

Ralph Brandt, District Governor

Issue 11



I am pleased to feature the home club of your next District Governor, Julie Carney Avon Rotary.

The Avon Rotary Club was chartered May 11, 1927, as such, this year we will celebrate our club's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. The club presently has 70 official members, although the club had two veteran, cherished members die at the beginning of

2023. Presently the club has two major fundraisers: the Corn Festival held in August and the Annual Auction held in November. We unfortunately were unable to hold the Corn Festival in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID restrictions, but it returned in 2022. In 2020 our auction went to a virtual on-line format due to COVID restrictions, as well. For several years our club sponsored a Blue Jean Ball. In 2020, we hosted our first Road Rally around Livingston County.

Weekly meetings are held at the historic Avon Inn on Tuesday evenings. Our club enjoys being together, meetings have singing and programs, along with social activities before and after the meetings. Our club supports local activities including several scholarships annually, along with donations to Honor Flight Rochester, Shelter Box, Avon Youth baseball and lacrosse, Avon Community Theater, Susan B Anthony House, Ronald MacDonald House, Avon Scouts, Teresa House, and the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp, among others.

Our club has contributed several years to a school build in Nicaragua through Linking Hands For Learning and Livingston Cares. This program has been possible through the dedication of Avon Rotarian Rob Lupisella and his wife Honeoye Falls Rotarian Jeanine Lupisella. In addition to financial support for the school build, on several occasions Avon Rotarians have traveled to



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Nicaragua to help with the actual school construction.

The Rotary Club of Avon is thrilled to have one of its members Julie Carney serve as Rotary District 7120 District Governor in the Rotary year 2023-24. Julie joined the Avon club in 2009 and immediately became involved in youth activities for the club and district. She was the club's Rookie of the Year, Rotarian of the Year, is a Paul Harris Fellow and served as the club's president in 2020-21 Rotary year.

RALPH E BRANDT Jr. Rotary District 7120 District Governor 2022-2023 Empire MDPETS Chair 2023-2025 rbrandt601@aol.com 585-729-7341





### The District Conference – 2023

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# ... And a GOOD TIME was had by all!

DG Ralph (the Ringmaster) "broke the mold" with this year's conference – and the attendees all loved it!

It promised to be like "none other" ever



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held in our District...or perhaps in any District anywhere – and it was!

It was held practically in the center of the District – in Bloomfield at Veteran's Park for just ONE DAY for a mere \$50 (half of which could be

spent on food!) Here are some of the highlights:

- A memorial service honoring over 30 members who passed during the year
- The annual business meeting
- A wonderful presentation by Julie Chapus on Human Trafficking

Then the real fun began!

- Skydivers jumped in!
- Circus performers wowed the audience
- The Youth Exchange Parade
- Delivery of the winning speech in this year's Oratorical Contest







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A 45-piece Band and other musical groups performed

There were food trucks and a farmer's market, games for the kids, clowns, balloon artists, and even a chainsaw artist who carved a 2' diameter Rotary Wheel!









Bloomfield Lions Club helped with Parking.





DGE Julie – You're Up!

Big thanks to ALL of the Rotarians and volunteers who made the day a wonderful success.

Submitted by Travis Piper

# Rotary District 7120 Change Over Dinner

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June 21,2023 Wednesday 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm 5:00 pm- Cocktail Reception 6:30 pm- Dinner & Presentation

### 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



DGE Julie M. Carney Avon Rotary Club



VENUE

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







# Public Image update!

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• If you club or project is not using the new Rotary Logo Here are the top templates in <u>Brand Center</u>. Be sure to check it our for a unified look and feel across our district and clubs.

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- Rotary club logo
- People of Action Facebook post

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PUBLIC IMAGE

• 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 (<u>https://bit.ly/7120-Sample-Social-Calendar</u>) -- 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 <u>PSA Download Center</u> to access the PSA videos that you can share. To learn which stations have run Rotary PSAs in your market, contact <u>PR@rotary.org</u>.

• The <u>Learning Center</u> 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 <u>QR Code Generator</u>, <u>My QR Code</u>, 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.

#### It's NOT too late to be involved.

Good afternoon my fellow Rotarian,

District 7120 has a wonderful opportunity to join a growing Day of Service multi-state, multi-country event. Our vision is that All Rotary and Rotaract clubs in District 7120 will do a service project on May 20, 2023. This can be your own project or a project working with one or more Rotary Clubs.

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, more than 500 Rotary clubs and 14,000 Rotarians across 5 states and 3 countries. from Connecticut to Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, and New York in the United States, plus the coutries of Bermuda and Brazil, will volunteer in their communities for an unprecedented Rotary Day of Service, collecting clothes for homeless, refurbishing parks, and, much, much more.



I wanted to give you all some information about the Rotary Day of Service.

Club Project: Your club needs to submit ASAP. This can be ANY project, small or large, that you club will be doing on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your project with the attached DOCX or online at: https://bit.ly/7120-Day-of-Service-2023

Website: Check out what is already there at (http://RotaryDayOfService.org/). Look under the tab for NY - Finger La

kes Region of Upstate NY and you will see the club listings.

**Toolkits (Press Release/Graphics):** We have some helpful information on google drive to help you advertise your projects with your local news outlets. Please ask me for the link

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, clarifications, etc. We are SO EXCITED!!

**Tom Brown** 7120 Public Image Director Rotary Club of Elmira TomBrown@MediaBarker.com 607-331-7933



### **Rotary Brand Center For info on the Rotary brand, click on link below:**

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### https://brandcenter.rotary.org/

#### Your Logos at a Glance

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.

Your club, district, or zone logo is made up of the Masterbrand Signature (MBS) plus the club name, or the 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.





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### **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 WHERE -- Clifton Springs Hospital, Rotary Room

Submitted by Nancy Aumann, Member District Literacy Committee

### **Strategic Planning Workshop**

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

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

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

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

For more information or to schedule a workshop for your Rotary Club, contact ... PDG Bill Gormont PDG Scott MacDonell





#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE: COVID-19, INFLUENZA, and POLIO PDG DAVE HANNAN

September 10, 2022

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 tac incentives. As we approach the end of the tax year, talk with your tax advisor to consider the financial advantages of these programs for you! Anyone interested in more information can contact Jeff Krans at jkrans228@gmail.com or Josh Olewiler at josh.olewiler@rotary.org

### What is the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund?

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

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

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

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

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





# 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

**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: <u>myrotary.org/donate</u> and choose "Polio Fund". You can then:

• Make a onetime donation of \$100 (or more) with your credit card by clicking on the "Onetime 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 <u>myrotary.org</u> 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.

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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



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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 <u>my.rotary.org/donate</u> 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)\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address

Club Name\_\_\_\_\_.

District #

Date

Please email form to <u>janettenreiro@gmail.com</u> 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!

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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) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Club: Address:

Phone Number:

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

City, State,

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We are looking forward for each club of the district 7120 to join us to march at the Roc Pride Parade. Is our 1<sup>st</sup> time marching at the Rochester, NY Pride Parade July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



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

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

wmartinezjohncox@gamil.com catwomyn19@gmail.com



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

#### BATH ROTARY CLUB HOSTS 2023 ROTARY DISTRICT 7120 TRAINING ASSEMBLY

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The Bath Rotary Club was honored to serve as the host for the 2023 Rotary District 7120 Training Assembly held on April 22 at Bath-Haverling Central School. Eleven members of the club attended the assembly and assumed many responsibilities for the event.

Leading the charge was Nancy Latour, Bath Rotary Club Secretary and Assistant Governor, Area 3, who was in charge of registration and logistics on the district level as well as many other duties throughout the day. Joe Rumsey, Bath Rotarian and Bath-Haverling Central School Superintendent, was proud to have the local school serve as the host location. Not only did Joe welcome all attendees during the Main Stage Presentation #1, but he was visible everywhere throughout the event. Amanda Chafee, Brandi Graham, and Tess McKinley checked in all attendees; the latter, as Bath Rotary Club President, also welcomed all participants to Bath and presented a short message on the club's strategic planning during the Main Stage Presentation #1. Bill White, Elaine Tears, and Angela Mattoon managed the basket raffle and would like to express their gratitude for the numerous and bountiful baskets provided by the clubs in attendance. Jay Maslyn and Mike Slovak eagerly sold 50/50 raffle tickets. Jane Russell was everywhere taking pictures and was the lucky winner of the original painting, valued at \$300.00, by recently deceased Bath Rotarian, Willie Bilancio. Finally, John Gould helped Al Johnson and Benita Nesbitt, who were not able to attend the event itself, park cars. We are proud to say that all Bath Rotarians, who attended, played an active role in the success of the event and enjoyed meeting other District 7120 Rotarians.

The local club members also enjoyed very much The Trade Show and the opportunity to visit so many booths as well as the Main Stage Presentations. We would like to express our appreciation to District Governor-Elect Julie Carney, Past District Governor Norma Madayag-Reilly, our own Nancy Latour, and all other district officers and members who played a big part in the event.



Members of the Bath Rotary Club welcomed and checked in Rotary District 7120 members who attended the District Training Assembly. Seated left to right are:Brandi Graham, Bath Rotary Club President-Elect; Amanda Chafee, Program Chair; Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President.



Jay Maslyn, Bath Rotary Club Treasurer, and Mike Slovak, Past District Governor, sold many 50/50 raffle tickets. Bill White, Club Services Director and Membership Chair of the local club, rapidly sold many tickets for the beautiful and bountiful baskets, provided by the clubs in attendance.

> Written by Elaine Tears Pictures by Jane Russell





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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:	<u></u>
City/State/Zip:	
Phone(s):	<u>N</u>
Disability:	

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

AUGUST 13th -18th, 2023



The Y at Watson Woods Painted Post, New York

A Special Place for Children



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### **Camp Haccamo**

#### Dolly Kujawa: a passionate leader dedicated to providing a safe and fun environment for hundreds of campers each year at Camp Haccamo

Dolly Kujawa (pronounced Kwi-ahva) has been a member of the webster Rotary for 24 years. She served as the group's president for 3 years and its treasurer for 2 years. She is also the executive director of Camp Haccamo, a summer camp for individuals with special needs in the Rochester and Monroe Country community.

#### A Sudden Call to Duty

Dolly has been involved with Camp Haccamo since 2006 when she voluntarily filled in for the camp manager who had to leave suddenly. It was necessary to find someone to fill the position quickly and Dolly jumped in to help. Shortly thereafter the Board President was so impressed with Dolly's energy and dedication that they asked if she'd be willing to take on the challenge of serving as the Executive Director. "It was a challenge I accepted," she recalled.

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"I was impressed by the camp's mission and the impact it had on the lives of people with special needs," she says. "Working with the campers is extremely rewarding and fulfilling."

She also appreciates the trust that the parents have in the camp staff to take care of their children while they get a much-needed week of respite.

"That's what makes our camp so special, it's win-win-win: the kids are joining in on a real overnight camping experience like none other, the caregivers can take some time for themselves to rest or handle other responsibilities, and the staff and counselors' lives are enriched as well."

#### Lifelong Friendships are Built at Camp

Dolly's favorite part of camp is seeing the campers arrive and reunite with their friends. For many campers this is where they see their close friend each year. She says that their smiles (from ear to ear) are contagious and that they make her happy. She also enjoys seeing them participate in various activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, music, and games.

Dolly was born in Wellsville, NY and moved around a few times during her childhood. She lived on a farm in Panama, NY with her grandparents until her grandmother passed away when she was nine. She then moved to Webster, NY with her parents and siblings at the age of 9. She's been in Webster ever since. As a kid she loved the farm life and dreamed of being a cowgirl. She also developed a passion for sports and played every sport she could in high school. She continued to play softball until she was in her 60s.

She is a role model for anyone who wants to make a difference in their community. She is passionate about what she does, and is grateful she has the opportunity to do what she loves. She's selfless and cares deeply for people. Dolly has seven children and sixteen grandchildren who are very supportive of her work and that says a lot too!

Dolly Kujawa is an inspiring leader who has devoted her life to serving others.

You can support Camp Haccamo by attending its 10th Annual Car, Truck, & Cycle Show, Saturday June 3, 2023, 8am-1pm at the Mall at Greece Ridge behind the old Sears store. Please like and follow is at <u>https://www.facebook.com/haccamo</u>.

#### Submitted by Neal Gorman



#### CAMP ONSEYAWA - CAMPAIGN REPORT TO DATE - MAY 2023

This special capital campaign to raise \$60,000 for camp facility improvements has seen heartwarming success to date. These projects were listed in the prevision Grapevine Newsletter. A team of dedicated Rotarians have launched a plan that includes reaching out to a number of sources for support. They include private donors, GO-FUNDME online, Foundation Proposals, Local Rotary Club Gifts and Project funding, Rotary International Grants, and local material and labor donations.

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Together \$35,800 has been secured so far.

We give special recognition to the following: Seneca Falls Rotary Club \$2,500 Gift, Rotary Foundation Grants along with local Rotary Club project funding from Victor/Farmington, Ontario/Walworth, Newark, Clifton Springs, Pal Mac, Geneva, Wolcott, and Penn Yan Clubs totaling \$19,000; Rochester Community Foundation; private donors \$14,300;and GOFUNDME \$6,100.

It is noteworthy to report that Camp Whitman has recently completed two projects costing \$32,000 to rebuild the camp water system and maintenance building. Their commitment for a quality camp experience is very evident. Due to this collaborative partnership, Camp Onseyawa has a bright future without the enormous burden of operating cost.

Now is the time to cement a long-term commitment to Camp Whitman. We ask and need your help to accomplish this goal. Many more donations are still needed. Completing the goal to its end can be the most challenging part.

We encourage everyone to visit our web page to find the story and find GOFUNDME. Private donations may also be sent directly to Camp Onseyawa, Capital Projects, PO Box 723, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Thank You,

Robin Mark, Board President 585-370-2389 Submitted By: Victor Arsenault, Board Treasurer 585-919-4186



#### **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 % 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.

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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 1**<sup>st</sup> **until July 5**<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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-forprofit 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

#### 64 Points of Green Project

The event was held 4/8/2023 10am to 12pm, on the S.U.N.Y. Geneseo campus.

• The focus of the event was to remove the invasive species honeysuckle from the Spencer Roemer Arboretum

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- There were 10 Rotarians, 2 from Rotaract and another 10-15+ from a SUNY fraternity and campus sustainability
- We filled a dump truck twice with brush (estimate 12 cubic yards of debris) and cleared approximately 1000 square feet altogether
- Photos and Info. Sent by Patti LaVigne





#### **Spencerport Rotary**

#### ROTARY CANAL CLEANUP

A few years back, as a community service, the Spencerport Rotary Club adopted a portion of the Erie Canal, on the north side, from the Village bridge to the Gillette bridge. Rotarians walk the canal throughout the year, to clean up any litter they see. A new sponsorship sign was recently posted alerting canal walkers of the club's sponsorship. Here's to enjoying our beautiful canal and keeping it pristine!

Pictured: Club President Dave DeMers installing the sign with help from his assistant President Elect Ann Demers



Sent by Colleen Farley





#### **Canandaigua Rotary Celebrates Earth Day**

A small but hardy group of volunteers braved the weather to pick up trash around the many streams and culverts that feed into Canandaigua Lake. This 4th annual event is in support of Rotary District 7120's annual Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup project. Canandaigua Rotary partnered with the Canandaigua Kiwanis Club and members of the local high school Interact Club as well as other community volunteers. Sent by Jack Kellogg

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Pictured above are Ellen Polimeni, Doug Merrill, Rick Kaufman, and Jodi Kaufman.



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Pictured above are Club President Marty Potter, Judy Ratcliff, and Rick Hawks.

#### **Penfield Rotary**

The Earth day Clean up held on April 23

Submitted by Linda Kohl



#### BATH ROTARY CLUB PARTICIPATES IN ROTARY DISTRICT 7120'S WATERSHED PROJECT

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As part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project, the Bath Rotary Club participated in the cleanup of public access to Tyrtle Beach on Lake Salubria, located on the outskirts of the Village of Bath, in order to beautify the environment.

The local project was spearheaded by Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club President. Those Bath Rotarians, who participated in this project, took pride in cleaning up the above-mentioned area as well as enjoying fellowship and friendship with their fellow Rotarians and several 4-H Club members and other children who helped.

For those who do not live in the Southern Tier, Tyrtle Beach is an annual fundraiser for a multitude of youth programs in Bath and surrounding communities. The founders of the event named it Tyrtle Beach because it occurred when many local residents traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for spring break. A prominent community member is selected to jump in Lake Salubria, which is usually quite cold at the end of April, while community members and organizations pledge money for the event. Several of the past jumpers have been Bath Rotarians. Written by Elaine Tears, photos by Tess McKinley



As part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project, several Bath Rotarians cleaned up debris at the site of Tyrtle Beach on Lake Salubria outside the Village of Bath. The Rotarians were assisted by several local 4-H Club members and other children.

Future Rotarians???? – Several local 4-H Club members and other children picked up twigs and branches, raked leaves, and displayed their youthful service to the community at the Bath Rotary Club's Watershed Project, the cleaning up of the site of Tyrtle Beach on Lake Salubria.





#### **Canandaigua Rotary Bags Up Trees**

Last week the Canandaigua Rotary Club celebrated Arbor Day by bagging up pine seedlings.

There were about nine hundred seedlings that were individually bagged with damp mulch and given to students in the primary grades at Canandaigua Elementary and St Mary's schools.

Pictured are several Rotarians, friends of Rotarians, and family:

Sent by Jack Kellogg







On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 HLRC members and Friends of Rotary spent about two hours picking up litter along the shoulders of County Rds. 37 and 40. This annual community service project took us about two hours and resulted in a collection of over 300 pounds of litter which, when we unloaded it from our collection trailer to the garbage truck, was declared the record for the day. Interesting finds were some checks for one of the businesses along our route as well as a crisp twenty dollar bill.

Many thanks to the picker uppers who gave up a Saturday morning to carry out this Earth Day community service project. Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

# Erie Canal Watershed Cleanup



Fairport Rotarians participated in the District-wide Watershed Cleanup on April 15. It was a beautiful, warm sunny day as Rotarians divided up and went east and west along the canal. Community members and neighbors were quick to take note of Rotarians doing Service Above Self and were thankful for the many bags of garbage that was collected. Well done Fairport Rotary Club!

Submitted by Becky Wilson



### **Corning Rotary rebuilds the Danforth Community Garden**

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On April 22, 2023, a community effort took place at the **Kate Danforth Community Garden** in Corning, New York, in celebration of Earth Day. Members of the Corning Rotary Club, the First Presbyterian Church of Corning, the Corning Incorporated Sustainability Network, and other community members joined forces to replace worn-out garden beds.

After five to seven years, many of the original beds had outlived their usefulness. They were built of untreated commercial pine boards (1.5" X 5.5" X 8'), and it was time for an upgrade. The community members replaced them with 2"x10"x,8' hemlock obtained from a local Amish sawmill. These new beds are expected to last for 10 to 15 years.

The weather cooperated on the day of the project, and everything was completed before the thunderstorms rolled in. The project was a great example of how Corning Rotary is working within the community by collaborating with other organizations to get things done. Most of the volunteers were in their late 20s to early 40s, and they got to see what we can do in the community and how Rotary can fit into their way of doing public service. Community efforts like this one are also essential in promoting environmental sustainability.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



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#### Rotary Club of Greece Recognition

Congratulations! On behalf of A Community Together (ACT) for Education and the 22 public school districts in our Monroe-Orleans County region, I am pleased to inform you that the Rotary Club of Greece has been nominated as a 2023 Community Champion for Public Education Honoree for your support of the Neighborhood Navigation Center! This honor was established to recognize area businesses, service organizations, and community leaders who serve as exceptional supporters of our local public schools and students.

You have been selected by Superintendent Kathy Graupman and Kelly Sperduto from the Greece Central School District because of your outstanding dedication to the success of Greece students and commitment to the betterment of local public.



#### **Service Projects**

The Greece Rotary Club - People of Action. The club purchased and assembled planters for Homesteads for Hope. Submitted by Melissa Jordan,



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Penfield Rotary Events

Submitted by Linda Kohl



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The successful Euchre Tournament held on April 15



The potluck dinner for veterans and staff at the Warrior's Salute Nucor House held on May 2

#### **Perry Rotary**



Nichole Brant and Jill Gould were inducted into Perry Rotary Club on May 4, 2023.

Spring is already busy for Perry Rotary Club. It wrapped a successful raffle selling nearly 2,000 tickets whose proceeds will benefit local community projects. On May 13, its volunteers participate in the community-wide Clean Sweep to spruce up public parks and downtown.

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On May 4, it welcomed new members, retailers Jill Gould, owner of Butter Meat Co., and Nichole Brant, president-manager of Family Furniture and 11 Covington. Both women have long supported Rotary activities and serve on Perry Main Street Association, which has made great strides in downtown development and marketing.

On April 27, the club honored 34-year member Randy White with a multi-level Paul Harris Award. The owner of JNWhite<sup>®</sup>, one of the area's largest employers, manufactures custom labels, membrane switches, graphics overlays and more. Its work appears on hospital, military, emergency, broadcasting and scientific equipment to name a few. During the pandemic, JNWhite<sup>®</sup> created innovative products to prevent coronavirus spread while also donated much to schools and agencies in need. Randy also serves his alma mater, St. John Fisher

University, where he sits on the board of Trustees and co-chairs its Family business Center within the School of

Business. It involves itself in being a resource for family business including serving current, next-generation and future owneroperators. He comes from a place of experience having taken over JNWhite<sup>®</sup> from his father and employing his children in the third generation. He recommends interested business people avail themselves of St. John Fisher's services.

After citing facts about Rotary's global and local accomplishments, Randy said, "What a positive thing to be associated with. This club in particular has taken those same goals and applied them on a local scale. It is certainly an honor to be associated here for so long and all the goodness that comes out of this club, as well as the worldwide effort."

- submitted by Perry Rotary Secretary Lorraine Sturm



Rotarian Jeff Fitch presented multiple Paul Harris Fellow awards to Randy White, with his wife, Susan Cady White, on April 27, 2023.



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Elmira Rotary supported Diven Elementary School's Teacher Appreciation week by collaborating with our local Meals on Wheels. Our member, Katie Boland, is Director of Meals on Wheels, she coordinated with her staff to bake 3 cupcakes for each of the 95 staff people at Diven School. Elmira Rotary purchased the cupcakes and helped with the packaging and delivery to the school. Sent by Laurie Liberatore

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left to right) Rotarians, Polly Smith-Blackwell, Laurie LIberatore and Katie Boland packaging the cupcakes



Dave Wood, of Diven School bringing the cupcakes into the school.



Elmira Rotarian, Katie Boland, School Nurses Biz Hart and Selly Evans, and Rotarians Laurie Liberatore and Polly Smith-Blackwell.

#### **VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB HOSTS YEX MOTHER**



"Lets Have Tea" – historic sculpture – Susan B Anthony and Frederick Douglas

The V-F Rotary club recently hosted Silvia Sleven, mother of Jaiza Wolters, the club's current YEX student from the Netherlands, for an eleven-day visit in late April. Club members engaged in a myriad of activities to welcome Silvia, including an informal "Welcome Party" hosted by Club President Charlie Parkhurst at the Community Room of the Lyons National Bank in Farmington.

Jaiza and her mom enjoyed a series of day trips and dinners. These included trips to the Strong Museum of Play and the George Eastman House in Rochester; a tour of NYSP Troop E HQ in Farmington; visiting the High Falls area of Rochester and the Susan B Anthony House; shopping at Eastview Mall in Victor; a tour of the Victor Central Schools campus; scenic locations involving Lake Ontario, Sodus Point and the Erie Canal; and, historic locations in the city of Rochester.

At their request, they had the opportunity to enjoy Rochester's famous regional food delicacy, a "Garbage Plate," at Nick Tahou's Diner in Rochester.

Jaiza's current host mom, V-F Rotarian Pam Rosbrook Schlerf, hosted Sylvia during her visit and coordinated activities with club members. Jaiza's first host family, the Visingard's (V-F Rotarian Sara Visingard) hosted Jaiza and Sylvia for a day on Lake Ontario with a winery tour, including dinner, and socializing at their family cottage at Sodus Point.

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Between their whirlwind activities Silvia and Jaiza had the opportunity for a quick three-day visit to New York City.

Sent by Dave Luitweiler



Sylvia & Sara with souvenir shirts at Nick Tahou's



Silvia Sara et el - L to R - Silvia touring local winery with Dan and Sara Visingard

#### **Spencerport Rotary**

#### CITIZEN of the YEAR

The Spencerport Rotary Club recently began a program to vote for and honor a Citizen of the Year. The club wanted to highlight and thank a local person for their contributions to the community.

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For the inaugural choice, two well-known individuals were tied in the voting:

Chris Mears, former Ogden Police Chief and current Safety Officer at the Spencerport School

And Todd Baxter, Monroe County Sheriff

A celebration dinner was recently held to honor them. Part of the celebration was to make a donation from Rotary, in their name, to a favorite non-profit. Chris Mears' choice was the Spencerport Education Foundation and Todd Baxter's was Primetime585. Congratulations to both of these gentlemen, for their outstanding service and dedication to our community.

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Pictured: Kristina Martin from the Spencerport Education Foundation, Chris Mears, Club President Dave DeMers



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Pictured: Sheriff Todd Baxter, Karen Iglesia from Primetime585, Club President Dave DeMers

#### **Corning Rotary Supplies Toiletry Bags for Food Pantry**

Corning Rotary filled and donated 60 toiletry bags to the Corning Food Pantry as part of the club's focus on community health and hunger. There were 30 bags targeted to men and 30 for women.

Each bag included personal necessities such as deodorant, soap, toothbrush, tooth paste, shampoo/conditioner, razors and toilet paper. Club members ordered the supplies and then met during the monthly social to assemble the bags. Those bags were then dropped off at the food pantry to be handed out to clients as needed. Submitted by Jan Harvey



#### **Dundee Rotary Welcomes New Member**

Please meet the newest member of the Dundee Rotary Club. We were very proud to have Pastor David

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Semans join our club on March 22nd. David is the pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Dundee. He and his wife Ingrid were raised in Dundee and have raised their own sons here since 2007. When asked about why he wanted to join Rotary, David replied, "We love the sense of community service in Dundee. The mission of Rotary is a terrific match with that mindset. It provides quality partnerships that benefit our great village. I can't wait to lend a hand."

Pictured here is David's sponsor, Rob Neu (L), David (C), and Past President Walt Verdi who performed the induction ceremony. Welcome to Dundee Rotary, David! Sent by Lauren Snyder

#### Webster Rotary

Webster recently honored 4 Paul Harris recipients.

John Shuler, Joe Pustulka, and Spencer Shull received their first Paul Harris and Bob Goldstein received his third Paul Harris.

Congratulations to all four recipients for their dedicated service to Rotary and are true examples of Service above Self!

Sent by Joe Corona





### Geneseo Rotary

On April 5th Geneseo Rotary held its first Rotary Networking event at Cricket's in Geneseo.

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Submitted by Teresa Chichester









#### **Pal-Mac Rotary News**

The annual Joint meeting of the Pal-Mac Lions and Rotary Clubs was held recently at the Zion Episcopal Church in Palmyra. More than 40 rotarians, Lions, and friends enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Nima's. Rena Haigh and the Pal-Mac Lions Club did a beautiful job of organizing this occasion. Gene Bavis, Walworth Town Historian and Co-Chair of the Wayne County Bicentennial Celebration, gave a very informed and entertaining presentation on the history of Wayne County.

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Jeff Crawford, Media



Gene Bavis, Walworth Town Historian and Co-Chair of the Wayne County Bicentennial Celebration.



Pal-Mac Rotary President, Jeff Crawford, welcomes Pal-Mac Lions Club President, Rena Haigh.


### **Pal-Mac Rotary**



Arlington.

Making Dreams Come True

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Our Pal-Mac Rotary Club Exchange Student, Emmy Sverlinger's dream of seeing Washington DC crashed when she was unable to join a younger group of students at Pal-Mac High School who were going there as a class. That's when club members, Jeanna Skinner, and Dianne Sloan, stepped up. On April 5-9, Emmy, Jeanna (who along with husband, Travis, are serving as host family), daughter, Elianna, Dianne and daughter, Autumn, toured DC.

They saw Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the American Art Museum/Portrait Gallery, the Museums of Natural History and American History (Smithsonian), the Holocaust Museum, several Monuments, the Zoo, Old Town Alexandria, and the White House. Emmy also showed the group a little bit of Sweden at the Ikea store and restaurant.

Emmy delighted club members at our Wednesday lunch meeting on April 12 with her take on this whole Dream Come True. Sent by Jeff Crawford



Left to right: Emmy, Jeanna, Autumn, Elianna, and Dianne, in front of the White House.



Emmy sharing about her Dream Come True with our club.

On April 14, 2023 the International Service Committee had the honor and privilege to award two separate \$2,000 grants to The Water for South Sudan Project and for the Linking Hands for Learning project.

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#### Water for South Sudan

Elissa Rowley, Director of Development and Communications for Water for South Sudan, provided Committee members of an overview of their project to date and the impact that contributions from the Rochester Rotary Club and from other individuals and organizations have made in the South Sudan. Since 2005, over 600 new wells have been built at a cost of approximately \$15,000 each, providing water to approximately 500,000 people in a country of 12 million people. Of those 600 wells, approximately 350 of them have been rehabilitated, primarily to replace aging concrete that serves as a foundation for them. They started some new projects to provide water storage and distribution facilities at various communities so that only a faucet at water kiosks in the community is needed to access the water. The pumps to bring water up to the elevated tower are solar powered, and gravity provides the power to the water kiosks throughout the community. These new facilities will serve about 2,000 people each, with a cost of approximately \$60,000 per facility. Projects to provide 2 new sanitation facilities are also planned, having started this type of project in 2018.

Here is a WFSS Impact video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Da61sKtKBx4

Kathleen Pringle as President of the Rochester Rotary Club then presented to Elissa a check for \$2,000, representing the grant from the Rochester Rotary Club.

#### Linking Hands for Learning

Robert Lupisella, has been involved in the Linking Hands for Learning project since its inception in 2011, and they have built 12 schools in rural areas of Nicaragua. Each school will benefit anywhere between 35 to 40 children for the smaller communities and 60 to 70 children for the larger communities. This organization works with The Enlace Project, which was started in Geneseo and provides assistance to the El Sauce community of Nicaragua. Robert was proud to report that 100% of donations for the school building projects goes directly to building costs, since he and his wife have paid the organization's own administration costs from their own pockets. The organization is currently in the process of assessing all structures that have been built since 2011 to determine whether additional maintenance and repairs to the structures are needed. He just returned from a volunteer trip to Nicaragua in January 2023 to help build a school in El Carrizo, and shared with the Committee a short video regarding that volunteer trip. He mentioned that although the travel expenses for this trip are significant (\$22,000 for all the 15 volunteers), more than 50% of those funds are spent in the community where the school is being built, since they pay community members to board the volunteers at their houses and also to transport them while they are there.

Kathleen Pringle as President of the Rochester Rotary Club then presented to Robert Lupisella a check for \$2,000, representing the grant from the Rochester Rotary Club.

Linking Hands for Learning Impact video: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFTWmIIT71Q</u>

Sent by Kellianne Mohorter





### Geneseo Rotary Presented a Check to the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center.

This year the Rotary District 7120, after reviewing their budget, returned club district dues with the caveat that the dues be used "for the good of the community". After discussion within the club, we elected to present the refunded dues to the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center (GPOC) as a way to recognize and support their efforts to provide quality health care and medications to individuals who otherwise would go without it. The Center provides primary adult and pediatric care, women's health, education and assistance with insurance and medical referrals. Also, during the presentation health care related initiatives of Rotary International were highlighted. Submitted by Patti LaVigne, photo by John Lanpher

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Let to right Heather Ferrero, President Elect Geneseo Rotary, Ralph Brandt, District 7120 Governor, Sharon Vogt, Assistant Governor, Donna Flaherty, GPOC Executive Director. Kirstin Gillford, GPOC Presidet, and Patti LaVigne, President, Geneseo Rotary

### **Gananda Rotary**

Special treats given to Special Education Team at Gananda School District for April Autism Awareness month from the Gananda Rotary Club. Pictured are Melissa Phelps, Special Education Director and Christine Casaceli, Gananda Rotary President.

Sent by Patricia Holdraker



### **Avon Rotary**

### **GOOD BYE ISABELLE**

At our April 18 meeting, Avon Rotary bid farewell to our New Generations exchange student, Isabelle Bonafé, as she returns to her home in Brazil. New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and young professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project. Not only was Isabelle Avon Rotary's first New Generations exchange participant, but she is the first ever in our Rotary District 7120.

During her time here in the United States, Isabelle had the opportunity to learn valuable skills in school counseling, school psychology, and special education at Avon Central Schools.

Isabelle plans to utilize these skills to make a positive impact on the lives of her students. She is excited to apply her newfound knowledge and experience in her future work as a school psychologist and advocate for students with special needs.

We are so proud of Isabelle and all that she has accomplished during her time here in the US. We know that she will make a difference in the lives of her future students, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Safe travels, Isabelle, and thank you for being a part of our Rotary New Generations exchange program!

Submitted by: Mike Ford, via social media. Photo by: Laurie Vonglis

### **District Simplified Grant Project Completed, Pergola Erected**

On a cold, dreary morning in April a handful of intrepid Avon Rotarians lightened the mission of the clinical team at Noves Mental Health and Wellness clinic. Steve Csapo, Rob Lupisella, Tom Vonglis and Bruce Amey, aided by clinic project manager Gerald Chamberlin, erected a 144square-foot pergola sought by the clinic to enhance their therapy sessions with 367 current patients. Also involved was Peter Vonglis, who provided storage for the pergola parts. Conceived by Csapo and Michael Donegan, vice president of operations for UR Medicine and Noyes

manager.

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Health, the pergola will provide a relaxing, pleasant outdoor environment for patients to work through their issues with staff therapists. 'Major kudos to Avon Rotary for investing in the health of the Avon and surrounding communities. Thank you for your investment and work," Donegan said. "The clinical team at the site is thrilled, planning for both personal break use and client care," he said. "Their efforts are now focused on praying for good weather so they can use the space. Associate Director Laura Bond agreed, saying, "It's just a lot easier for some patients to talk in a more comfortable environment than sitting in someone's office. We can do some of the assessments of prospective patients out there and we see people for ongoing mental health therapy sessions. We just wanted to beautify the space here as well. I think it adds a lot to the outside space to have a structure like that." And that is exactly what will be enhanced even further in Avon Rotary's phase 2 plan for the Tec Drive property. Given that pergolas are defined as outdoor structures with vertical posts supporting an open roof of beams, cross rafters and sometimes a lattice often covered with climbing plants, Csapo envisions adding greenery and some additional seating. There is

money left in the project budget, he said. Rotary's budget allocated \$7167 for the project, \$3800 of which was provided by a District Simplified Grant. With the structure alone costing only \$4728, the club is in process of approving the purchase of four chairs and some shrubbery with some of the remaining money.

"The need for mental health services is increasing," Bond said, and "being able to take patients outside is really helpful." With hundreds of patients already at the clinic the pergola certainly will be a very busy place during the warmer months.

Written By: Bob Mellen Photos By: Bob Mellen

The intrepids, seated from left in the finished pergola, are Bruce Amey, Rob Lupisella, Tom Vonglis and Steve Csapo. Standing is Gerald Chamberlin, clinic project







### **VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB**

The Victor-Farmington community receives law enforcement coverage and services from the Ontario County Sheriff's Department, and the New York State Police, Troop E.

On May 3rd, Captain Samuel L Spezio, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, NYSP Troop E, spoke to the club and discussed the role of the State Police in the Rochester/Finger Lakes/Southern Tier area. Troop E serves a ten-county area stretching from Lake Ontario to the Pennsylvania border. The captain discussed the troop's law enforcement activities that involve both the uniform patrol officers and the investigators of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI).

The headquarters for Troop E is in the town of Farmington in Ontario County. The complex includes a headquarters building and a forensic building for processing evidence for the Troopers and local police agencies. There are numerous State Police sub-stations located throughout the 10county area. Captain Spezio noted the troop's cooperative relationship with local and federal law enforcement agencies.



V-F Rotary President Charley Parkhurst and Captain Samuel Spezio, NYSP-BCI

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Sheriff David Cirencione, Ontario County Sheriff, discussed the law enforcement services

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provided by his agency. These include traditional police service calls, an active road patrol and detective division, maintaining the Ontario County Jail, and security at the County Court House.

The Sheriff noted the establishment of a substation at Eastview Mall in Victor; the assignment of school resource officers for Ontario County; programs to protect senior citizens; securing funding for specialized equipment; community outreach programs such as SALT (Seniors and Lawmen together); and various law enforcement issues concerning the local area.

Sheriff Cirencione recently assumed the office of Sheriff after twenty-one years of service with the department. He answered numerous questions from the Rotarians and thanked them for the support they had given his officers and staff.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Sheriff Donald Cirencione, Ontario County

### Rochester NW Rotary

### **Teamwork-Together, We Are Winners!**

Working with PCHO (Person Centered Housing Options), Rotary Clubs have been supporting the initiatives & needs of the homeless. These tiny shelters provide individuals living on the streets a chance of survival. Recently, Rochester City Council in addition voted to build and manage 15 prefabricated shelters from Pallet Shelters Inc. as transition housing units for Peace Village with a Community Room and Restroom facilities. At its maximum, it's estimated that Peace Village will provide 30 accommodations for about 30 people.

**We Need your Help in Assembling those Structures!** Person Centered Housing Options Inc. (PCHO) is an innovative not-for -prot organization whose mission is to address, prevent, and alleviate chronic homelessness within Monroe County New York and surrounding communities using the housing rst model.

Email: homelessoutreach@pcho.org OR Call: 585-736-4663 The Shelter Project has been underway for over 3 years with shelters completed by Fairport Rotary Club and Northwest Rotary Club (with many volunteers) with the nancial support of District#7120, Rochester Deaf Rotary Club and Rochester Southwest Rotary Club. Each shelter cost approximately \$2,400.

Unhoused individuals are thrilled to come from living on the street, under a bridge, or in a park as they transition to more permanent housing along with supportive services.

The need this later in 2023 will be for more Rotary Clubs, especially from Monroe County, to participate in the assembly of these new more permanent safe and clean sturctures.

No money required! Just Hard Working Volunteers! Dates in 2023 Will be Announced Soon!

For a program speaker on homelessness, please contact Paul Minor of Rochester Northwest Rotary - minorarch@aol.com and Nicholas J. Coulter, CDO & Executive VP, PCHOncoulter@ pcho.org (Nicholas is also a member of NW Rotary)

Article by Paul Minor & Nicholas Coulter (both Rochester Northwest), Photo Collage by Bob Green (Rochester



### Naples Rotary Club New Members

Naples NY Rotary Club inducted new members on May 1st 2023. Pictured left to right is Club President, John French, new members Judy Manser, Jill Hotelling, and Club Vice President, Karen Schenk. Judy & Jill were sponsored by John & Karen respectively. Welcome aboard!

Submitted by John French







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### **Geneva Rotary**



Surrounded by family members from across the country, Dr. Ken Steadman (seated center) was presented with the Level 3 pin for Rotary Foundation Major Donors Wednesday, May 10, at the weekly Geneva Rotary Club meeting. District Governor Ralph Brandt pinned the honor on Dr. Steadman and District Governor-Elect Julie Carney presented him with a crystal commemorating the pin ceremony. Behind Brandt and Carney is Patrick Steadman, a grandson of Dr. Steadman. Patrick spoke about his experience as a foreign exchange student in Taipei, the capital of Taiwan. Dr. Steadman, who loves to travel and has visited all seven continents with his late wife Eva, has been a long-time proponent and supporter of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Brandt noted that Dr. Steadman has exemplified Service Above Self during his 53 years in Geneva Rotary. A native of Brighton, he graduated from Cornell University and Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse and served two years in the U.S. Army before starting ob/gyn practice in Geneva. Also taking part in the ceremony were Past District Governor Jack Best and Assistant Governor Dr. Jim Dickson of Geneva, a former medical partner of Dr. Steadman, who is now retired.



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Submitted by Philip Beckley

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**Geneva Rotary** 



Geneva Rotarian Rich Kasulke (left) and his wife Sally and Geneva President Jerry Forcier (right) were among a group of Geneva Rotary Club members who dined recently with a tour group of traveling Rotarians from Morocco at the Sons and Daughters of Italy in Geneva. The dinner was organized by Geneva Rotarian Dave Cook, who recently traveled to Morocco with the Reunite Cultures Fund (RCF). The Moroccans are on a tour of the United States led by Vitaly Bezrodnov, leader of the RCF, which was formerly known as the Rotary Children's Fund. Several Moroccan students from Hobart and William Smith Colleges also attended the dinner.

Reunite Cultures Fund was established in 2003 by Rotarians of Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Club, OH, as Rotary Childrens Fund and is currently managed by members of Downtown Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club, NC, as RCF. The main program of the Organization is to run and manage Cultural Youth Exchange Program "Golden Gates". Since 2003 more than 50 groups of young people from Russia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Croatia, Serbia, Italy, etc. had an opportunity to travel abroad to learn about USA and introduce their culture to American People. RCF organizes, manages and coordinates outgoing groups of Rotarians Internationally.

Submitted by Philip Beckley



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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: <u>https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/article/1044-how-do-i-create-an-event-in-event-planner</u> 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: <u>https://rotary7120.org/</u>		
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## The Naples NY Rotary Club presents the 3rd Annual

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One Great Grape is going to WIN \$500 CASH!!

5 others will win \$100 each, and the last grape will receive a prize too!

## It's a GREAT Grape Race down Naples Creek ending at the digger off Mark Circle!

### Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10 and are available from any Rotarian, at Caruso's Café, online @ naplesRotary.org or click here.

- Each numbered ticket corresponds to a numbered plastic grape.
- Grapes will be dumped simultaneously into Naples Creek at 1:00pm, May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Individual contact with grapes is forbidden at all times.
- Need not be present to win, although it's a lot of fun!



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## 50/50 Raffle Tickets

sales start the morning of the derby and winner is drawn 15 mins. before the race begins

> Tickets: \$5 each Need not to be present to win.





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PERRY	PITTSFORD	RED JACKET	SENECA FALLS
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ROCHESTER LATINO ROCHESTER SW SPENCERPORT	RUSH-HENRIETTA WELLSVILLE	WOLCOTT	WEBSTER







TO REGISTER <u>CLICK HERE</u> OR SCAN QR QUESTIONS - TEXT OR EMAIL JACK FREDERICKS (585) 314-4124 jackf374@gmail.com





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Judging: 16 Special Awards

**Trophies for all Winners** 

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





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### CAMP ONSEYAWA GOLF TOURNAMENT Saturday, June 10, 2023



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

### Schedule of Events:

Date:Saturday, June 10, 2023Place:Silver Creek Golf Course, 1790 E. River Rd, Waterloo, NY 13165Registration: 11:30Lunch on the deck: 12:00 Hot dog or hamburger, chips and waterShot gun start:1:00Dinner:On the porch after completion of 18 holes (additional dinner tickets are \$30)Entry Fee:\$100.00 per player or \$400.00 per team

Fee includes green fees, cart, lunch and dinner

### Dinner Only: \$30.00

Entry form and check made payable to Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament are due no later than **June 2,2023 and should be mailed to:** 

Gary Reilly 819 Moseley Road Fairport, NY 14450

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION, DETACH AND SEND WITH PAYMENT TO ABOVE ADDRESS. 1. Team Captain 2.

Name:	Name:
Email:	Email:
<b>3.</b> Name:	4. Name:
Email:	Email:



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Please make your check payable to Rotary Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament. MAIL CHECK AND FORM BY JUNE 2, 2023 to: Liz Becht 142 Ovid Street Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Rotary Camp ONSEYAWA is a 501(c)(3) organization. Thank you for your contribution!





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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 GANANBA ROTARY FOOD BOOTHS Hots, hamburgs, BOD & water

> Porta potties Trash Bins Maps

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

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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.





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🖮 Jun 12, 2023 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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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.penfieldperintonki wanis.org/golf-tournament

Shadow Lake Golf Club, 1825 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield Please follow us on Facebook @PenfieldGolfTournament







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# 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 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





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## 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 <u>www.websterrotaryny.org</u> for more info or call **585-424-0859**.



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## 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!









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.

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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 Kalce

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



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## **Rino Pappano Memorial -**

**Golf Tournament** 

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



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### Register at Home Page | Rotary Club of Greece (greecerotary.org)

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## **Old Glory For Greece**



Sign up at Home Page | Rotary Club of Greece (greecerotary.org)

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

Volunteers will place the flag in your yard 5 days prior to the holiday and removed

within 3 days after the holiday.

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

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



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## 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

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**40th Annual Charity Golf Tournament** 

<b>NEW Location:</b>	Timber Ridge Golf Club		
	7061 W. Ridge Road		
	Brockport, New York 14420		
When:	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		

### Package Includes:

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

\$150 Tee Sponsor (Sign on hole, + program)

Lunch at the start

<u>Contact/Sign Up:</u> Spencerport Rotary Attn: Stuart/Laura McFarlane PO Box 274 Spencerport, NY 14559 mcfarlane2000@gmail.com

Scramble format tournament



USE QR code to register online:



PARTIAL PROCEEDS FROM THIS GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE PROVIDED TO:

SPENCERPORT JR. BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

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

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