nesbitt, Ethan Buckley, Chelsey Stewart, Blake Wright, Sandra Hepler, and Roy Hepler. Standing left to right are: Kristi Foote, Salina Buckley, Jeremy Stewart, Heidi Stewart, Robert Wright, and Tanya Wright.



Bath Rotary Club Scholarships – Sitting left to right are: Elaine Tears, DG Ralph Brandt, Jr., Cadence Butler, Christopher Hill, Kelsey Thorp, and Tess McKinley. Standing left to right are: Richard Butler, Laura Butler, David Hill, Wendy Hill, Benjamin Thorp, and Christina Thorp.



Ted Markham Memorial Scholarship, Vern Woolston Memorial Scholarship, and Interact Scholarship – Sitting left to right are: Lyndsay Wolfe, John Gould, Stefania Tears, Molly Wright, Cady Hill, Cheryl Muller, and Tim Gallagher. Standing left to right are: Jason Tears, Becky Bennett-Tears, Susan Wright, Brad Hill, Meagan Hill, and Jane Russell.

Avon Rotary QUAD CITIES

Monday, May 22: We can't stop smiling when we think about the incredible day of golf we enjoyed with our amazing Avon Rotary teams and teams from the Rotary Clubs of Geneseo, Mount Morris and Cal-Mum! A big shoutout goes to the Geneseo Rotary Club for hosting this fantastic event at Livingston Country Club and making it a memorable experience for all of us!

Under the warm sun, our teams teed off with excitement, showcasing our love for the game and the spirit of Rotary. The camaraderie and joy on the golf course were truly contagious, as we strengthened our friendships and built even stronger bonds within our Rotary family.

But the fun didn't stop at golfing! After the rounds, the clubs came together at Valley Oak Event Center for more fellowship and shared a delightful dinner. It was an opportunity to relax, unwind, and further deepen our connections. The laughter and conversations flowed, creating an atmosphere of warmth and unity.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Geneseo Rotary Club for their exceptional hospitality and efforts in organizing this remarkable event. Your dedication and attention to detail truly made the day extra special. Thank you for opening your hearts and making us feel welcome!



Submitted by Mike Ford via social media

Photo: Mike Ford, Josh Tonra, Jaime Lovullo, Joe Yantachka

Spencerport Rotary Club

GERANIUMS SUCCESS AGAIN

The Spencerport Rotary has been featuring a Geranium Sale fundraiser for a number of years. This year's sale was another success with over 2,000 geraniums sold. Many of our buyers order from us year after year, so presales are especially important. This year, a portion of our proceeds will be donated to Keeping Our Promise, a local non-profit, providing comprehensive resettlement assistance to endangered wartime allies who served U.S. interests in conflict and war zones.

Submitted by Colleen Farley
Spencerport Rotary Club



YEX JAIZA WOLTERS SPEAKS TO V-F ROTARY CLUB

Rotary Youth Exchange student Jaiza Wolters (the Netherlands) made her final attendance at the Victor – Farmington Rotary club weekly lunch an opportunity to thank club members for what she described as “the greatest year of my life”.



Jaiza’s program involved a power point pictorial review of her many experiences during the 2022-2023 Rotary year. She had the opportunity to visit many of the attractions in the local area as well as trips to Hawaii, Toronto, Florida, Boston, and New York city. Jaiza’s mom, Sylvia, visited her near the end of her year in the YEX program.

Jaiza will participate in the Victor Central Schools graduation ceremony on June 11th, followed by a Rotary- sponsored YEX tour of Arizona and California. She will depart for home in early July.

Sent by Dave Luitweiler

Left: Jaiza and first host mom Rotarian Sara Visingard
Below: Jaiza speaking to club members on her YEX year



V-F ROTARY LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD RECOGNITIONS

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club honored NY State Trooper Deric Brown and Ontario County Deputy Sheriff Payton Francher at a special club event in May during National Police Memorial Week. The officers received “Service Above Self” awards and were designated a Paul Harris Fellow by the club. They were nominated by their respective agencies for exemplary service to the Victor – Farmington community.



Ontario County District Attorney James Ritts addressing attendees

Ontario County Sheriff David Cirencione introduced Deputy Francher and reviewed his record as a Deputy Sheriff with three years’ experience with the department. As a deputy, he has established a record as an accomplished road patrol deputy. He has demonstrated a willingness to take on additional responsibilities, including assignment as a field training officer, an evidence technician, and accident reconstruction specialist. He is a Victor native and 2018 graduate of Victor Senior High School. He is a graduate of the Finger lakes Law Enforcement Academy (FLEA).

Major Brian Ratajczak, Troop E Commander, introduced Trooper Brown and outlined why he was nominated for the award. Trooper Brown has fifteen years of law enforcement service, including six years as a US Border Patrol officer. He joined the State Police in 2013 and has had a distinguished career as a road patrol trooper, often assigned to train younger troopers. He serves as the Troop E liaison officer with the Victor Central Schools. Trooper Brown is a graduate of the NY State Police Academy and SUNY – Brockport, with BS degrees in Criminology & Sociology.

Ontario County District Attorney Jim Ritts addressed the attendees, extending thanks to the award recipients for their service and stressing the importance of strong and effective law enforcement efforts in Ontario county.

Victor Town Supervisor Jack Marren, and Victor Village Mayor Gary Hadden, also spoke and expressed their personal thanks and support to the officers.

Sent by Dave Luitweiler



L to R – Major Brian Ratajczak (NYSP), Trooper Deric Brown, Deputy Payton Francher, On Co Sheriff David Cirencione



L to R – Trooper Deric Brown, V-F YEX student Jaiza Wolters (Netherlands), Deputy Payton Francher

Rush Henrietta Rotary

The Rush Henrietta Rotary had members out volunteering at the Kick'n Hunger 5k Run. The event supports the Henrietta Food Cupboard.



Sent by Steve Synesael



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

PRESENTS FOUR PAUL HARRIS AWARDS

On June 1st, the HLRC had the pleasure of presenting four Paul Harris awards. These pins were given to Rotarian Gary Hubble, Friend of Rotary Dick Hamele, Rotarian Jeanne Hamele and DG Ralph Brandt.

Gary received his award in recognition of all he does for the HLRC. His work creating items for our craft sale is greatly appreciated. The time, effort and materials he contributes to this project alone is outstanding. Gary is always on board when it comes to other projects as well and will be deeply involved with planning our Rotary Road Rally scheduled for the fall. He was also a major player in our DTA we hosted in 2022 and in this year's District Conference held in May. The concerts at the town gazebo have also been organized with Gary's help and support.

Friend of Rotary and Honorary Rotarian Dick Hamele was awarded his pin with three sapphires for being a major contributor to many of the projects the HLRC takes on. He has enjoyed working in his barn/workshop creating many of the craft projects that will be featured in the club's craft sale to be held in September. Dick is also a major part of the golf tournament making sure signs are ready and in place for this event. When needed Dick steps up to the plate and even enjoys being our go to person for can/bottle returns.

Club President Jeanne Hamele received her two ruby pin – this is a result of finding a new pin in her Christmas stocking the past few year's but it was a total surprise when she received the pin that came with the second ruby just a few week's ago.

DG Ralph was awarded his pin with two rubies so once again Jeanne and DG Ralph are tie --- who will get the third ruby first? DG Ralph was honored by the HLRC's presentation recognizing all he has done for Rotary District 7120 and more importantly all he has done for our club.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



GARY HUBBLE RECEIVES HIS FIRST PAUL HARRIS AWARD

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

YEAR'S END FOR GIFT BOOKS OF THE MONTH



On June 7th and 8th, the members of the HLRC spent time at HCS with the elementary students distributing our last books for the 2022-2023 school year. Once again we had a great time sharing this opportunity with students in grades UPK through five but it was also a sad time as this was our last visit with the fifth graders. It is amazing to glance back at our September pictures and see how all the kids have grown --- the fifth graders are so tall and have matured a great deal! Our little UPKers can now write their own names in their books and the selection time for all is very quick.

Added to this month's books were some special bookmarks. The kids always enjoy selecting one that jumps out at them and we can tell the bookmarks will be well used.

We have already begun preparing for September's book sessions and are in the process of ordering new titles to add to what we do have. We are also planning ways to include presenting each classroom teacher with a set of books with the same title so they have a special collection to use with their class. The summer will fly by but we will enjoy sharing these precious moments with our elementary friends who now know a great deal about our club and the purpose of Rotary around the world.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

Brighton Rotary Honors its Citizen of the Year

Brighton Rotary Club met, with many guests, to celebrate and honor Judge Karen Morris as Brighton Rotary's Citizen of the Year for 2023.

Judge Karen, a "Distinguished Professor" at Monroe Community College, has been a Brighton Town Judge for twenty-nine years. She explained that town courts are the courts closest to the people and can have considerable effect on their lives even when attorneys may consider actions to be routine matters. She endeavors to assure that people who come before her are aware of the consequences of any court action.



Karen Morris

Although Judge Morris' activities to enhance the Brighton community are too numerous to mention, notable is her co-founding of Ticket 2 Ride, a not-for-profit organization designed to ensure that persons with court or similar required appearances had transportation to avoid facing legal sanctions for failure to appear.

Karen ended her presentation by entertaining the audience with her "magical arts" (without her witches' costume!).

Submitted by Roland Steorts

DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

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

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

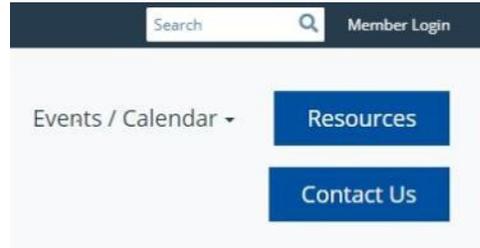
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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

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

Club Calendar Submission Form

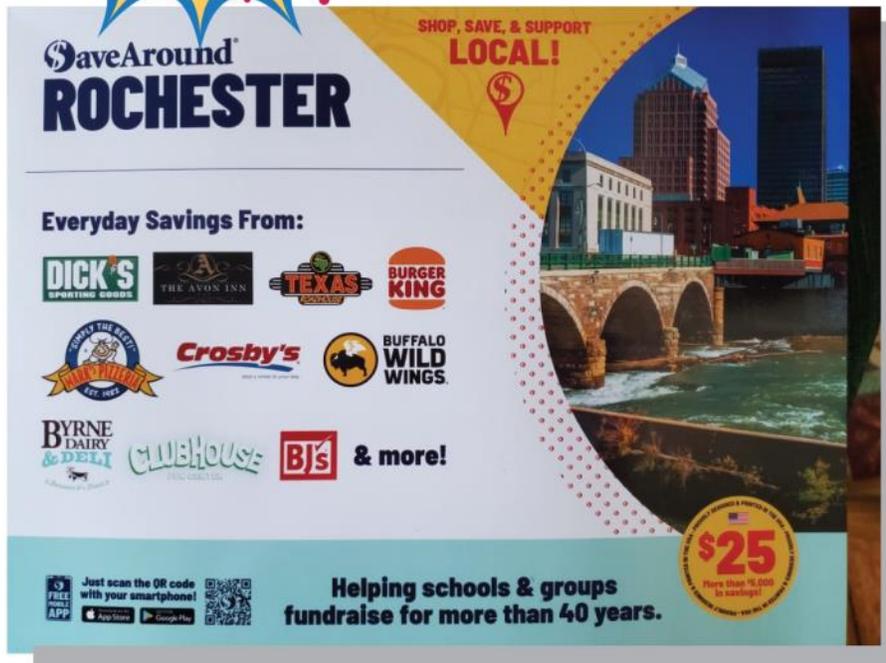
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2023 Rochester SaveAround Coupon Book, for only \$25!



for Sale by the Rochester Deaf Rotary Club



Order Yours Today!

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

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

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

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

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

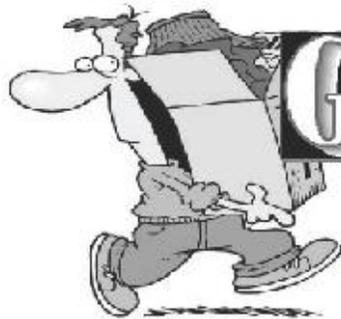




It's coming!

THE 41st ANNUAL

THE GANANDA
ROTARY CLUB'S



Gananda GARAGE Sale

Rotary
Gananda Rotary Club

The Gananda Development is located in the Towns of Macedon and Walworth (Rt. 350 off Rt. 31, or the Gananda Parkway off Rt. 441)

**FOOD
AND DRINKS
AVAILABLE AT THE
GANANDA ROTARY
FOOD BOOTHS**
Hots, hamburgs,
pop & water

Porta potties
Trash Bins
Maps

Saturday, June 10th (9 am til 5pm)
Sunday, June 11th (9 am til 1 pm)
Rain or Shine

If you use GPS to find us, use the Gananda School address,
1500 Dayspring Ridge, Walworth NY 14568 to get you near.

**GREAT
SALES!**
Over 300 homes
participate!
**Not just one address
or street**
*A large residential sale
not a festival or
craft sale.*

*Questions or
directions, call
585-739-9521*





2023 Penfield Charity Golf Tournament

 Jun 12, 2023 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

**31 st Annual Charity Golf
Tournament Sponsored by
Kiwanis Club of Penfield-Perinton
Foundation Town of Penfield Staff
and Penfield Rotary Club**

Monday, June 12th, 2023 -

Register online

at <https://www.penfieldperintonkiwanis.org/golf-tournament>

Shadow Lake Golf Club, 1825

Five Mile Line Road, Penfield

Please follow us on Facebook

[@PenfieldGolfTournament](#)

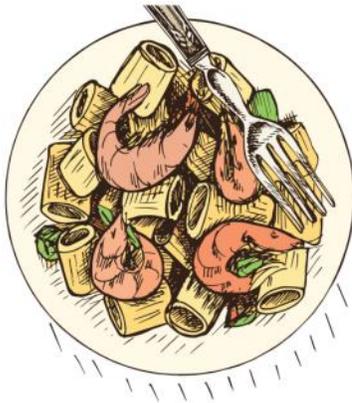


Rochester Deaf
Rotary
Club



It's Italian Night with Rochester Deaf Rotary!

Enjoy your dinner out, and support our community projects



Tuesday, June 13, 2023
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

CARRABBA'S
ITALIAN GRILL®

Carrabba's Italian Grill
3340 W. Henrietta Rd.
Rochester, NY 14623



Raffles - 50/50 drawing - Great Food - Fun!!

Just let us know you're coming!
email mich14559@yahoo.com
OR just come and tell your server
"We're here to support RDR"



Check out our website for details:
www.deafrotary.org





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.

Save the Date!!

Rotary
Bath, NY



100 Year Celebration & Changeover Dinner

Saturday, June 17, 5 p.m. | \$50 per person | Cash Bar

Bath American Legion - 14 West William Street Bath

5:00-6:00 p.m. Social Hour and Registration

6:00-8:00 Dinner, Reflections from Paul Harris featuring
Dick Dubois and Awards

Please share this invitation with others!

C E L E B R A T E
R O T A R Y

100 Years

GENESEO
Rotary



SUMMER FESTIVAL

**Geneseo Village Park
July 7th & 8th**

**Crafters / Vendors Wanted
Festival Times**

Friday 10 AM – 8 PM

Saturday 10 AM – 9 PM

For Questions:

**Steve Wiener (585)243-4498
or stephenrichardwiener@gmail.com**

**Get Application at
www.geneseorotary.com/application.pdf**

ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN

JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Live Music Starts At

Date :

7 July, 2023

Place :

The Geneseo Riviera

Time :

08:00Pm

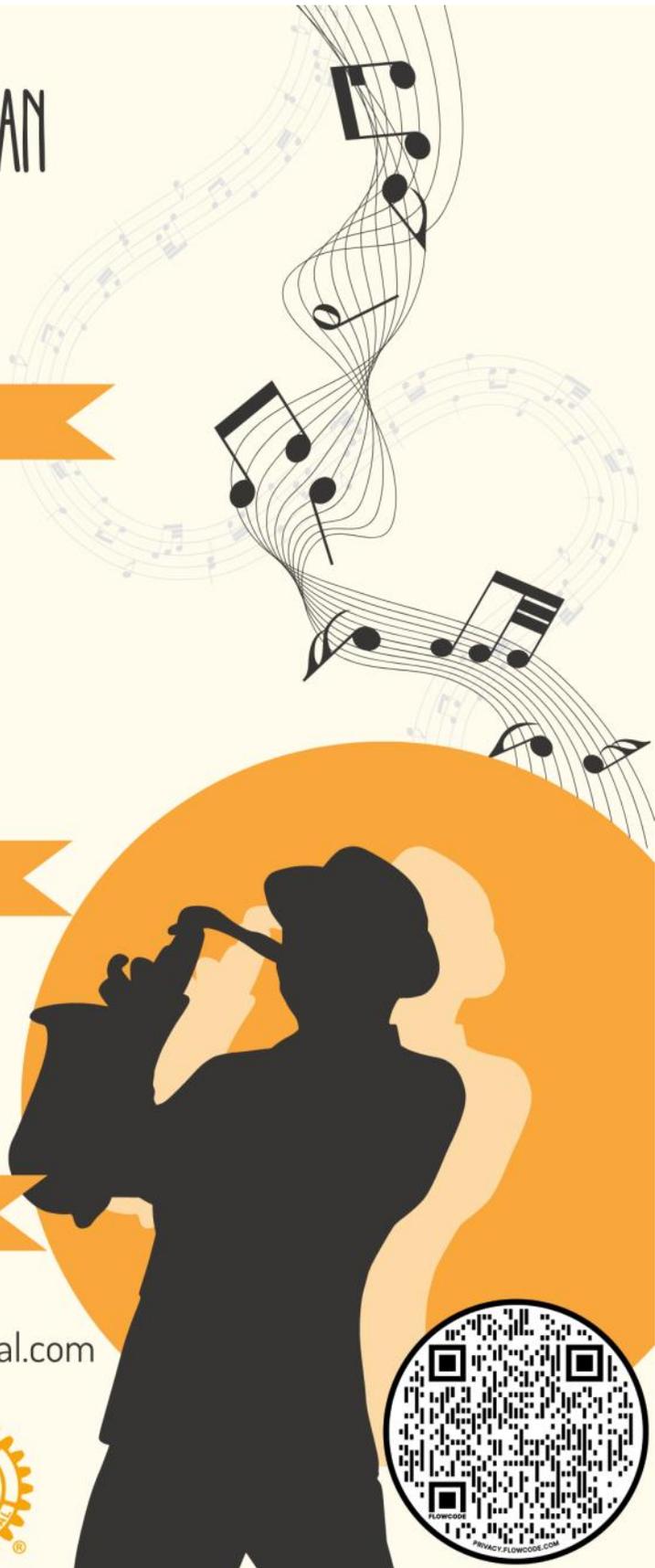
Pre-sale Tickets \$20

- Not Dot Shop
- Touch of Grayce
- Crickets
- David Mann Jewelers

Online Tickets \$22

- Paypal
- Geneseosummerfestival.com

Geneseo
Rotary





Spring 2023

Dear Sponsor,

The Camp Star Board is planning its Annual Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament will be held at the Indian Hills Golf Course on Monday July 24, 2023. Sponsorship, donations, and golfer entry fees will be used to support 60 children for six days at camp.

Camp Star is a summer camp for handicapped children between the ages of 6 and 12 years of age that otherwise cannot attend camp. This camp is held annually at the Y at Watson Homestead in August and the funds from this tournament will help to allow us to offer this camp at no cost to the camper. The cost is over \$500.00 per camper for an entire week of fun.

Depending on your level of Sponsorship (see enclosed flyer for Sponsorship levels), your business may receive valuable publicity such as:

1. Signage at the event
2. Product booth at the event
3. Recognition in printed materials
4. Advertising and links on our Camp Star Website

We also welcome donations for the raffle as well as special prizes for example longest drive, closest to pin, team prize winners and last place team, We hope that you can help us make this a great event!

Door prizes are always welcome!

Respectfully yours,

Marianne Kalec

Marianne Kalec
Camp Star Golf Tournament Chairman
PO Box 697
Horseheads, NY 14845
607-738-2819



Camp Star Golf Tournament
4 Person Scramble Indian Hills Golf Course
Monday July 24, 2023
Sign in at 11:00 Shotgun at 12:00
Player's Application

By playing in the Camp Star Golf Tournament, you are helping to send children with disabilities to a summer sleepover camp. An opportunity they would not have without the generous support of people like you.
Thanks for being a good neighbor!

A \$90.00 entrance fee for each player must accompany this application. Please write the check to Camp Star and mail to:
Marianne Kalec/Camp Star
PO Box 697
Horseheads, NY 14845

Additional information?
Campstargolf@stny.rr.com
607-738-2819

Fee includes golf, cart and dinner



Golfer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____



Golfer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____



Golfer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____



Golfer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____



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: _____

Greece Rotary - Rino Pappano Memorial - Golf Tournament



Celebrating 30 Years!
July 31, 2023
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Ridgemont Country Club

Register at [Home Page | Rotary Club of Greece \(greecerotary.org\)](https://www.greecerotary.org)

Old Glory For Greece



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

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

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

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

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



Newark
Rotary
Foundation



Cash Raffle



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



Tickets \$100 (need not be present)

Drawing Saturday, September 9, 2023 @ 6 PM

At Newark Family Festival

ONLY 250 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

ALL PRIZES ARE GUARANTEED

Proceeds will benefit Newark Rotary Foundation Projects

To purchase your ticket

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

Saturday August 12, 2023 Spencerport Rotary 40th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

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

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

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

foursome

Sponsorship Opportunities

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

Package Includes:

- Scramble format tournament
- Lunch at the start

Contact/Sign Up:

Spencerport Rotary
Attn: Stuart/Laura McFarlane
PO Box 274
Spencerport, NY 14559
mcfarlane2000@gmail.com

USE QR code to register online:



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

PARTIAL PROCEEDS FROM THIS GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE PROVIDED TO:

SPENCERPORT JR. BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Annual
Newark Rotary
FAMILY FEST

September 9, 2023
11:00am-8:00pm

NEWARK FIREMAN'S FIELD
100 BARKER PKWY

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

newarkrotaryfamilyfestival.com

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Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



⚙ **June 2023**

June 21 District Changeover Dinner,

⚙ **July 2023**

July 8 District Red Wings Game vs Bflo. Bisons
6:05 pm, RPO Concert

July 15 Pride Parade

⚙ **September 2023**

District Literacy Seminar September 23rd

⚙ **November 2023**

District Foundation Brunch, November 5

Upcoming CLUB Events

June 12 Penfield Rotary Golf

June 13 Rochester Deaf Rotary Italian Night

June 16 Webster Rotary Golf **Tourney at
Morgans Crossing**

June 17 Bath 100 Year Celebration

⚙ **July 2023**

July 7 and 8 **Geneseo Rotary Summer
Festival**, Village Park, craft show, vendors,
free Skycoasters Concert on Saturday,
Rochester Metropolitan Jazz concert, Friday,
8:00pm
Riviera Theatre, Center Street, Geneseo
Tickets: pre-sale \$20, on-line \$22

⚙ **July 31 Honeoye Lake Rotary**

GOLF TOURNAMENT “Old Hickory Golf Club”
Livonia, Four Person Scramble
10am Sharp

⚙ **July 31 Greece Rotary Golf, Ridgemont
Country Club, 9am to 4pm**

⚙ **August 2023**

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

⚙ **September 2023**

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



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Email - marckreuser@gmail.com



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