



Rotary International - District 7120



Rotary
District 7120



November 2023

Julie M. Carney, District Governor

Issue 5



ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

Due to circumstances beyond our control involving the life/safety system installation at the brand new convention center in Ithaca, the 2024 conference had to be moved.

Have no fear, your District Conference Committee has everything under control and you are still on target for a conference where Rotarians can Converge, Connect and Celebrate all things Rotary!!



The 2024 Rotary Conference will be held in beautiful

Saratoga Springs!

Please note that there is a date change and the conference will be held one week earlier than originally planned and will be on April 26-28, 2024.



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Happy November!

This month is focused on the Rotary Foundation. We just celebrated Clubs and individuals for their continued support at the District Foundation Brunch on November 5th. PDG David Hannan and his committee did a wonderful job and please read more about the Foundation in his article in this Grapevine.

As I go around the District and meet with Rotarians, I am asked about where members can get involved.

Our District, as well as Rotary International, offer a wide range of opportunities for members beyond the typical club meetings and service projects. Many members may not be aware of these opportunities, but they can enhance your Rotary experience in various ways. Here are some of the lesser-known opportunities within Rotary:

- **Rotary Fellowships:** Rotary Fellowships are international groups of Rotarians who share a common interest or hobby, such as wine appreciation, photography, or scuba diving. These fellowships provide a unique way to connect with like-minded Rotarians from around the world.

Rotary Fellowships

- **Rotary Peace Fellowships:** Rotary offers fully-funded fellowships for individuals who want to pursue a master's degree in peace and conflict resolution. These programs are highly competitive and are designed for future leaders in the field of peacebuilding.

Peace Fellowships

- **Rotaract:** Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young adults, while Many Rotarians are not aware that they can become involved in Rotaract as mentors and advisors.

Rotaract

- **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI):** RLI provides in-depth training in Rotary leadership and is available to Rotarians who want to develop their leadership skills and knowledge about Rotary.

Rotary Leadership Institute

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- **Rotary Foundation Grants:** Rotary clubs can apply for grants from the Rotary Foundation to support international projects and local initiatives. These grants can significantly amplify the impact of your club's service efforts.

[The Rotary Foundation Home Page](#)

- **Vocational Service:** Rotary encourages members to use their professional skills and expertise to make a difference in their communities. This can involve mentoring, skills-based volunteering, and other ways to contribute to the community.

[Welcome to the Vocational Service Folder](#)

- **Rotary Conventions:** Rotary International hosts an annual convention that brings together Rotarians from around the world. It's an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians, attend informative sessions, and be inspired by global

[Rotary Singapore 2024 – Sharing hope with the world](#)

- **Rotary Action Groups:** These are independent groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants, and alumni who are experts in a particular field or passionate about a specific cause. Rotary Action Groups focus on various areas, such as water and sanitation, malaria, literacy, and more.

[Rotary Action Groups](#)

- **Rotary Friendship Exchanges:** Rotarians can participate in exchanges that allow them to visit other clubs and experience Rotary in different cultures, fostering international understanding and friendship.

[District Friendship Exchange](#)

- Rotary E-Clubs: These are online Rotary clubs that allow members to participate and engage in Rotary activities without the need to attend physical meetings.
- Rotary District 7120 has the [ECLUB of 7120](#)

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- **Service Projects Abroad:** Rotary organizes international service trips and projects, such as providing clean water, healthcare, and education in underserved communities. These projects offer an opportunity for members to make a global impact.

[Projects | Rotary International](#)

- **New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE):** New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30.

[New Generations Service Exchange | Rotary International](#)

- **Rotary Youth Exchange:** This program allows Rotary clubs to sponsor high school students to study abroad for a year on a long-term exchange or for 8 weeks on a short-term exchange. It's a fantastic opportunity for young people to experience a new culture and build lifelong friendships.

[Rotary District 7120 Youth Exchange](#)

- **All Youth Services:** RYLA - Oratorical Contest - Vocal Contest - Interact

[Welcome to Youth Services | District 7120](#)

Our District is always looking for members to engage at the District level. Please consider expanding your knowledge of Rotary and all of the opportunities to create an IMPACT on our world, on our community and within ourselves!

I appreciate each and every one of you and I am enjoying sharing this Rotary journey with you!

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

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Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner



Interact
Rotary Sponsored Club



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rotary
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RYLA



NOVEMBER IS



**ROTARY
FOUNDATION
MONTH**

"Much of the trouble in the world today is not so much the noise of the bad as it is the silence of the good."

Past RI President W. Jack Davis 1977-78

Rotary



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



Lisa Norwood Announced as District Governor 2026-2027

As Chair of the Nominating Committee, I am happy to announce the committee's choice for DGN for 2026-2027 is Lisa Norwood of the Rochester Southwest Club.



Lisa Norwood had been a Rotarian since 2006 when she was sponsored by the late Sue Costa to become a member of the Rochester Rotary Club. Within six months she began serving as Sergeant-At-Arms and joined the International Service Committee (ISC). It wasn't long before she became a member of the club's board of directors and chaired the ISC while jumping at any chance to participate in service projects and fellowship with other Rotarians.

With young children at home, Lisa began hosting international visitors through the Group Study Exchange Program, the Milt Matthews DGE Hospitality Program, and Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) as a way of expanding her children's exposure to the wider world. When they were old enough to be left at home, she began participating on outbound RFE teams herself, immensely enjoying her visits to Nova Scotia, the Lake District of England and Albuquerque, NM. She currently serves on the District RFE Committee where she is instrumental in identifying new districts with which to do RFEs.

During her 35-year career on the University of Rochester's River Campus, she had many opportunities to work with college-aged students. Therefore, it's not surprising that she was influential in restarting a Rotaract Club there in 2018 and helping the UR Engineers Without Borders chapter apply in 2014 for a District Simplified Grant with the Rochester Rotary Club and the Latino Rotary Club for a 3-year water purification project in the Dominican Republic.

In 2016, District 7120 undertook an initiative to develop new Rotary Clubs in underserved areas. One of those areas was southwest Rochester where Lisa lives and works. Excited to have a club in her backyard, she assisted Scottsville Rotarian Glenn Balch to get enough members to have the club chartered in January 2018. In 2020, she switched her membership to the Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest and served as its president for two years in 2021-2023 and is currently the club's secretary and membership chair. From 2017-2020, she also served as Assistant Governor for Area 14.

Lisa retired as Assistant Dean for the Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Rochester in 2021. She lives in the 19th Ward of the City of Rochester with her husband Wade, who is the CEO of Common Ground Health. Her now adult children include Rotarian Stephen Christopher who lives in Los Angeles, CA with his fiancée Eboni Robinson, and Julia who resides in Charlotte, NC. Lisa enjoys cycling, hiking, traveling, scrapbooking, reading and quilting.

The committee consisted of the following members, and I would like to thank each of them for serving this year:

Bill Gormont PDG
Ralph Brandt, PDG
Tom Rogers PDG
Scott MacDonnell, PDG
Jim Crane, DGN
Dick Dubois

Meg Huff
Chris McDonald
Vern Hecker
Anne Bastine
Julie Carney DG as Ex-Officio
Dave DeMers DGE as Ex-Officio

Submitted by Colleen Farley
Nominating Committee Chair

JOIN US
**EASTERN CITIES
FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION**

NOVEMBER 14 | 6:00 PM

THE STRONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY



**Stephanie
Urchick**

2023-2024 RI
President-Elect

Join us at the new and exciting Eastern Cities Fellowship Reception on Tuesday, November 14th at The Strong Museum of Play. 2023-2024 RI President-Elect, Stephanie Urchick will be giving a short presentation followed by games and fun!

We have limited tickets available at \$50. Your ticket includes free parking in The Strong parking garage, food stations, desserts and coffee, and a \$5 coupon for your next visit! We only have 300 spots available. Don't wait to get your tickets!



REGISTER NOW
ROCHESTERROTARY.ORG/ECFR23



ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

November is Rotary Foundation Month. The good that we as Rotarians do in the world is largely financed by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation are not included in your membership dues, so the work of the Foundation is dependent upon voluntary contributions. EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR is asked to donate a minimum of \$25 to the Foundation. I ask you to join your fellow Rotarians in this cause.

The Rotary Foundation is highly regarded as a 4-star charity by Charity Navigator. 91% of donations go directly to programs, a level rarely seen in 501c(3) organizations.

We are on the verge of eradicating Polio from planet earth. Be part of history and keep our promise to the children of the world!

Complete the form on the next page today and mail it or give it to your club Foundation Chair!



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION FORM

123-EN—(321)

Contributions can also be made at rotary.org/donate.

1. DONOR OF CONTRIBUTION

Type of Donor (Check one): ☐ Individual ☐ Rotary club ☐ Rotaract club ☐ District ☐ Business

☐ Charitable organization/Foundation ☐ Other

Name _____ Donor ID _____

Club Name _____ Club No. _____ District No. _____

Billing Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ Postal Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email Address _____

2. DESIGNATION/PURPOSE (Check one):

☐ Annual Fund — SHARE ☐ Annual Fund — World Fund ☐ PolioPlus ☐ Disaster Response
☐ Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene ☐ Maternal and Child Health ☐ Basic Education and Literacy ☐ Community Economic Development
☐ Environment ☐ Endowment - ☐ Global Grant # ☐ Other

3. CONTRIBUTION DETAILS

Amount of contribution _____ Currency _____

Type of Payment (Check one): For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions via email.

☐ Credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Diners Club ☐ JCB ☐ American Express

Make this a recurring contribution: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually (Select month) _____

Card Number

[illegible]

Expiration Date _____ CVN* _____

Name as it appears on credit card _____ Signature _____

☐ Check — Payable to "The Rotary Foundation." Check number _____

☐ **Wire transfer** Date initiated _____ (Please send completed contribution form as soon as possible after initiating a wire transfer.)

*The card verification number, or CVN, is a three-digit number that appears on the back of your credit or debit card; for AmEx, it is a four-digit number on the front of the card. It typically appears following the digits of your credit card number.

4. SHIPPING INFORMATION — Recognition materials only

If recognition materials from this contribution are requested for individual(s) other than donor, please complete the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Transfer Request Form.

Presentation Date _____ ☐ Please do **not** send recognition ☐ Please keep my gift anonymous

Send recognition to (Check one):

☐ Club President ☐ Other, record information below

Name _____ Address _____

City, State/Prov. _____ Country, Postal Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email Address _____

5. INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM (if other than donor)

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email Address _____ Date _____

Please send your completed form with contribution only once.

Data privacy is important to Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation (collectively, "Rotary") and the personal data shared with Rotary will only be used for official Rotary business to support Rotary's core business purposes. Personal data collected on this form is subject to Rotary's Privacy Policy found at my.rotary.org/en/privacy-policy.

Mail: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, USA (Canada: The Rotary Foundation (Canada) c/o 911600, P.O. Box 4090 STN A, Toronto, ON M5W 0E9, Canada). **Email:** rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org. For more information, or to make a contribution by phone: 1-866-9ROTARY (1-866-976-8279). Or contact the Rotary International office that serves your area. The contribution amount may not include the value of any goods or services given to an individual donor in consideration for this contribution.

DISTRICT COORDINATION LETTER 23-1

Subj: PROJECT COOKSTOVE II



ENVIRONMENT

1. **SITUATION.** In 2021, our district raised over \$25,000 to donate to Stove Team International to safe and environmentally friendly cook stoves for residents of Central America who have traditionally cooked over open fires which are dangerous, inefficient, and are contributing deforestation in the region. A single cook stove can be built for \$100 by local labor which contributes to the economy. See addendum note for information the Cook Stove Team This fall the district will conduct Project Cook Stove II to raise even more funds for this worthy endeavor.
2. **MISSION.** To have each district club donate a percentage of its fall fundraising profits to support Stove Team International to support its efforts in Central America.
3. **EXECUTION**
 - a. **Intent.** Each club has different capabilities. We ask each club to donate what it can support to the effort.
 - b. **Concept.** We ask that each club pledge its donation to the District Secretary by October 31st, 2023, and send a check for the pledged amount to the District Treasurer November 30th, 2023.
 - c. **Tasks**
 - (1) Individual Clubs. Report pledges to the District Secretary by October 31st and send donations to the district Treasurer by November 30th.
 - (2) District Secretary. Take reports from clubs and coordinate with the EAC Chair so that he can keep the District Governor updated.
 - (3) District Treasurer. Accept donations from various club treasurers and send Stove Team International a check for the total by December 15th 2023.
 - (4) District Environmental Committee (EAC) Chair. Provide the DG with biweekly updates so that she can share them with club presidents.
 - d. **Coordinating Instructions.** Questions regarding the project should be referred to the EAC Chair- Gary Anerson.
4. **LOGISTICS.** Individual clubs will decide what level of donation they can support according to their capabilities.
5. **COMMUNICATION**
 - a. District Governor. Julie Carney <juliecarney7120@gmail.com>
 - b. District Secretary. Leslie Vecchiotti <rotary7120execsec@gmail.com>
 - c. District Treasurer. Scott Healy <shealy6949@gmail.com>
 - d. District EAC Chair. gwa1948@aol.com, (571) 212-0483

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

Stove Teams facts

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

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

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

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

Strategic Planning Workshop

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

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

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

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

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

INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE:

COVID-19, INFLUENZA, and POLIO

June 6, 2023

PDG DAVE HANNAN



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT

COVID-19:

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

INFLUENZA:

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

POLIO:

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



Literacy Corner



As fall turns to winter and the holidays approach, the Little Free Library organization believes that every child deserves access to the magical world of books, regardless of their circumstances. As Rotarians, let's come together to ensure that no child is left behind in their pursuit of knowledge.

Imagine the joy of flipping through the pages of a new book, embarking on a journey to far off lands or discovering the wonders of science and history. Unfortunately, not every child has the privilege of having a library filled with books at their fingertips. Many kids, especially those from underserved communities, face the challenge of limited access to reading materials, hindering their educational development and stifling their dreams.

This holiday season, consider a gift to your community with the donation of a Little Free Library. Your club can partner with your school district, town government or individual residents to purchase and install a ready made library from the Little Free Library organization or perhaps you have a handy member who can build one. At [Little Free Library.org](http://LittleFreeLibrary.org), all the information you need is available with the click of a mouse including how to have a book drive and even how to maintain a library and the best locations. Consider this worthy project as a request for a district grant. You won't be disappointed.

Happy Holidays!

Submitted by Tracy Wooden
Greece



Multi-District PETS

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

SAVE THE DATES



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

Monday, Feb 5

Tues, Feb 13

Wed, Feb 21

Thurs, Feb 29

IN PERSON TRAINING WEEKEND

March 15-17, 2024

NEW LOCATION:
DOUBLETREE CARRIER CIRCLE, SYRACUSE

Find us on



Empire Multi-District PETS

www.rotaryempiremdpets.org

2024 District Golf Committee Chair & Host Club Needed

For the past four years, Tom & Laurie Vonglis and Kirk Vanderbilt have run successful District Golf Tournaments along with the help of their club, Avon Rotary. They have decided to step down as Co-chairs and the district is looking for new chairs for the District 7120 Golf Committee. The Avon Rotary club will share all of the documents they have that they used for the past four years and assist in the transition. Please consider this position for all the monies raised goes back to organizations the golf committee chooses. What a great way to raise money for worthy organizations.

If interested please contact District Governor Elect Dave DeMers at demers@gmail.com or 585-764-6648.





I have been asked by many in our District about what can be done to help with the devastation in Maui. The nine Rotary Clubs in Maui and Rotary District 5000, which encompasses all of Hawaii, have created a relief fund to help the island recover and rebuild from the deadly fires that have devastated Maui.

Individual Clubs or Rotarians may click the link or follow the QR code below to find out how to contribute and help those affected by the wildfires.

<https://www.paypal.com/donate/...>

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

Oratorical Contest
*Build Public
Speaking Skills
and Confidence*



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DISTRICT 7120



Oratorical/Music Competition

2023-2024

Sponsored by Rotary District 7120

In collaboration with twelve

Finger Lakes Universities

And 65 Regional Rotary Clubs

- Featuring both classical music and music theatre

Music: Open to all high school juniors

Oratorical: Open to all high school juniors, seniors

- Scholarships and cash awards

- Club Entry fee \$200 for each candidate

Application deadlines January 15, 25, 2024

Specific details and preliminary deadlines at www.Rotary7120.org

Don Collins

Oratorical Competition Chair

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Jack Best, PRID

Vocal Competition Chair

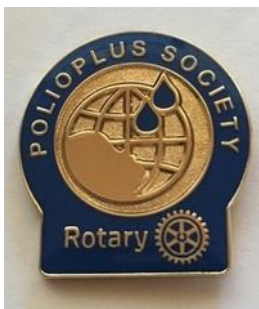
jackbest@rochester.rr.com

c/t: 585-261-0073



The diversity, equity and inclusion committee. We would like to recognize and say THANK YOU to all Rotarians veterans in our District 7120.

We appreciate your service to this country for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe. We are forever grateful to all those who serve.



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

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

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

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

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

By the numbers:

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

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



The Polio Plus Society

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

PolioPlus Society of District 7120

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

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

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

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

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

To make your tax-deductible donation go to my.rotary.org/donate and click on "Polio Fund". You can choose a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice (We suggest \$10/month as the "easy way" to become a PolioPlus Society member.) OR, you can mail your check to: **The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, USA along with the Contribution form that you can download here:**

https://rotary7750.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Rotary_Foundation_contribution_form.pdf

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

Club Name _____ District # _____

Please email **just this form (not your check)** 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!

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District 7120 Governor Elect **Hospitality Program**

January 12-19, 2024

Since 1969, District 7120 Rotarians have hosted 520 Governors Elect and their spouses from 43 countries worldwide. The program takes place during the week before the International Assembly. The idea for the program was conceived by PDG Milt Matthews and has been copied by many other districts throughout the United States.

Each Governor-Elect guest is assigned a Rotary host. The guests live with the hosts, see the local sites, join in on local activities and where possible attend club meetings. The guests will leave for the International Assembly with a bevy of new friends that will last a lifetime.

Please consider being a host for the upcoming District 7120 Governor Elect Hospitality Program. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet Rotarians from across the world and show them the many wonderful sites in Rotary District 7120. For more info contact:

Ann DeMers (Chairperson) anndemers21@gmail.com or 585-764-3274

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

<https://rb.gy/m5efuu>





Save the Date for the
2024 District Training Assembly

Saturday, April 13, 2024,

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Canandaigua Academy

Save the Date Dec. 16th!

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

Place a Wreath on the Grave of an American Hero.

When: Saturday, December 16, 2023. Noon

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

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

For any information contact Wanda:

wmartinezjohncox@gmail.com



Geneseo Rotary

District Governor Julie Carney attended the November 6th Geneseo Rotary meeting. She read the below letter, addressed to Art Hatton, that she received from R. Gordon McNally, President, Rotary International.

After reading the letter, DC Julie presented it to Art..
Submitted by Marilyn Lyon

Photo by John Lanpher, submitted by Heather Ferrero



30 October 2023

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Dear Art,

Congratulations on your 50 years of Rotary service. Your continued devotion to Rotary is an inspiration, and I hope your enthusiasm will inspire fellow members to care for each other as they would care for the people we serve.

Rotary's ability to create lasting change begins with the bonds we form with each other. Together, it is within our power to bring peace and soothe those afflicted by conflict, both in their communities and in themselves.

Active and engaged members like you make it possible to *Create Hope in the World*. Thank you for your dedication to the Rotary family and your commitment to service.

Warmest Regards,

R. Gordon R. McNally
President, Rotary International 2023-24

THE 2024 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

SINGAPORE | 25-29 MAY 2024

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

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

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



Register today at
convention.rotary.org



Be sure to mark your calendar for ROC the Day 2023

Rotary Camp Haccamo and other local charities have registered for "Giving Tuesday - ROC the Day" November 28

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement created in 2012. In Rochester and the Finger Lakes area it's called ROC the day where everyone can be a ROCstar and select Camp Haccamo to receive your Giving Tuesday gift. View our page at <https://roctheday.org/CampHaccamo>.



Also thanks to dozens of volunteers (pictured here) that showed up this past weekend to support Camp Haccamo and Sunshine's annual cleanup day in Rush, NY. Both camps benefited from the extra hands, especially when it came to raking leaves!

We know everyone has their own leaves to rake so we really appreciate the support!

Camp Haccamo is currently supported by 11 dedicated Rotary Clubs: Brighton, Fairport, Gates Chili, Honeoye Falls-Mendon,

Irondequoit, E-Club 7120, Penfield, Pittsford, Rush Henrietta, Spencerport, and Webster. Next year we turn 68 so please consider joining our cause. Learn more at www.camphaccamo.org or on Facebook at <https://www.camphaccamo.org>.



Rotary Camp Onseyawa 2023 - A Year To Remember!

Wow! What a year. It started with the news that we would lose our home. The Board of Directors gathered their team and went to work. They searched for a new home, found a new home, adjusted to a new home, moved into a new home, raised capital funds to support special camp projects, raised the operating funds, and brought all the camp staff and campers to a new home. What a great team effort! We have found a great new home. The two-week summer camp at Camp Whitman was a complete success. We give a big salute to the camp staff for delivering such a quality camp experience.

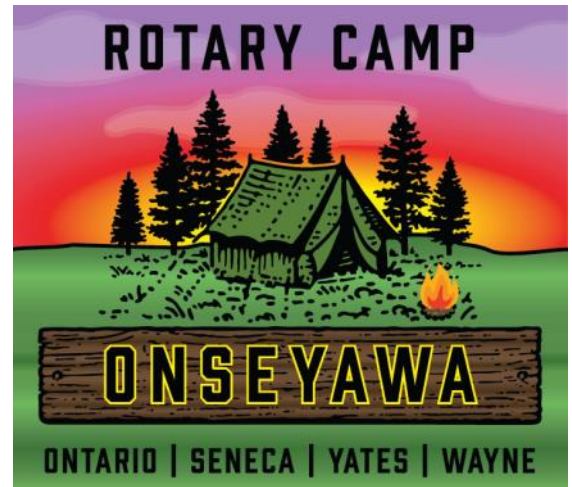
Running a summer camp is also a serious business. Yes, it takes courage to raise the funds, but many people support the mission. The good news is that the 2023 budget will be balanced, quite the accomplishment. To request any budget or endowment information, please do not hesitate to call.

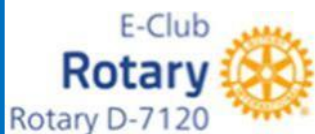
We sincerely thank the 21 Rotary Clubs who continue to see Camp Onseyawa as one of their major annual projects. Their program participation and financial support are irreplaceable. Our local communities continue to support fundraising events and major foundations see the camp as a solid program. There are so many people to thank.

Over \$62,000 for capital projects was raised. \$17,000 came from matching grants from the Rotary Foundation to help improve the camp facilities. To all those who contribute to this foundation, this is your success story.

The next move will be to find new funding resources to keep up with the rising cost. The Board has launched 4 sub committees to plan its future. Projects for the 2024 year are now in the planning stages. Thank you all for helping these special kids. May your club continue on a strong path serving our communities.

By Victor Arsenault 585-919-4186





E-CLUB OF DISTRICT 7120



ZOOM MEETINGS, 1st and 3rd Mondays

- **November 20: Empowering survivors of Human Trafficking**
 - Jordan Betts Sahr, [Miss Julie's School of Beauty](#)
- **December 4: The Rotary Foundation**
 - PDG Dave Hannan, District Chair
- **December 18: Bivona Child Sex Abuse Prevention Program**
 - Stephanie Szwejbka, Program Director

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82133007195?pwd=VkdPb3BrTDNIQVhNVGFra1UrTkxSUT09>

Want to Serve, but can't attend traditional Rotary meetings? **Leadership opportunities** are available for former Rotarians who are unable to meet traditional attendance requirements. **Needed also** are past Rotarians or interested professionals who can provide accounting, website help, data management and marketing assistance.

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- Youth-related programs
- District 7120 Camps for children and adults with special needs
- Any of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus

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Canandaigua Rotary Cleans Up Hi-Way

One may have seen people with bright vests, safety helmets and orange bags walking the trenches of route 5 & 20 East of Canandaigua. The helmets are obviously for protection and the bright safety vests are to increase visibility to the passing motorists so an accident doesn't happen. This gear is required by the State of NY along with a written release. Yes, it was some of those Canandaigua Rotarians and friends out there again. And, several passersby waved and/ or honked in appreciation of the great job they were doing.

Pictured below are Dr. Paul Harvey and Jeff Anthony working the trenches: However, it does look like Jeff's bag might be a little fuller, or maybe it was just the angle of the photographer.

Sent by Jack Kellogg



Webster Rotary

During the October 19th meeting of the Webster club, they welcomed Kevin Farrell from Genesee Land Trust.

Kevin is the Director of Conservation Programs and provided a wonderful program on the efforts of the land trust to preserve local habitats and connect people with nature.

In addition to a wonderful program, Kevin was presented a \$2,000 donation from the Webster club from their annual Robynpalooza Golf Tournament.

Sent by Joe Corona



Canandaigua Rotary Sponsors a Race for the Rest of Us

The Canandaigua Rotary Club held its Second 0.5 Race for the Rest of Us and coupled it with their annual Jackpot Drawing.

The 0.5 Race was more like a leisurely walk with a little drizzle this year through Kershaw Park at the North end of Canandaigua Lake. However the weather didn't dampen the sprits of the committee or the walkers. Fortunately, there were tables with tents at the end of the 0.5 Race at the NY Kitchens. There was even a band that played on and on.

Pictured at right is Sandra McGavern on the right with friends at her right.



The Annual Jackpot Drawing sold all of the tickets that were limited to 600 before the 'Race' where the winners were drawn at the end of the 0.5 Race. Thirty thousand dollars was raised, half of which will go toward the Club's projects and the other half was recently awarded to the ten Jackpot Drawing winners.

Pictured at right is Rotary Club President Nancy Stelnik with just two of the Jackpot winners Phil Esce and Kent Gilges. Yes, 1099's and NY's gaming requirements were met.

Sent by Jack Kellogg

STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT WINEGLASS MARATHON

Members of the Haverling Interact Club, sponsored by the Bath Rotary Club, and a couple of Hammondsport students and Haverling alumni helped support runners in the 2023 Wineglass Marathon on Sunday, October 1. They set up a water and Gatorade station, handed out drinks to the runners, and cheered on the marathoners as they passed the water station on Hubbell Street near TOPS grocery store in Bath.

"The students expressed that they really enjoyed watching the runners persevere and knowing that they were helping with the event," stated Mrs. Meagan Hill, Advisor of the Bath-Haverling Interact Club. "The kids noted that it took much time to mix the Gatorade, fill the cups to just the right amount, arrange the cups on the table, and have extras ready; however, cleanup happened very quickly because they had brought a couple of snow shovels to scoop up the empty cups discarded by the runners. All the students involved enjoyed the spirit of the crisp fall morning, cheering on the runners, and hearing the words of gratitude from the runners."

The Bath Rotary Club, the Bath-Haverling Central School District, the community of Bath, and the families of the Interactors can be most proud of these fine, young men and women.

Bath-Haverling Interact members et al. manned the first water station of the 2023 Wineglass Marathon.



Standing left to right are: Isaiyah Ali, Allison Elmore, Cady Hill, Nathan Yehl, Ethan Hursh, Keyaira Decker, and Grace Shaut.

Written by Elaine Tears

Picture by Meagan Hill

Gananda Rotary

As any Rotary club knows, there are lots of ways to raise funds to support our habit of giving.

Many of those fundraiser plans come down to asking for people to pay too much for something they didn't need anyway. It is certainly a traditional way to do things.

Often, we can manage to find a few people with deep pockets who are glad to support us financially.

Other fundraising activities just happen to work because we can provide something at a fair price to the we serve.

Our annual Haunted Hayride is a wonderful case in point.

Like many Rotary clubs, we are a tiny and aging group.

Unlike many Rotary clubs, our focus is not a city or a town but a small bedroom community wrapped around a K-12 public school system.

The students at our schools are the primary recipients of our service.

They are also the primary work force of our best fund raiser.

For nearly all of September and October we convert a hundred-year-old barn and a beautiful forest into the creepiest place in our community.

The Rotary members do all the background work and get it organized.

We also get lots of help from neighboring Rotary clubs and volunteers by other service-oriented people in the area.

The kids from the local high schools help with the initial set-up and staff most of the scenes that unfold as hay wagons full of people go through a very haunted barn and then get taken on a spooky ride through the woods.

This year our high school art department has offered to help design and build additional large scale props and decorations.

The kids love volunteering and are very excited and enthusiastic in developing their "scenes" and costumes. They become well versed in the concepts of "Jump Scare" vs "Unnerving", and just being out and out creepy.

Many of these same students are given scholarships out of the money they helped earn.

Many more of them come back after they have graduated from high school just so they can be a part of something that is such an integral part of our small community.

The best thing for us as Rotarians is that our biggest fundraiser is also the biggest and most iconic annual event in the area.

We intentionally keep the admission price low. Ten dollars wouldn't even get you to a movie right now.

In Gananda, it gets you to a live action show filled with fun, adventure and an evening outside your comfort zone.

The communities around pour in as well. Our record night has been over a thousand people. They tend to thank us again and again for such a wonderful experience.

It is an unusual mixture of community service, providing volunteer opportunities for our youth, and a giant fund raiser that helps us to "Do Rotary" as we feel Rotary needs to be done.



Submitted by John Harmer & Patti Holdraker

Victor Farmington Rotary

Victor Farmington Rotary group at D-7120 2023 Foundation Brunch at RIT Inn & Conference Center 11/5/23

L to R – DGN Jim Crane, Rotarians Judy Luitweiler, Karen Parkhurst, Nancy Loughlin, Kathy and Victor Arsenault and Dave Luitweiler

Sent by Dave Luitweiler



Chemung County Sunrise Rotary

On July 25th, 2023, the Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club along with the Arnot Health Foundation unveiled a Serenity Space at the Falck Cancer Center in Elmira, NY. Rotary commissioned Barbie Parsons, also known as Barbie the Welder (a master welder and sculpturist) to craft a 5 foot "Rising" Phoenix Sculpture, symbolizing rebirth and rising from the ashes. The space is a peaceful area for patients to relax while at the treatment center.

The serenity space is now open for patients and visitors to enjoy and was made possible by local Rotarian support and a District Simplified Grant.

Sent by Sandra Jessup



Barbie the Welder
receiving a Paul Harris
award.



Victor Farmington Rotary

Sueann Townsend, Executive Director of the Fort Hill Performing Arts Center, recently spoke to the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club on the cultural and artistic programs presented by her organization in an historical landmark in Canandaigua.

In 1907 Canandaigua Academy occupied a new building located on north Main Street in the city. In 1928 an addition was added to the building in the form of a high school auditorium. Subsequently the building would be vacated when the academy moved to a new location.

Sueann traced the history of what happened to the vacated building. The original building now houses apartments. The former auditorium has been totally renovated and now is the home for the Fort Hill Performing Arts program. The former auditorium highlights the 427 seat Sands-Constellation Theater. The theater has been restored to a 1920's era decor and fills a niche, the need for a midsize performance space for a variety of music, dance, and theater groups in the area.

It originally planned to be in operation in 2020 but had to suspend operations due to the covid situation. It now provides a venue for diverse performances and programs that enrich arts, music, and cultural programs in the Finger Lakes area.

Sent by Dave Luitweiler



Bloomfield Rotary

The Bloomfield Rotary Club achieved 100% Paul Harris status on October 28, 2023, with the awarding of Paul Harris pins to Matt Steele, Sharon Nardi, Tom Morrissey, Amy Moreau, Marce Chavez, Kim Brewer, and Lydia Archer.

Sent by PDG Ralph Brandt



THE HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY CLUB INDUCTS NEW MEMBER



Not only did the HLRC have a fun time at our community service fundraiser we conducted some business work as well. Our newest member has conflicts with our meeting schedule so we needed to work out an appropriate time to induct him to our club. Jason Leone has joined us as we have conducted fundraisers and enjoyed the fellowship of some of our projects so we managed to work his induction to the club during our Rotary Road Rally.

Jason was sponsored by his mom, Linda Zukaitis, and was welcomed to the HLRC after the RRR concluded and we were celebrating with a late lunch at the Birdhouse Brewery. President Gary Hubble did the honors and Jason was excited to finally receive his membership credentials. It was also special to include non-Rotarians in this occasion as they enjoyed our ceremony.

Welcome, Jason, and the HLRC appreciates your support and hard work as a club member!

Sent by Jeanne Hamele

Geneseo Rotary

The Geneseo Rotary Club honored Art Hatton at its October 30th lunch meeting for his 50 years as a club member.



President Heather Ferrero and Art Hatton
Two photos by Mike Kolberg, sent by Heather Ferrero

He joined the club in November of 1973.

Art was Club President in 1982.

In 1989 he became a Paul Harris Fellow and is presently a Paul Harris+2.

He was honored with a Rotarian of the Year Award in 1986, and was the recipient of the club's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.

The celebration included cakes for dessert.

Art was presented with a clock in honor of his Rotary Anniversary.

As DG Julie Carney was unable to attend, AG Peter Vogt (Dansville Rotary) was in attendance.

Submitted by Marilyn Lyon



Art Hatton

50 Years of Dedicated Service Above Self.
1973-2023

Photo sent by Art Hatton



Books for the World Western New York Shipment

On the 19th of October a truckload of books was shipped to Houston, Texas and from there on to areas of the world in need of books. This shipment consisted of 28 pallets of books with 24 boxes per pallet. This equates to 672 boxes containing an estimated 12,500 books with an estimated value of \$40,000. Cost of shipping and supplies was \$4900.

There were

- 4 pallets of Primary Textbooks
- 8 pallets of Children's Library books
- 11 pallets of Secondary Textbooks
- 5 pallets of Adult Library books

These books came from Brighton, Canandaigua, Fairport, Gates Chili, Odessa-Montour, Watkins Glen
Penfield, Rochester, Pittsford, Newark, Wolcott/Lyons, Honeoye Lake and Honeoye Falls/Mendon. Also receive books for local libraries and individuals.

If your club is not mentioned, it would be good to know what your schools do with their books when they are discarded. Sent by Robert Hunt
Contact info:

rhunt356.rh@gmail.com 585-414-7053



Honeoye Lake Rotary

Trunk or Treat

(or should it be "Truck or Treat"?)

One of our October community service projects involved fun for both kids and adults. The HLRC participated in the PTA's "Trunk or Treat" festivities at the HCS parking lot. We were one of many who offered a fun time to our little ones but also found that the adults who joined them had a fun time as well. (And so did our Rotarian hosts!)

Thanks to all the Rotarians who helped at all our October events/projects making sure the community had something to do. Many are looking forward to our next adventures.

Sent by Jeanne Hamele



Chemung County Sunrise Rotary

Our club president, Kristie Crossley, attended the 4H auction in August at the Chemung County Fairgrounds. She was able to purchase a hog and some chickens at the auction. Once the meat was dressed, it was donated to The Transformation Center, the Community Kitchen and Meals on Wheels. Her thoughtful participation in this auction enabled our club to support not only our 4H youth but we were able to support three organizations that feed our community!

Sent by Sandra Jessup

His Haven
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That's "some pig"! (for all you Charlotte's Web fans out there!) THANK YOU Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club! It is donations like this and all the other generous donations from community friends that help His Haven continue to serve the community in such a tremendous way! THANK YOU! www.hishaven.org



RRR Registration Team

Honeoye Lake Rotary 4th Annual Road Rally

October found the HLRC busy with a few community service projects and lots of fun. Projects appropriately entertained adults and kids. Rotarians enjoyed hosting and sharing with all who joined in each day's activities.

We began with our 4th Annual Rotary Road Rally which took place on October 15th. We had a good turnout, made a few dollars and shared a fun fall afternoon with the public. Thanks to our registration staff for keeping things under control while cars were exploring the surrounding areas and getting answers to some interesting questions.

Thanks too, to our participants who were all smiles upon their return from the drive and who all expressed the desire to participate in our next rally. Our 5th annual drive will be held in May so we can see the blooms and colors of spring.

Lunch was a good fellowship time and we then proceeded to play some euchre. Weather cooperated and overall our day was a good success.

Sent by Jeanne Hamele

Spencerport Rotary



HALLOWEEN FOR THE KIDS

There were two opportunities for children to safely go Trick or Treating:

- **Trunk and Treat** – The event was held at the Homesteads for Hope - a Community Farm that empowers people of all abilities to learn, work, live, and grow in nature's classroom. Dozens of children enjoyed the festivities. Spencerport Rotary set up with a trunk filled with candy and books to give away.

Rotarians pictured: Laura and Stu McFarlane, Lisa Tucker, President Ann DeMers, Simon Devenish.



- **Village Trick or Treat** – The event was held throughout the village with non-profits and businesses setting up and giving away all sorts of treats. Spencerport Rotary gave away over 500 Halloween themed pencils with a variety of “scary” erasers.

Rotarians pictured: Kathy Magin, President Ann DeMers, DGE Dave DeMers.

Sent by Colleen Farley



Geneseo Rotary Student of the Month

At its October 23 meeting, Geneseo Rotary President Heather Ferrero presented a certificate to its Student of the Month, Liam Harvey

Left to Right: Heather Ferrero, Liam Harvey, Mr. Salatel, MS/HS Principal.



Photo by Cindy Flowers, Geneseo Central School Superintendent

Watkins-Montour Rotary

The Watkins-Montour Rotary Club was 'doggin' it' once again at this year's Wine Country Circuit Dog Show, held at Sampson State Park September 28th - October 1st. Unofficially referred to within the Club as 'Doggie Doo', the event is one of our biggest fundraisers - with members setting up/ taking down fencing, directing traffic, and keeping the grounds sparkling clean over the course of a 5-day span.

We were Blessed by absolutely gorgeous weather at this year's event, and as always, it was wonderful to engage with so many pooches and their owners from all over the country!

Sent by Emily Peckham



Rush Henrietta Rotary

Rush Henrietta Rotary will be holding their annual auction from November 7-14. Many items to bid on to support the projects that our club participates in. The link will be live on November 7th! Happy bidding!

go.rotary7120gives.org

Rush Henrietta Rotary Pre-Holiday Auction 2023

Submitted by Janet Walker

Avon Rotary

October 3: We had the privilege of welcoming retired Avon teacher and wrestling coach, Dick Fisher, to share his expertise on the fascinating world of Wells barns in Livingston County. These architectural wonders have shaped our local heritage, offering ingenious solutions for storage, animal care, and hay transportation, all while standing strong against fierce winds.

But what made this presentation truly special was Dick's unwavering passion, infectious excitement, and timeless humor. Just like in his classroom, he captivated us all with his dedication to teaching.

Throughout his career, Dick touched the lives of countless students and student-athletes. Some of them surprised him after the presentation, expressing their gratitude for the profound impact he had on them.

For his enduring passion, the friendships he forged, his influence on students, and his service to the Avon and Caledonia communities, Dick Fisher was honored with a well-deserved Paul Harris Fellow award. Thank you, Dick, for your commitment to education and your inspiring presence in our community!

Submitted by Mike Ford via social media

Photo below: President Mike Ford and Dick Fisher



Spencerport Rotary

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

Again this year, members of the Spencerport Rotary Club, through a partnership with the American Legion, generously supported sending Santa Stockings to veterans. The donations filled 30 stockings and even supplied enough snacks and food items to fill another 10 stockings. The club also donated \$200 worth of gift cards to be placed in the Christmas baskets at the Bethesda Hospital Christmas party.

Sent by Colleen Farley



Fairport Rotary Inducts Two Community Members as Paul Harris Fellows

The Fairport Rotary Club proudly presented a Paul Harris Fellow to each of two non-Rotarian community business people at a luncheon on November 6 at the Wine and Cheese Bar in Fairport. Brandon Wiggins and Lisa Wiggins, owners of Amazing Grains, were each recognized with the Paul Harris Fellow, which is the Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its deepest appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian, educational, and many other programs. This designation is a tribute to people whose lives demonstrate a shared purpose with the objectives of The Rotary Foundation.

Brandon and Lisa have been recognized with this special expression of appreciation from our entire club. Their support of our major fundraising events, like our annual Savor the Flavor and our recently completed annual Make A Difference Day Pasta Dinner, helps us to further the Foundation, and to carry out many charitable programs as we strive to make the world a better place.



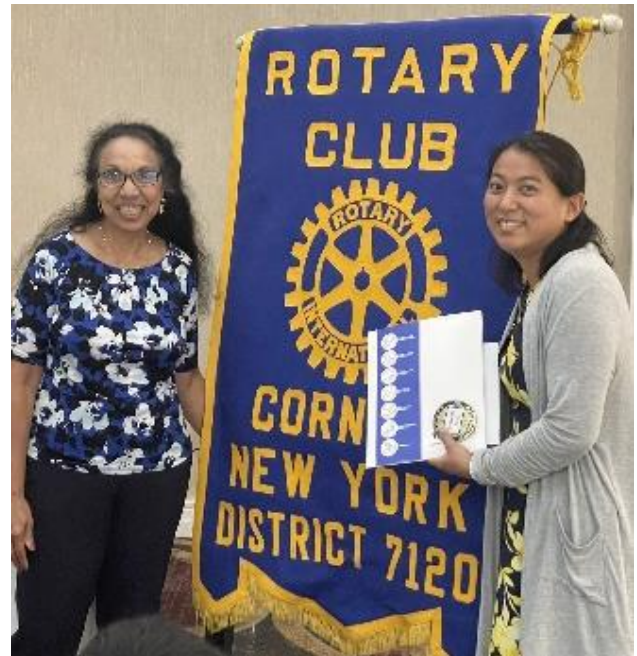
Brandon was born and raised in Fairport and has had many different food industry business connections for most of his life. He and Lisa met in 2011 and now live in Ontario New York, and have three boys. If you live in Rochester, you most like know, tasted, bought and/or been served salty bread at a local restaurant. Brandon and Lisa are the original creators of salty bread and make over 800 loaves on any given Saturday, going through 6,000 pounds of flour in a week.

We congratulate them and offer our sincere thanks, for their commitment to our common goals of world understanding and peace.

Submitted by Tom Weldgen

Corning Inducts New Member

At the October 19th meeting of Corning Rotary, Yumiko Akiba welcomed new member, Rugmani Kutty, to the club. Mani is originally from India and now lives in Corning with her family. Mani holds a master's degree in Mathematics from an Indian University and a master's degree in Computer Science from the State University of New York (SUNY) in Binghamton. She has worked in various aerospace and rail industries in the United States. Currently, she is working as a Principal Systems Engineer for Elbit Systems of America, an aerospace company in Texas. Mani is actively involved with many nonprofit organizations in the Southern Tier including Southern Tier India Cultural Association (STICA), Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition (STIC), and Bhakti Marga (Spiritual organization). She has held multiple board member positions on the STICA Board including membership chair and entertainment chair for several years. She loves to interact with people through networking and volunteering. In addition, Mani organizes and performs in various Indian classical dances, Bollywood dances, and folk dances in the community. Mani has been looking forward to joining the Rotary Club to participate in local and international volunteer opportunities. She has already served at the Scripps Spelling Bee and the International Fashion Show.



Sent by Jan Harvey

Pal-Mac Rotary Club

On Wednesday, October 18, we welcomed District Governor Julie Carnie. Julie shared RI President, Gordon McInally's theme for 2023-2024 "Create HOPE in the World." The initiative this year is to break the stigma of mental health, and get people talking about the importance of this critical issue. HOPE is needed in our communities around this. Julie shared her personal story and how HOPE has impacted her throughout life.

Julie asked us to continue to change the conversation from "how are you?" to "how are you, REALLY?" She challenged us to really listen to people in our communities, including neighbors, club members, friends and family.

It was an evening of inspiration and great fellowship.

Submitted by Deb Lemoyne and Jeff Crawford.
Photos by Jeanna Skinner.



DG Julie with Co-Presidents Debbie LeMoyne and Dianne Sloan



Julie speaking.

Penfield Rotary Braves the Snow and Sleet for Some Charity Apple Picking!

On November 1st, the Penfield Rotary Club continued its annual tradition of picking apples at Wickham Farms after the harvest season. Despite the chilly and snowy weather, the club members managed to fill up six crates of apples in four hours. The apples will be donated to ten area food pantries, like Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf, which provides food assistance to local residents in need.

Big thanks to our volunteers that came out that day and made our service event a great success. And thanks to Wickham Farms. If it wasn't for their generosity, we couldn't have this great event.

The club also invites anyone who is interested in learning more about its activities and projects to visit its website (<https://penfieldrotary.org/>) or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PenfieldRotary>) to learn more. Please reach out if you have an idea or project we can work together on.



Submitted by Neal Gorman

Penfield Rotary Club Euchre Tournament Raises \$4,000 for Charity

The Penfield Rotary Club held its Fall Euchre Tournament on 10/28 and it was a huge success raising about \$4,000 (the tally is not yet final as of this printing). These dollars will support the club's scholarships and community giving projects. This comes on the heels of a similarly successful Spring tournament which also raised about \$4,000. We are very excited about these results and we'll be hosting another one next Spring. Big thanks to our primary tournament sponsor Family First Credit Union and our host Baywinde. We also had a number of round sponsors that we want to thank, many of which are Rotary members themselves: Jerry Christopher and State Farm Insurance, Laurie Dietrich and Hunt Real Estate, Dennis Shew and Empire Realty Group, Vicky James and Medicare Easy Advisors, Neal Gorman and NRG Communications.

The Penfield Rotary Club thanks all the players and donors who generously contributed to the success of the euchre tournament. Attendees brought in more than 800 pounds of food that was donated to the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf and volunteers donated 15 gift baskets!

The club also invites anyone who is interested in learning more about its activities and projects to visit its website (<https://penfieldrotary.org/>) or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PenfieldRotary>) to learn more. Please reach out if you have an idea or project we can work together on.



Submitted by Neal Gorman

Victor – Farmington Rotary Club

Victor School System Work Based Learning Program

A recent meeting of the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club featured a presentation by Sue Utz, the faculty advisor for the Work Based Learning Program (WBL) at Victor Senior High School. The mission statement of the VCS defines the district's goals: To Teach, To Learn, To Support, To Improve, To Achieve! WBL is the umbrella term used to identify activities which collaboratively engage employers and schools in providing structured learning experiences for students.

These experiences focus on assisting students develop broad, transferable skills for postsecondary education and the workplace. Sue explained that the pioneering program concentrates on senior high school students (9-12). The students are encouraged to engage in the WBL program and learn valuable work skills that will serve them well in a future career. This is accomplished by a combination of study programs, internships, part-time-employment, and interaction with people who are engaged in a field of employment that mirrors the student's interest. In her address to the club, she was assisted by Victor Senior High School Principal Brian Siesto who explained the support system the school provides to the program. The superintendent of the Victor Central Schools, Dr. Tim Terranova (V-F Rotary member), introduced the speakers.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



L to R - Dr. Tim Terranova, Supt – VCS; VCS Sr. HS Principal Brian Siesto; VCS Faculty Advisor Sue Utz; V-F Rotary Pres. Sara Visingard

Naples Rotary WORLD POLIO DAY...OCTOBER 24, 2023

On Tuesday Evening, October 24th, several Naples Rotarians and Rotarians from Canandaigua, Newark, and Avon gathered at Brew and Brats to observe this annual day. Why is October 24th a day of celebration particularly for Rotarians throughout the world? This is a time to celebrate how Rotary has been so powerfully influential in the eradication of Polio worldwide, and with only a few cases having been reported, we are close to putting an end to this dreaded (childhood) disease!

We welcomed Guests DG Julie Carney, Jim Carney, Dr. Dave Hannon, Kim Tenreiro, Mary Green, Doug Merrill, Gareth Evans, Doug Doebler, and Judi Garenflo.

We viewed and listened to Opening Remarks by Ingrid Neitch, who spoke of the power of Rotary, combining advocacy, initiative, and collaboration to "End Polio Now"!

Barry, a Trustee, spoke of the arduous efforts that have been made in striking out Polio in the countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Efforts have been made to inoculate every child possible in actually going from house to house. In Pakistan, 44 million children have been immunized! In Afghanistan, there is more of a challenge, but the health workers have been recognized as heroes for the work they are doing! Groups such as the CDC, WHO, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have pooled their efforts to work towards Polio eradication.

A woman by the name of Brenda, who has served many key roles in the Rotary Foundation, spoke next. "We must keep our promise to the children of the world!" Brenda prompted, as she focused on Rotary's efforts to end Polio. She shared a story written by her Grand Nephew, Micah, that put everything in perspective!

We viewed a video by Past RI President, Jennifer Jones, whose nine days in Pakistan moved her greatly. She added that a focus on nutrition is necessary for these at-risk youngsters, as well.

Brenda and Barry closed in saying that we can reach this impossible dream because we are Rotarians, People of Action!

Kim, who filled in for Janet this evening, talked about the Polio Plus Society, and he had forms available for those interested.

Dr. David Hannon spoke of how the eradication of Polio has been a signature project for the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International since 1985. This is a meaningful, focused, and achievable goal, and it certainly helps to "Create Hope in the World"! Dave talked about the progress that has been made over the years in working to end Polio, and the ways that Public Health Infrastructure can be maintained, such as valuing strong health systems and scientific knowledge. In the hopes of raising \$1500, per club, each year, Dr. Dave ended by saying that we can keep our promise to the children of the world! –

Article by Patrice Lysell, Club Secretary

Submitted by John French

Dansville Rotary's Interact Club

The Dansville Rotary's Interact Club at the high school met recently to plan for fall & winter events. Students will assist with Rotary's annual free Thanksgiving dinner prep & delivery taking place November 23rd. The Interact Club's big project is a hat-&-mitten Drive & Giveaway during the annual _Winter in the Village_ event December 2nd.

Front row (L to R), advisor Mrs. Folts, Ketsia Corbett;

2nd row, (L to R) Ella Frazer, Miriam Corbett, Olivia Levee, and Brianne Hulburt.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Cal-Mum Rotary

Cal-Mum Rotary welcomed Adrienne Johnston into membership on October 18, 2023. Adrienne is a life-long Cal-Mum resident and works for Meyers RV. Rotary service runs in Adrienne's family, as her mother and grandparents are past Cal-Mum Rotary Club members.



Chris Wood, sponsor and
Adrienne Johnston



Community members Turning the
Town Green for Operation Green Light
Green Light

In the months of October and November, Cal-Mum Rotary Club helped support Operation Green Light. Operation Green Light seeks to light up communities (businesses, public and residential buildings) from

mid-October until Veterans Day, November 11, 2023 with green lights to show local veterans that they are appreciated and cared for in our community. Cal-Mum Rotary distributed free green light bulbs

at the American Legion Post in Caledonia.

Vicky Vorhauer



Green Light Distribution: Carol & Dan
Cole, Jay Ward

Perry Rotary Club

Perry Rotary Club welcomed three new members in October and past president Jeff Fitch led the inductions for Sean Valdes of Tompkins Community Bank, Stacey Jaggard of Philips Pharma Solutions and Brandon Allers of Creekside Publishing. Valdes, also owner of the Depot Restaurant in LeRoy, was presented a Paul Harris Fellow from his work with Rotary there. All three were ready volunteers for the Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show & Sale in October and on stage in skits at Perry Rotary's 91st variety show, "Winning with Rotary." At this show, club president Mike Fitch presented the first Heilbronner Pride in Perry civic service award of \$2,500 to Perry Garden Club. The show had its usual cast of characters that have become fan favorites. The club was also graced with the attendance by DG Julie Carney and husband and other District 7120 leaders. In October, the community debuted its giant mural by artist Shawn Dunwoody of Rochester, a project funded in part by Perry Rotary. PPs Jeff Fitch and Hans Kunze distributed dictionaries to area third graders, as the club has done since 2003. The club presented its annual \$1K enrichment grants to four schools whose superintendents were luncheon guests in September and donated funds for a generator that will enable a local church to be a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. PP Devon Kelly received his first Paul Harris award as his father, past Rotary and PH Fellow, looked on last month. It has been a busy fall filled with fun! -

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm,
club secretary



New to Rotary,
from left, Sean Valdes, Brandon Allers,
Stacey Jaggard and PP Jeff Fitch.



PP Jeff Fitch, Christine Kelly, PP Mike
Kelly, PP Devon Kelly, his wife, Dr. Pilar
McKay at Devon's Paul Harris award
presentation.

Geneva Rotary

Geneva Rotary invited club members to come in costume for its Oct. 25 meeting and several got in the Halloween spirit.

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Philip G. Beckley





Obituary



Dansville- Floyd D. Sick 62, passed away Friday October 20, 2023, at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester following an accident at his home. He was born in Dansville on February 24, 1961, a son of the late Frederick and Irene (Weart) Sick. He was also predeceased by his brother Paul Sick, a sister-in-law Vicki Councilman. On September 23, 1989, he was married to Shelly Councilman Sick and they raised their children Josh and Hailey in his home town of Dansville. Floyd worked many jobs throughout his life, most recently he was the Transportation Supervisor for the Dansville Central School System. He loved working for the school and the people who worked there, but the job he most cherished was working for the Shay family at Main Tire in Dansville. Floyd was community minded and served many years with organizations that will truly miss his commitment to service, including the Dansville Rotary Club 41 years, the Dansville Fire Department 31 years, Dansville Ambulance

EMT 11 years with volunteer service for many more, Dansville Youth Softball League Dansville Little League and Dansville Wildcats Basketball. He was also currently a Trustee and Vice Mayor for the Village of Dansville. Surviving in addition to his devoted wife Shelly, and his children, Joshua Sick and Hailey (Michael) Snyder both of Dansville, Kellee (Jonathon) Wolowitz of Rochester, grandsons, Carter and Matthew Wolowitz and the light of his life Nolan Snyder; a sister Joyce (Carlton) Osborn, sister in laws Donna Sick and Pam (Mick) Pragle, mother in-law Doris Councilman, brother in law Mike (Leslee) Councilman, two dear friends who became like brothers, Terry (Robin) Muchler and Gene (Nancy) Jackson. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Friends may call Wednesday October 25 from 2 to 6 pm at the Dansville Foursquare Church where services will be held at 6:00 pm. Interment will be private in Greenmount Cemetery Dansville. Arrangements are by the Hindle Funeral Home, Inc., 271 Main St. Dansville. Online remembrances may be left at HindleFuneralHome.com. The family requests the courtesy of no flowers. Floyd would want to help his community in having memorials in his memory be made to the Dansville Community Center of a local volunteer organizations that directly helps people.

Note

Members of the community are reeling following the sudden loss of a friend and fellow Rotarian this past week.

I am sending the obituary for Floyd Sick who was a past president of our club 1992-93. He certainly lived a life "Service above self."

Teresa Dearing

DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

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

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

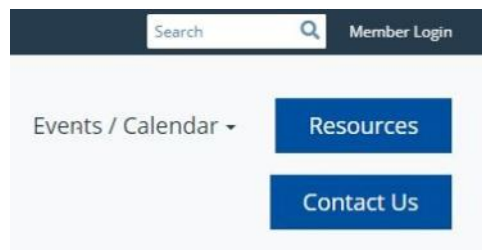
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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

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

Club Calendar Submission Form

Complete it and click the submit button.



SAVE THE DATE
THE STRONG FOR COCKTAILS
ROTARY PRESIDENT ELECT - STEPHANIE URCHICK
OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ROTARY'S IMPACT ON THE WORLD
NIGHT OF FUN AND ROTARY FELLOWSHIP
GAMES AND MORE

Join us on November 14th for the new and exciting Eastern Cities Fellowship Reception at the Strong Museum of Play. Tickets will be going on sale October 1st at Rochesterrotary.org - limited amount available.



2024 SaveAround Rochester Coupon Books - only \$25 each!

COUPON BOOK
FREE Shipping +
(99 cents
processing fee)

for Sale by the
Rochester Deaf
Rotary
Club



The coupon book cover features the title "SaveAround ROCHESTER" in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says "Everyday Savings From:" followed by logos for Dick's Sporting Goods, Tully's, Jersey Mike's, Burger King, Byrne Dairy & Deli, Clubhouse, BJ's, Costco Wholesale, and Valvoline. To the right of the logos is a photograph of the Rochester skyline with a bridge over a river. Above the photo, it says "SHOP, SAVE, & SUPPORT LOCAL!". At the bottom left, there is a QR code and text about scanning it with a smartphone. At the bottom right, there is a red circular badge that says "\$25 More than 15,000 in savings!".

Order Yours Today!

Order your books online: <http://www.supportourgrouops.com/GN/17252>

Or contact: Michele Randall mich14559@yahoo.com and John Haynes jhaynes28@gmail.com.

Please continue to support the Rochester Deaf and hearing communities, along with many worldwide projects, by purchasing the 2024 Rochester SaveAround Coupon Book, for only \$25!

Use it once or twice, and you've already saved the cost of the book! There are many excellent coupons inside, featuring restaurants, golf, entertainment, services, recreation, and more!

Rochester Deaf Rotary is the only Deaf Rotary Club, and we support many organizations.

Sponsorship of RSD students' annual educational trip abroad.

Donated to Challenger Miracle Field of Greater Rochester, Webster, NY, supporting their fully accessible ball field and playground.

Sent school supplies to Guam to support their Deaf school.

A matching grant for 50 children in Turkey to receive hearing tests and hearing aids.

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

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

Contributed to Rotary International to support their efforts on projects, including: Polio Eradication, Safe Water, Literacy, and more.

All proceeds will be used for our various community service projects. Thank you!

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

SCAN ME!



Greece Rotary 2nd Annual

CASINO Night

Join us for an evening of gaming, delicious food, raffles, and silent auctions.

*Limited
Tickets*

**\$85 pp includes \$500 in
gaming tokens and
grazing stations.
Cash bar available.**

5:30
Registration
6:00-9:00 Event

11/11/2023

Ridgemont Country Club
3717 W. Ridge Road 14626

Visit Greecerotary.org to
purchase tickets or become a
sponsor.



Royal Flush \$ 3,000

****SOLD Bartolomeo and Perotto Funeral Home**

- Placement on separate event board
- 6 tickets to the event
- Featured on sponsorship board at registration table and bar

Straight Flush \$1,250.00

****SOLD Farrell-Ryan Funeral Home**

- Prominent placement on event banner
- 4 tickets to the event
- Naming rights to a gaming table
- Featured on sponsorship board at registration table and bar

Four of a Kind \$1,000.00

****SOLD Thomas Fence Company**

- Prominent placement on event banner
- 2 tickets to the event
- Naming rights on the bar
- Featured on sponsorship board at registration table and bar

Flush \$750.00

****SOLD Christie Carpets**

- Sole naming rights to the registration table
- Prominent placement on event banner
- 2 tickets to the event
- Featured on sponsorship board at registration table and bar

Straight: Gaming and Cocktail Table Sponsor \$500.00

- Includes sole sponsorship of a gaming table and cocktail table for the evening and listing on the sponsorship boards
- **6 tickets to the event

Two of a Kind \$100.00

- Featured on sponsorship board at the registration table

All sponsors will be digitally displayed during the event and acknowledged by the MC throughout the event.

**Visit greecerotary.org
to register for sponsorship and purchase your
tickets to the event.**

A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Carol

PRESENTING

Mr. Kim Tenreiro performing
Charles Dickens' classic tale of
reclamation and salvation.

A dramatic one-man performance that
brings to life over 30 characters
during the show.

Mature audiences suggested

All proceeds from the performance
are donated to a variety of
local charities.

In the spirit of keeping Christmas well.

Rotary Club of Watkins-Montour presents A Christmas Carol

Proceeds to benefit

Schuyler County SAFE and

MR Hess Homeworks - Suicide awareness and prevention

Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 2:00pm

Prologue Starts at 1:15pm, recommended for ages 11 and above.

First Presbyterian Church, 520 N. Decatur St., Watkins Glen

Suggested Donation \$10 at the door

For info or tickets, contact

nkloughlin@gmail.com or 2nwoodworthshaw@gmail.com

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club presents

BREAKFAST With Santa



SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 2023
8 AM to 11AM

SCAN ME!



@ RRCD, 1564 Lyell Ave, Rochester, NY 14606

Signing SANTA will be there!

\$10 per person in advance
\$12 per person at the door
(Under 10 years old FREE)

(Checks accepted- payable to Rochester Deaf Rotary Club-
postmarked by 11/25/23 & must be received by 12/1/23)

MENU:

**Pancakes, Sausages,
Eggs, Juice & Coffee**

CRAFTS, BAKED FOOD SALE & HOLIDAY FUN FOR ALL!

Proceeds will support Rochester School for the Deaf
Travel Abroad Program 2024 Fund

For more info: **Contact KAREN BEITER**
kjbndp@rit.edu

Rochester Deaf
Rotary
Club



www.deafrotary.org

Rochester Deaf Rotary, PO Box 18465, Rochester NY 14618



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100 % of the ticket price to benefit local projects of the

Dansville Rotary Club

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 2:30 pm

(optional prologue starts at 1:45. Recommended for ages 13 and above)

Dansville High School Auditorium

Tickets: \$10 - To purchase visit Dogwood Floral, Rushbottom Heights Salon, Millcreek Optical, or see any Dansville Rotarian

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

November 2023

November 14 Eastern Cities Fellowship
Reception, Strong Museum of Play

January 2024

January 15 Oratorical Contest Deadline

January 24 Vocal Contest Deadline

February 2024

February 1 Club Newsletter/Bulletin Contest
deadline

February 5, 13, 21, 29. Pre-PETS on Zoom

March 2024

March 15-17. PETS In Person, Syracuse,

March 28 Club Achievement Award Deadline

April 2024

April 16 Club Website and Club Facebook Page
Award Deadline

April 26-28 District Conference

~~ Saratoga Springs ~~

Upcoming CLUB Events

November 2023

November 11 Greece Rotary Casino Night

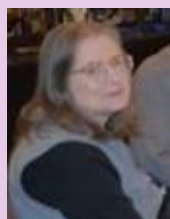
November 11 Geneseo Rotary Pints for Polio
Wadsworth Grill, 3902 Main Street, Wadsworth

November 26 Watkins-Montour Rotary
A Christmas Carol, 2 pm

November 30 RPO Holiday Concert
Canandaigua Academy, 7pm—9pm

December 2023

December 2 Rochester Deaf Rotary
Breakfast with Santa 8am.—11am



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