



Rotary International - District 7120



Rotary
District 7120



September 2023

Julie M. Carney, District Governor

Issue 3



Wow, we are already into September. The kids are back to school, the weather here in New York is unpredictable as always. The air starts cool, then we get a heat wave, I hate to even guess what the end of the month will be like. Speaking of the kids getting back to school, September is Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, a perfect time for our clubs to be reaching out to the schools and partnering with them on programs that support their needs and align with our efforts. Literacy, of course, is not just a goal for children, but for adults too in our community lacking that vital skill. Does your club have a program geared towards helping adults reach their ability to read? Be sure to share it with all of us in the district in next month's Grapevine. The gift of reading opens countless doors and opportunities that will change that person's life and the lives of those around them or that depend on them. Teaching one to read creates hope in their lives.

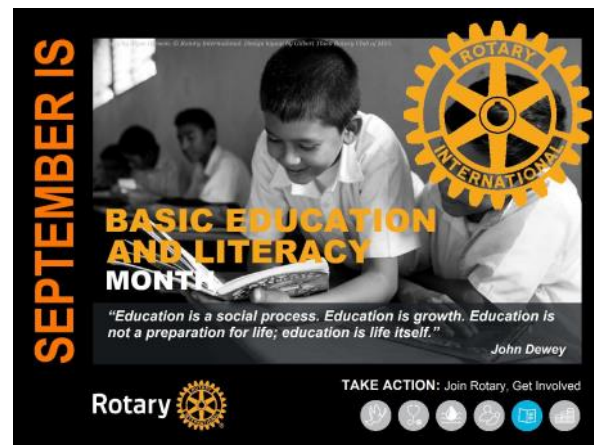
Since July 10th, I have had the pleasure of visiting 53 of our 69 clubs in the district, sharing International President Gordon's message of **Create hope in the World** while also sharing why his message resonates with me and why I feel it's so important. If I have not been to your club yet, check your schedule, because I will be there soon and would love to see you. Speaking of Gordon, one of his major initiatives this year is to break the stigma around mental health. This month is also National Suicide Prevention Month, so remember that people struggle, people need help but are afraid to ask for help. Remember that if you are going to ask "How are you?" what you need to ask is "How are you, Really?"

I have to say that I have been having so much fun so far as your District Governor, seeing old friends and meeting new, helping to induct new members, presenting Paul Harris awards and learning about your clubs. I look forward to the upcoming months and the opportunities to work with your clubs on your projects, assist with your fundraisers and support you in your goals. Please be sure to keep me updated as to your club's schedule so that I can attend as many as possible. With all the fun I have had in mind, have you ever thought about being District Governor now or in the future, but have questions about what it all entails? This Tuesday, we have an informational meeting where all your questions can be answered. Call me and I will give you all the details. I can be reached at 585-519-9466 or at juliecarney7120@gmail.com.

Friday September 8th, we had a great time at the District Golf Tournament. I want to personally thank everyone involved from the workers, the players, to the supporters. Tom and Laurie Vonglis and Kirk Vanderbilt did an awesome job organizing the event and all the proceeds will be going to Miss Julie's School of Beauty run by the amazing Julie Chappus. If you have not yet had Julie out to your club yet, reach out to her, it will be a great program for your club and you will be amazed with her vision and goal.

Let's continue to do great things in our communities and the world, all while having fun as Rotarians. Let's continue to **Create Hope in the World**.

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





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/...>

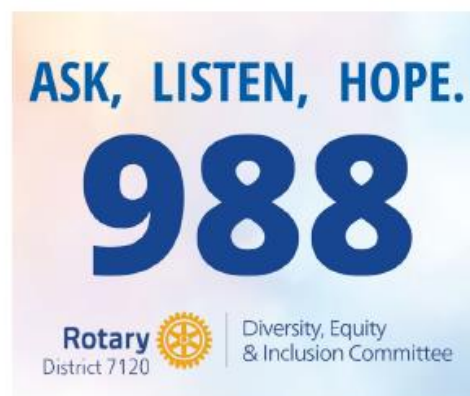
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District Governor 2023-202

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

About the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a free, confidential 24/7 phone line that connects individuals in crisis with trained counselors across the United States. There are also specialized lines for both Veterans and the LGBTQIA+ population.

You don't have to be suicidal or in crisis to call the Lifeline. People call to talk about coping with lots of things: substance use, economic worries, relationships, sexual identity, illness, abuse, mental and physical illness, and loneliness.



Rotary



The search is on for our D7120
District Governor 2026-2027



Informational Meeting
Tuesday September 12, 2023 at the Livingston Country Club

Our district has begun actively searching for qualified candidates to serve as District Governor for the Rotary year 2026-2027. There are many individuals within our district clubs who have consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities through their Rotary involvement. That individual may be someone you know ... or that "someone" could be YOU!

This information meeting is intended for Rotarians who are considering interviewing for the District Governor position this fall or perhaps in the future, and want to know more about the role, its responsibilities and the rewarding experience it brings. Our speakers will be individuals currently in the District Governor's track and past district governors, including their spouses/partners.

- **ACTION:** We encourage you or other qualified Rotarians who have an interest in exploring the role of District Governor to attend this informational meeting.
- **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Individuals interested in serving as District Governor as well as his/her spouse/partner. The Rotary Club has responsibilities during their member's service as Governor. Consequently, two club members are encouraged to accompany the interested member. That way everyone hears the same message and can ask clarifying questions.
- **WHEN:** Tuesday September 12, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- **WHERE:** Livingston Country Club, 4436 Lakeville Rd, Geneseo, NY 14454
- Dinner options will be available, allowing you to enjoy a simple salad or one of their delicious entrees. Your cost per meal can range between (\$20.00 and \$25.00), depending on your selections.
- There is no registration fee, but registration is required for accurate restaurant and meeting planning.

Please ask the prospective candidates and club members attending to register on or before September 1, 2023.

Register by the following link or scan the QR Code
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DG_Info_Meeting

For more information please contact:
PDG Bill Gormont billgormont1@gmail.com



Nominations are Now Being Accepted for 2026-27 District Governor

The District 7120 Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for District Governor for the Rotary year 2026 – 2027.

Are you an experienced Rotarian, with interests in getting deeper into the operation of our district? Do you have leadership skills, perhaps underutilized, that need to be exercised? Can you assemble and lead a team of like-minded, enthusiastic people? If so, please consider submitting an application. Also, look around your club, your Rotary area and our Rotary district. Whom have you noticed with the skills needed to lead our district? Whom would you like to see leading District 7120 in a few years? Reach out and ask a few questions. Some people, very qualified people, only need a little "push" to consider accepting the rewarding challenge of helping lead a Rotary district to discover and demonstrate its potential for Service Above Self.

To assist you in your effort, here is the procedure and requirements for a Rotary District Governor:

A candidate should NOT contact any member of the Nominating Committee, as this would be construed as electioneering, which is forbidden. If prospective candidates have any questions they should contact District Governor-Elect Dave DeMers at demers@gmail.com or District Governor-Nominee Jim Crane at jim@jparchery.com.

Important information for prospective candidates:

A Nominee for District Governor must complete an application for consideration as District Governor and meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Must have served a full term as a club president and been a Rotarian for seven years;
- Must be physically fit and able to withstand at least two rigorous years;
- Must be willing to devote the required time and be able to perform as hereinafter set forth;
- Should have at least one year working at the district level in a leadership position;
- Should have a good working knowledge of Rotary;
- Must not be a member of the sitting Nominating Committee;
- Must have the support of his/her club.
- The application must be signed by the candidate and the secretary of the Rotarian's club.
- The application must be returned to the Chair of the District Nominating Committee by the due date on the Application (October 14, 2023). After receipt of a complete application, the chair of the District Nominating Committee will contact the candidate to schedule a personal interview.
- The spouse or partner of the candidate is strongly encouraged to attend this interview.

District 7120 Nominating Committee 2023-2024:

Colleen Farley (Chair)	Ralph Brandt, PDG
Bill Gormont, PDG	Tom Rogers, PDG
Scott MacDonald, PDG	Jim Crane, DGE
Meg Huff	Dick DuBois
Lisa Norwood	Anne Bastine
Vern Hecker	

ExOfficio: Julie Carney DG, Dave DeMers, DGE

An application can be printed from this issue of the Grapevine, obtained from any club president, assistant governor or past district governor (except those currently serving on the Nominating Committee*). The submission deadline is Saturday, October 14, 2023.

All applications should be submitted to Nominating Committee Chair Colleen Farley, by mail to 262 Ogden Parma Townline Rd., Spencerport NY 14559 or by email to colleen1031@yahoo.com.

Rotary District 7120 Governor 2026-2027 Application



This application form must be fully completed by the candidate and approved by his/her Rotary Club Secretary or Executive Director. Please return via US Post or email to the Nominating Committee Chairperson Colleen Farley, 262 Ogden Parma Townline Rd., Spencerport, NY 14559 or emailed to colleen1031@yahoo.com. This application form must be emailed and/or post-marked on or before Saturday, October 14, 2023.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Print)

Name: _____ Application Date: ____/____/____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Partner Name (If Applicable): _____ Business/Profession/Occupation: _____

Employer (Name, Address, Phone): _____

ROTARY INFORMATION

Home Rotary Club: _____ Classification: _____

Total years as a Rotarian: _____ Attendance Record (%) for the last 5 Years: _____

Other Rotary Club Memberships and Years: _____

Kind of Membership (Choose One): ☐ Active ☐ Honorary

Rotary Service (Indicate year or years served):

President: _____ President-Elect: _____ Vice President: _____ Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____ Director: _____ Other: _____

District Assignments during the past five years: _____

Candidate has attended the following (Indicate years attended):

District Assembly: _____ District Conference: _____

International Convention: _____ Rotary Leadership Institute: _____

General Information (Community/Civic/Activities): _____

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Approved by Club Secretary (Please Print Name) _____

Club Secretary Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

District Governor Elect Dave DeMers is looking for sponsors as he represents District 7120 in a Zorb faceoff



Get ready to have fun while raising money for The Rotary Foundation!

At Toronto's Learning to Lead, we are planning a Zorb faceoff and invite you to participate. Each contestant will need to raise \$1,000 for the foundation and complete the form below ASAP. Friday evening in Toronto, we will have a series of "battles" to see who can stay in the ring while bouncing off each other in your zorbs (an inflatable bubble that you wear).

DGE DeMers is personally contributing \$100 and needs to raise an additional \$900 to cover the \$1,000 for the entry fee. If donations are made online, just print the confirmation page as proof and send them to DGE Dave DeMers at demers@gmail.com. Commitments can be made on a donation form you download, complete and send to DGE DeMers or bring to Toronto if you are attending the event.

Our goal is to raise \$50,000 at this zone event, with participation from all districts attending.

Download a Rotary Foundation contribution form [here](#).

Contact Dave DeMers at demers@gmail.com or 585-764-6648 if you have any questions



Literacy Corner



September is Literacy Month on our Rotary Calendar. International Literacy Day is Friday, September 8th and is an international observance celebrated each year on September 8th. Its aim is to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals and communities throughout the world. During this month, try to have an observance in your club. This counts towards your club's literacy award for 2023.

This year's seminar is being held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the Clifton Springs Hospital Rotary Room, 2nd floor, 2 Coulter Road, Clifton Springs, New York 14432. The seminar will run from 9 am to 12 noon. The speakers this year are Olivia Kassoum-Amodou, Director of the Cameron Ministries and Joshua Stapf, Executive Director of Literacy Rochester. The theme this year is "Not Your Grandmother's Literacy" There is no admission cost, but we would like to know if you are coming so we have enough refreshments. You can either email me at joannterry7@gmail.com or call me at (585) 313-7553. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

It is also time to plan your literacy projects for the year. Our committee hopes that several clubs in District 7120 qualify next year for the literacy award. Let's get started and good luck to all of you.

See you in Clifton Springs,

JoAnn Terry
Literacy Chair
Area 10 Assistant Governor

September is Rotary Literacy Month!
So, SAVE THE DATE!

WHAT – The Literacy Seminar

WHEN – 9 a.m. to Noon on September 23

WHERE – The Rotary Room at Clifton Springs Hospital

submitted by Nancy Aumann

on behalf of the District Literacy Committee



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: **Mail: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, USA** along with this 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!

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.



Vocal Music Competition

2023-2024

GET STARTED BY OCTOBER 1!

Sponsored by Rotary District 7120

In concert with Eastman School of Music, Alfred University, Roberts Wesleyan University and SUNY Geneseo

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

Club Auditions in January, Regional Competition February 11, Finals February 25

More Information at www.Rotary7120.org

Jack Best, PRID

Vocal Competition Chair

jackbest@rochester.rr.com

c/t: 585-261-0073

Event: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention / Out of the Darkness Walk



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

We joining hundreds of thousands of people across the country who are walking in the Out of the Darkness Community Walks to prevent suicide and support AFSP's mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Rotary International President R.I. Gordon R. McNally explained why he's asking members to make mental health a priority. When his only brother took his own life, McNally said, he became determined to fight the stigma around mental health issues and expand access to care. Rotary District 7120 and Rotary Club around the world want to make a stand and create HOPE for the world.

Two Events to choose from or can do both: We will be walking as a District 7120

Our Page: <https://supporting.afsp.org/participant/2828806>

***October 7th, Out of the Darkness Rochester NY Walk**

Location: Veteran's Memorial Park, Penfield, NY (Amphitheater-3100 Atlantic Avenue, Penfield, NY 14526).

Registration Start Time: 10:00 am

Ceremony Start Time: 11:30 am

Walk Start Time: 12:00 pm

If you can't walk and want to volunteer or if you want to do both here is the information:

Out of the Darkness Day of Volunteer Shifts:

- Set-Up Volunteers- Please arrive at 8:00am-10:30am
- Walk Day/Event Day Volunteers- Please arrive at 9:30am-1:00pm
- Clean Up- Please arrive at 12:30ish

Please email trollek@afsp.org Tiffany Rollek (for volunteering)

October 14- Finger Lakes Out of the Darkness Event Details

Location: Seneca Lake State Park - Shelter 2, Geneva, NY

Check-in Time: 10:00 am

Ceremony Start Time: 11:00 am

Submitted by Wanda Martinez-Johncox

Inviting District 7120 Rotarians

How would you like to increase your Rotary IQ?

Come and attend the

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Victor Junior High School,
953 High Street, Victor New York.

Save the Date!

It is a great opportunity to...

... ENHANCE your Rotary knowledge outside of your Club.

... LEARN about Rotary through the eyes and/or experiences of
other fellow Rotarians.

... MAKE a few new friends and RENEW old ones.

Registration details to follow.

Feel free to email PDG Norma, District Trainer at
Madayag.reillyn@frontier.com *for questions.*

Save The Date

District Foundation Brunch

Sunday, November 5, 2023

11:30am-3:00pm

*RIT Inn & Conference
Center*

*5257 West Henrietta Road
Henrietta, NY 14467*



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.

District Golf Tournament Held September 8th

It went very well. Here are some photos I took at the banquet at the end of the tournament). There were 23 teams and all monies raised were given to Miss Julie's School of Beauty, run by Julie Chapus. Thanks go out to Tom & Laurie Vonglis and Kirk Vanerbilt for organizing a fun day of golf. Also thanks goes out to all the volunteers who made this event a huge success.
Sent by David DeMers



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Additional photos submitted by DG Julie



Genesee Valley Rotary Camp Presents Paul Harris Fellows for 2023



(left to right) Melissa (McNabb) Fiorentino (started in 1996) - Canandaigua, NY (raised in Geneseo)

Joe Martins (started in 1995) - Rochester, NY

Meghan (Woods) Glieco (started in 1995) - Amherst, NY (raised in Geneseo)

Clare Van Durme (started in 1974) - Dansville, NY

Also, not pictured was Dr. Joan Flender. Joan has been our camp physician for as long as I can remember, likely the early 80s or late 70s. She was also presented with a Paul Harris, but couldn't attend the Wednesday meeting at camp

Photo and information submitted by Brian "Bart" Bartalo, Camp Director

Genesee Valley Rotary Club 60th Anniversary Celebrated

Pictured here are Genesee Valley Rotary Camp Board members representing 12 clubs in the District, with a very special cake celebrating 60 years of GVRC camping experience for special needs children. The Board conducted its August meeting at Camp Sam Wood in Pike, NY on Wednesday, August 16th. The cake was baked in ovens at the camp and shared by not only the Board but by all kitchen staff members responsible for food preparation and service during camp week, August 13-19.

Sent by Teresa Dearing



CAMP ONSEYAWA – A SUMMER TO REMEMBER



Summer camp is always an exciting place, especially for kids living with special needs. They plan, pack a few things, load the car, take a ride, and end up arriving at a special place away from home. Then the adventure begins with a guiding camp staff and hopefully a good cook who can prepare plenty of good camp food.

This summer brought a new challenge. Everyone embraced our new home – Camp Whitman. The dedicated camp staff of 55 led the way and the campers just enjoyed following

along the new trail. Week one brought 71 campers and week two brought 62 campers.

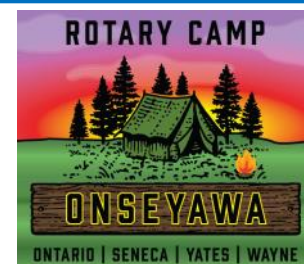
The set up of camp went smooth and take down was even smoother with all the help from our supporting Rotarian. Not everything went well but in camp you adapt and conquer. Thank God the rain stayed away especially for the Sunday carnival where 14 Rotary Clubs put a great outdoor program together for a fun-filled afternoon.

And then we pay the bills. This effort is no small task and represents a great team behind the scenes securing funds from generous caring people. The Board of Directors have a plan to raise the balance of \$24,000 this fall to balance the budget. Capital projects are ongoing and the first year at Camp Whitman showed that we are very serious about a long term contract. Over \$60,000 was raised to build shelters, put up a new flag pole, build picnic tables, purchase AEDs, install new electric system to living quarters, purchase fire rings, replace kitchen equipment, etc. Plans for 2024 are needed to build a new storage building.

We all thank our two Co-Directors Robin Mark and Joanna Meyer for their leadership, dedication, and time. We also recognize so many dedicated Onseyawa camp staff who continue to go the extra mile for the kids.

To celebrate this success, please join us at our annual dinner on November 20. Contact your Rotary Club Director or call Rosemary McCullough for tickets at 315-651-0310. A Big Raffle is now underway as well and tickets are now available at your Rotary meetings through your Rotary Club Director. Call Lori Reals for more tickets at 315-270-2052.

By Victor Arsenault 585-919-4186



GVRC CELEBRATES 60 YEARS AT CAMP WITH A GROOVE



On August 13, Camp Sam Wood in Pike, NY, welcomed over 90 campers to its annual meeting of the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC). Since 1963, GVRC has hosted campers with differing abilities from Livingston, Steuben, Wyoming, and Allegany County.

GVRC has met at Camp Sam Wood in every year since its inception, except 2020, making 2023 its 60th Anniversary. Fittingly, the theme chosen for this year's camp was "Sam Woodstock," with each tribe at the camp creating their own groovy name and banner. But even absent the 1960s theme, free love is in no short supply at GVRC, as their motto proclaims: "Here is Love."

Over 90 campers attended GVRC this year. They spent the week sleeping in tents, exploring nature, swimming, attending classes, tie-dyeing shirts, doing arts and crafts, performing skits, and making lifelong friends. GVRC hired 77 staff (nearly all volunteers) to provide a wholesome and enriching camp experience to all attendees despite their differing abilities. Many have been volunteering at GVRC for decades, and several former campers have returned to join the staff.

The camp would not be possible without the love and dedication of its staff, and to celebrate this, GVRC's affiliate clubs awarded four Paul Harris Fellows to camp staffers who have each been volunteering at the camp for over 30 years.

Melissa Fiorentino, Joe Martin, Meghan Woods Glieco and Clare van Durme received a Paul Harris Fellow for their service to GVRC.

Dr. Joan E. Flender, of Stony Brook Pediatrics, who was unable to attend, was also awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. GVRC is a community service project of the Rotarians in Avon, Belmont, Caledonia-Mumford, Dansville, Friendship, Geneseo, Lima, Livonia, Mt. Morris, Nunda, Perry, Wayland and Wellsville. Our Avon Rotary Club contributes to this project by nominating two of its members to serve on the GVRC Board and through the donation of goods and services to the Camp.

This year marks the first time in several decades that our Club has nominated a new member to the GVRC Board. David Henehan, who served on the Board for multiple decades in various capacities, was replaced as Board member and Secretary by Collin T Hayes. Ernie Wiard was replaced as Board Treasurer by Betsy O'Mara, but he continues to serve as a Board Member.

Ernie was presented with a plaque in honor of his many years of service as a GVRC Board Member.

David Henehan, who was unable to attend, was also acknowledged with a plaque in honor of his many years of service as a GVRC Board Member.

GVRC would not be possible without the efforts of Camp Director Brian Bartalo, Assistant Director Sarah Warner, and Health Director Janet Green.

Submitted by: Collin Hayes



Avon Rotarians visit camp on August 15



Ernie Wiard receives a plaque for his 52 years of service on the GVRC board.

CAMP ONSEYAWA ANNUAL DINNER

Friday November 10th

Club 86 in Geneva

Dinner and Dancing

All proceed go to Camp Onseyawa

Details to follow



Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC)



Celebrating August birthdays at camp

On Monday Aug. 14 after the Genesee Rotary club meeting, Betsy O Mara, Debbie Emerson and I paid a visit to camp. After checking in we met the camp nurse, Janet Green who explained the procedures that are used to safely administer medications to the campers. There are many regulations that the Dept of Health requires and Jan and her team do a superb job of meeting them. We then met with Brian Bartolo the camp director. Brian is the superintendent of the Holley Central School and has been at camp first as a helper, then a counselor, then assistant director with Director Mike Woods and now director. He gave an overview of the establishment of camp back in 1963 and how it has evolved to the great program it is today. We proceeded to visit the arts and crafts lodge to see some of the campers engaged in creative activities. We hiked up hills to see several of the campsites for the older campers and then back down to see what is known as the special areas, for the campers in wheelchairs and with more physical disabilities. After a stop at the pool we entered the dining hall and met the kitchen staff. Marsha Bartolo (Brian's wife) is in charge of providing all the meals for camp and again must follow many regulations. She has many great people to help her. I wanted Betsy and Deb to see the pavilion that Marilyn Lyon had built in honor of her father and saw that it was being used by an art class with the campers having a great time.

All in all we had a wonderful visit and hope that next year more Rotarians will be able to make the trip

Submitted by Steve Wiener



The GVRC is a free one week summer camp for young people (ages 8 – 21) with various disabilities.

It is funded through the efforts and financial support of the Rotary Clubs of the Genesee Valley and through private donations.

Photos from GVRC Instagram page. More photos are available at <https://www.instagram.com/geneseevrc/>

Another Successful Summer for Camp Haccamo And an Early Callout for Help for Next Season



A combination of volunteers and paid staff pulled off another amazing camping season this year. The first two weeks of August were a flurry of activity for families and kids arriving at camp, looking for their friends, and making new ones.

“You could feel the anticipation of adventure in the air,” said Dolly Kujawa, Executive Director. “It’s such a happy time, it really fills your heart,” she added.

Camp Haccamo welcomed 160 youth and adult campers, the majority of which have a wide range of mental, emotional, behavioral, and physical disabilities. For many, this is the only time they see friends and get a chance to spend time participating

in activities that able bodied kids often take for granted like ziplining, archery, swimming, boating, rock climbing, or fishing.

Please watch youth week highlights here <https://bit.ly/44NJhEm> and adult week highlights here <https://bit.ly/3PiGdY>. You will not be disappointed!

“We have to say the word “successful” though using quotations since, as you know, the work is hard and it’s no easy feat,” says Robert Williams, President of Camp Haccamo’s Board of Directors. “Specialized programs that cater to the needs of individuals with significant challenges, like Camp Haccamo, are highly sought after and play a vital role in our communities. We are seeking volunteers now, especially nurses, for next year and to ensure that we provide many more memorable summers to those in need.”

Camp Haccamo is a place for smiles, dreams, and summertime magic. The board of directors has exciting plans for the next six months. We plan to brainstorm new ways to grow and serve our unique population of campers who need it so much. Our campers are learning new skills, building self-confidence, and self-esteem while their families receive much needed respite.

Camp Haccamo is supported by 11 dedicated Rotary Clubs: Brighton, Fairport, Gates Chili, Honeoye Falls-Mendon, Irondequoit, E-Club 7120, Penfield, Pittsford, Rush Henrietta, Spencerport, and Webster. Please consider connecting with us to learn more and see how you or your business can be involved.

Visit us at www.camphaccamo.org or on Facebook at <https://www.camphaccamo.org>.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Genesee Valley Rotary Camp in Portageville, NY celebrated its 60th anniversary last week transforming the Boy Scout Camp it has leased since 1963 into Camp Sam Woodstock. The camp provides a tenting experience for special needs kids for one week each August, this year serving 92 campers. This year they are tended by 85 staff many of whom have served the camp for decades. They have also done much of the fundraising that has kept the camp functioning. At the GVRC board meeting at camp last Wed., Aug. 16, 2023 special thanks went to some of the donors including Sierra and Chris Mitchell of Dansville whose 2023 softball tournament raised \$3,200. This is the tenth year of the fundraiser. Sierra started coming to the camp as a toddler when her parents were staffers.



Jacob Miles of Northport, NY in Long Island has been among the staff for 23 years. He organizes an annual golf tournament there that raised over \$6,100 this year with another \$2-2.5K anticipated. Miles said the camp changed his life after he first visited for a day in 2001, then volunteered for the next 5 years. Married with kids, he returned this year for five days.

He's simply called "Mr. Sam" and was a 16-year-old McQuaid Jesuit High Schooler who needed 100 community service hours to graduate. GVRC provided that and the reason that he became a special education teacher and started a non-profit based on physical movement. "This place taught me what it means to be a community," he said after presenting a \$6,000 donation to GVRC.



Chris Wood and Ernie Wiard

Scott Kamakaris of Genesee Rotary has been part of the camp for 26 years and presented a \$200 fundraising check to GVRC.

The Hoag family, husband and wife Michael and Sue and their niece Kaitlyn topped the evening with a gift of over \$13,000 raised from the annual golf tournament sponsored by Big Sky Restaurant in Dansville, run by Michael's brother and sister-in-law. Like the Long Island tournament, many Rotarians compete. The Hoag's had a surprise donation of \$1,000 to present for the camp's rifle range from White Tail Association.

The Conklin Memorial Golf Tournament in Dansville this year picked GVRC to receive proceeds of \$1,000 and Jean and Diana Moffett \$400 used toward a pizza party.

The kindness and generosity of the many people behind the scenes at GVRC leave its long-time Director Brian "Bart" Bartalo speechless and GVRC Board President Chris Woods said it wasn't that long ago that he feared the funds had dropped so low that it would cease operating in a year. It costs approximately \$50K-\$60K/year to operate that one week. That includes one-half of the annual dues each Rotarian in GVRC's 12 supporting clubs pays. There are 529 Rotary districts worldwide, every club in those districts it supports a special needs camp. There are 5 such camps in District 7120's sixty clubs and GVRC is the most rustic, according to

Rotary 7120 Governor Julie Carney of Avon. The week's spotty rains just added to the fun in the mud spirit of daily activities.

Special awards were part of the gathering at which staff/volunteers Claire Van Durme, Melissa Fiorentino, Meghan Woods Glieco, Joe Martin and Dr. Joan Flender of Stony Brook Pediatrics in Dansville received Paul Harris awards, Rotary's highest honor. Avon Rotarian Ernie Wiard, a GVRC Board member of 48 years was presented an engraved plaque. A retired grocer, he has organized the annual steak dinner for this meeting for 42 years. He has been a GVRC Board president and treasurer, too. Long-time GVRC Board secretary David Henehan was not present to accept his plaque. Like Wiard, his service spans decades. A retired attorney, Henehan was Board secretary for many years.

Bartalo spoke on the resourcefulness of all involved in the camp. From Rotarians to staff volunteers, they have made repairs and capital improvements to better serve the campers, ages 8-21, from Wyoming, Livingston, Allegany and Steuben counties. Always, the motto, "Here is Love," guides GVRC.

Sent by Lorraine Sturm



Chris Wood and Hoag Family

BATH ROTARIANS HOST KIDS AT CAMP STAR

Camp STAR, located on the scenic and rural setting of The Y at Watson Woods in Painted Post, was bustling with 50 campers, ages 6 to 12, and 24 skillful counselors and staff, including a nurse, who lived and slept in the retreat's cabins and were available to the campers around the clock, from August 13 – 18.

The camp provided its week-long program, complete with overnight accommodations, daily meals, group athletics, hiking, crafts, nature study, field trips, and bouncy houses, for children who have a physical or developmental disability that usually precludes them from enjoying the camping experience.

The program, started in 1963, is carefully designed to provide needed recreation that is compatible with a wide range of therapies the special-needs campers may be undergoing. Particular emphasis is placed on developing initiative and self-reliance of campers. The camp was named Camp STAR since it represents the clubs in the Southern Tier Area Rotary. Since several Rotary clubs in the Southern Tier area fund the camp, no camper is charged to enjoy this special place.

On Thursday, August 17, the Bath Rotarians provided the campers, counselors, and staff a picnic of hotdogs, hamburgers,

condiments, chips, fruit cups, ice cream with chocolate syrup and sprinkles, fruit juice, and bottled water. Those participating from the Bath Rotary Club included Nancy Latour, Chair of the Camp Star Board of Directors; Bob Cole; Al Johnson and his wife, Maureen; Jay Maslyn; Cheryl Muller and her partner, Matt Feola; Benita Nesbitt; Stephanie Rawleigh; Elaine Tears; Bill White. They were joined by District 7120 Governor, Julie Carney, who was most pleased to attend and see how one of the Rotary camps in the district is run.

"Camp STAR is a wonderful week which gives families the opportunity for respite, knowing that the staff will be there for their children," said Brandi Graham, Bath Rotary Club President. "Campers are given an opportunity to be kids without any stigma. The counselors are dedicated and enjoy the week as much as the campers do."



Grilling the hotdogs and hamburgers at the Camp STAR picnic, provided by the Bath Rotary Club, were Bob Cole, standing behind one of the grills, and Jay Maslyn, standing in front of the grill. Displaying her playful nature and her willingness to help wherever needed was District 7120 Governor, Julie Carney.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Bob Cole and Bill White



Bath Rotary Club provided a nutritious and plentiful picnic for the campers, counselors, and staff at this year's Camp STAR.



Bath Rotarians provided a picnic for this year's Camp STAR campers, counselors, and staff; they were joined by District 7120 Governor, Julie Carney. Standing left to right are: DG Julie Carney, Jay Maslyn, Bill White, Nancy Latour, Stephanie Rawleigh, Elaine Tears, Benita Nesbitt, and Cheryl Muller and her partner, Matt Feola. (Absent from the photo were Bob Cole and Al Johnson and his wife, Maureen.)

Genesee Valley Rotary Camp 2023

Several Dansville Rotarians assisted with the games and activities during the annual Carnival Night on Wednesday, August 16th at the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp for youth with special needs.

Pictured here are children enjoying a variety of games and activities provided for campers along with camp staff members. The total number of campers was just over 90 children. More than 70 adult staffers assisted children with transport to and from campsites to activity tents, to work in the kitchen, or in activity areas like archery or swimming.

Sent by Teresa Dearing



Back To School Backpacks in Naples



Each Fall Season, when September rolls around, the Naples NY Rotary observes Basic Education and Literacy Month by shopping for backpacks for the Naples students. Typically, some Members of Naples Rotary have shopped for the backpacks before the start of school. This year, our Treasurer Laurie O'Brien wisely "shopped" online, and she purchased 40 backpacks for our students in Grades UPK through 12, at a very reasonable cost! These very essential school items are available to any student in need throughout the year. A grand assortment of styles, colors, and sizes is there for the choosing, and it has been a source of delight to many youngsters! Pictured here, are Laurie O'Brien, and Naples Rotarians, Judy Miller and Patrice Lysell.

Submitted by Patrice Lysell

Chemung Sunrise Rotary

Our club held its second annual Road Rally on April 29th. We had 16 teams participate this year. Prizes were awarded for first, second and third place as well as best picture and last place. The winning team received a basket containing lottery tickets and wine. A great time was had by all with many people looking forward to the next rally.

Submitted by Sandra Jessup

Geneseo Rotary

On August 15, the Geneseo Rotary Music Kamp held its annual recital at the St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Geneseo.

The Music Kampers had been practicing their skills for several weeks and there were 120 people at the event including 27 students. It was a great night! Submitted by Heather Ferrero, Rotary Club President.



THE HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY CLUB'S BUSY WEEK



The end of summer proved to be fun, profitable and very rewarding for the HLRC. We kicked off our first few days of September by being part of the August 31st "Back to School Bash" where we shared a table of information with the families of our HCSO students and their families. Those who stopped to visit were presented with a wealth of information about our club and what we have done and still do for our community with a major focus on our "Adopt a School" work. We were also part of the free hot dogs and drinks that were served to the families who gathered to kick off the 2023-2024 school year.

On September 2nd, we welcomed shoppers at our 6th Annual Craft Sale. We had a steady stream of shoppers and we were able to add to our funds to support all the things we do in the Honeoye Lake community as well as nationally and internationally. A variety of craft items were displayed and sales were pretty consistent. It was a fun time to see old friends and share stories with them as well.

Our RYLA participant, McKayla Johnson, joined us at our September 7th meeting to share her excitement about being able to share this opportunity with other students from all over District 7120. Her power point presentation gave our club members and guests a great inside look at what occurs at RYLA and how McKayla and the other participants benefitted from their four day experience. Once again the program got rave reviews and high recommendations for our future students attending.

We now have a few weeks off before we gather for our 4th Annual Rotary Road Rally. Join us on October 15th for a fun ride through the countryside as our "scavenger hunt" takes off from the Birdhouse Brewery on Main Street, Honeoye. Registration is at ten and we have plans for even more fun when all our "cars" return to the Birdhouse. Cost is \$40 per car --- maximum four passengers.

"Small but Mighty" once again gets things done!

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

Geneseo Rotary



At the Geneseo Rotary's August 14 meeting, Emily Lamb was presented with the June Student of the Month Award. Emily is a member of the Do Gooders Club, and National Honor Society. She also participates in soccer, basketball and track .

She is a member of the Girl Scouts.

Left to right: Cindy Flowers, Superintendent, Geneseo Central School, Emily Lamb, Emily's mother Janet and Heather Ferrero, Rotary Club President.

Photo by John Lanpher
Article by Marilyn Lyon

Dansville Back to School Student Supplies Project

Dansville Rotarians and other helpers gathered at Dansville Primary School to sort and package school supplies for students on August 14th. This project provides each student with pencils, paper, markers, crayons, and other essential equipment needed for the first day of school.



Supplies were available for students to pick up later in August.

Sent by Teresa Dearing



Rush Henrietta Rotary

The Rush Henrietta Rotary did their annual gazebo cleanup at Tinker Park. The club built the Gazebo 20+ years ago.

Also:

District Governor Julie Carney came to the Rush Henrietta Rotary meeting today to talk creating hope for all. Julie is visiting all the Rotary clubs in the area. She will be a great DG!

Julie was accompanied by fellow Avon Rotary member Kirk Vanderbilt.

Sent by Steve Synesael



Dundee Rotary

How sweet is it when you earn your first Paul Harris Fellowship award and your mom is the acting President who presents you with the award?

On August 9th, that's exactly what happened for Dundee Rotary member Kirsten Dombroski. Kirsten's mother, Segrid Dombroski, who was serving as acting President of the club for the month of August, recognized Kirsten with a Paul Harris award. Many thanks to Kirsten for her generous donations to the Rotary Foundation. Sent by Lauren Snyder

Pictured are Segrid (L), Kirsten (R).



Geneva Rotary

Rotarians at Work were pictured recently taking care of a garden in front of the Finger Lakes Welcome Center at the north end of Seneca Lake. The garden has a sign noting that it is maintained by Geneva Rotarians. Club members, led by Mary Lawthers, have been taking care of the garden for several years. Geneva Rotary also does highway clean-up on Route 14 south of Geneva.

Sent by Phil Beckley



Perry Rotary



Perry Rotary Club on Thurs., Aug. 10, 2023 conferred its highest honor to Warren Heilbronner of Rochester, formerly of Perry. Heilbronner, 90, recently made a large donation to Rotary in memory of his family. His father and brother were one-time members of the Perry club. The family's exodus from Nazi Germany to America was included in the 2001 book, *Perilous Journeys: Personal Stories of German and Austrian Jews Who Escaped the Nazis*. It is important to Heilbronner that he tell of this time because the world's democracies are in danger and the crimes against Jews are growing in the U.S. and abroad.

As a young man Heilbronner's father fought for his German homeland under the command of General Erwin "The Desert Fox" Rommel. He was a textile engineer who became a superintendent in his father-in-law's Stuttgart mill. In 1935 Nuremberg instituted laws that took away Jews' citizenship and most rights. The Heilbronners overcame many challenges to get out of the country doing so when Warren was just 5 and his brother Les 7. On March 29, 1939, their ship reached New York and the Heilbronners stood along the rails to view the Statue of Liberty, safe at last. Acceptance here was not easy but got easier in time. The Feinbloom textile manufacturers' George Traber hired Mr. Heilbronner eventually promoting him to superintendent. He was put in charge of the Mt. Morris plant and was part of the patented Nitey Nite line. He was reassigned to Perry to be in charge of research. Les played football for Perry, graduated Syracuse U. and worked as a Daily Orange journalist and later for the Perry Herald. He became an insurance partner with Ivan Hodges

then sole owner of the business. He was a timer, writer and supporter of Perry's race track, managed a softball team, and collected coins. Les died in 1988 of a heart attack while changing planes at O'Hare in Chicago. Dora Heilbronner was active for years in the Gray Ladies and Perry Garden Club, which honored her with an engraved marker in one of its gardens. Warren made his career in law, earning many accolades while maintaining an active life of service to the community.

After receiving Rotary's award, members rose in ovation. The club will use his donation to begin a program recognizing individuals with \$2,500 awards presented annually at its variety shows.

Sent by Lorraine Sturm

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The Bath Rotary Club participated in Music in the Park on August 9th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in Bath's Pulteney Park.



Music in the Park, organized by the Bath Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by several local businesses, ran for six weeks this summer. The event was established to provide entertainment and resources for the local community. The fun, family-friendly event brings the community closer together. Each week the event drew 100 – 200 people to the park, located in the center of the village. "It's a great way for the community to gather and enjoy a relaxing night," stated Karen Causer, President of the Bath Chamber of Commerce. "It's great to see many local business owners and organizations come together to create an event that is free to the public and brings the community together."

Bath Mayor Mike Sweet and Haverling teacher Brenda Beyler stopped by the Bath Rotary Club's table at Music in the Park on August 9th. Standing left to right are: Brenda Beyler, Mayor Mike Sweet and Bath Rotarians Amanda Chafee, Benita Nesbitt, John Gould, and Bob Cole.

On the night of August 9th The Evan Dillon Band from the Dundee area performed to the delight of the crowd. Throughout the performance Rotarians offered, at no charge, chocolate covered pretzels and cupcakes with blue and yellow frosting, Rotary's colors, at its table. The Rotarians who manned the table as well as those who walked amid the crowd

also distributed an informational brochure about the Bath Rotary Club and specifically took pride in announcing that this year marked the 100th Anniversary of the local club. Brandi Graham, Bath Rotary Club President, stopped by the event and noted that she was very proud of those Rotarians present for interacting with local community members and for serving as great ambassadors of the local service club.

Those Bath Rotarians who participated in the event included: Amanda Chafee, Bob Cole, John Gould, and Benita Nesbitt.

Anyone wishing information about the Bath Rotary Club, including membership, should contact Brandi Graham, Bath Rotary Club President, at: brandibgraham@gmail.com.



A large sign noting Bath Rotary Club's 100th Anniversary this year stood near the club's table at Music in the Park on August 9th.

Written by Elaine Tears, Pictures by Benita Nesbitt



Bob Cole, who recently transferred his membership to the Bath Rotary Club, helped two of the community members to the delicious cupcakes at Music in the Park on August 9th.

V-F ROTARY BACKPACK PROJECT FOR INNER-CITY SCHOOL

The Victor – Farmington Rotary club continued an annual tradition of supplying school backpacks to students at School 33 – Audubon in Rochester. The school has approximately 1,000 students attending grades PK to K-6.

In late August club members, along with friends and associates, gathered to pack the bags with school supplies for the coming year. The following day District DGN Jim Crane and Club Treasurer Galen Powers delivered the backpacks to the school's principal, Melody Martinez-Murphy.

Club secretary Karen Parkhurst coordinated this year's project with Tom Pappas, a Vice Principal in the city school system. Tom's father, the late Jordan Pappa, was a founding member of the club.

Sent by Dave Luitweiler



Watkins-Montour Rotary

Camp Star campers and counselors spent the day enjoying all the fun that Seneca Lake's Clute Park has to offer, with a pizza and ice cream break at the Clute Park event Center - then off to a Captain Bill's cruise with yet another ice cream break! The day was capped off by a



fire truck parade and another Rotary-provided meal. We are so proud of the way our local Schuyler County communities come together!



A very special thank you to the following organizations for helping our Club to make this a spectacular day:

- * Horseheads Rotary Club
- * Watkins Glen, Montour Falls, Hector, Beaver Dams and Odessa Volunteer Fire Departments
- * Jeff's On-Site Services
- * Famous Brands/Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream
- * The Great Escape Ice Cream Parlor
- * Captain Bill's Cruises
- * Village of Watkins PD
- * Schuyler Sherriff Dept.

Sent by Emily Peckham



Brighton Rotary

On her recent visit to Brighton Rotary Club, District Governor Julie Carney had the honor to convey two Paul Harris Fellowships. Dean Glick, pictured left, received a PHF +2 award while Mahendra Nanavati, pictured right, was presented with a PHF +8.

Dean Glick has been a member of Brighton Rotary Club for a couple of years, and came to us from Rotary Club of Carlisle, PA. He has attended meetings regularly and participates in activities. He is now a director in the club.

Mahendra Nanavati is very supportive of Rotary in Brighton. He and his wife Jyoti donated funds to build a shelter in Brighton's Buckland Park.

Sent by Roland Steorts



Pal-Mac Rotary

A busy August began with a lunch meeting where two recognitions took place. Club member, Bob Ike, was awarded a Polio Plus Pin by Past District Governor, Janet Tenrerio. This inspired several other members present to become Polio Plus Members.



Club Co-President Dianne Sloan welcomes new member, Christine Casaceli, who displays her service apron.



PDG Janet pins Bob Ike.

Also, we inducted into membership, Christine Casaceli. Christine comes to us from the Gananda Rotary Club, where she was the Immediate Past Club President. She coordinated several community service projects. She is semi-retired from work in mental health. Christine has recently been appointed

Chair of the District Mental Health and Wellness Committee.

Sent by Jeff Crawford

Greece Rotary

Greece Rotary Tours Homesteads for Hope Newest "Forever Homestead"

Greece Rotary has supported Homesteads for Hope for many years. This program supports people of all abilities in our community and teaches them agricultural and life skills. Our rotary club is proud to help fund programs and capital projects on this property. Our most recent project was funding flower beds that are installed on asphalt so they are accessible for all abilities.



Plant a Flag takes off in Greece!

Prior to Labor Day, Greece Rotarians Rhett VanScoter, distributed flags to rotarian homes along with sales brochures. As people pass by and inquire about the flags they they be able to sell subscriptions for them. We will report out in the future about the success of this sales tactic! If you have questions now or are interested in a flag, email Rhett@vanscoterinsurance.com.

Submitted by President Gerianne

Geneva Rotary

Geneva Rotary had a busy week recently with a visit from the new Rotary District 7120 Governor and the Past District Governor as well as the annual picnic, one of the most popular Geneva Rotary events. Past District Governor Ralph Brandt of Bloomfield presented a 2022-2023 Rotary Citation to 2022-2023 President Jerry Forcier. Geneva Rotary received the citation "for helping imagine Rotary in the lives of people all over the world." Brandt pointed out that only seven clubs in the district received the citation, which has been awarded to Geneva for the last four years. Earning a citation requires setting goals for the year and meeting them. Geneva Rotarian John Oughterson assisted in the citation process. Current District Governor Julie Carney and current Geneva President Diana Perry exchanged Rotary banners. The Rotary



International banner carries the name of R. Gordon McNally of Scotland, the international president, and notes the 2023-2024 theme of "CREATE HOPE in the WORLD." President Perry presented the Geneva club banner to Carney. Part of the district governor's duties includes visiting every club in the district. DG Carney already has visited 40 some

clubs out of 66 and she delivered an excellent speech on her reasons for getting involved in Rotary and why people should think about why they joined. She received a standing ovation from club members.

One of the most popular Rotary events of the year is the annual picnic at the Seneca Yacht Club and it always gets a good turnout, always has great camaraderie, always has great views and usually has beautiful weather. Sent by Phil Beckley



AVON ROTARY CITATION

At our August 8 meeting, we were joined by Immediate Past District Governor Ralph Brandt. Ralph was there to present our Immediate Past President Steve Csapo with the 2022-2023 Rotary Citation.

The Rotary Citation recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Working to achieve the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club not only fosters a positive experience for its members, but also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs achieve citation goals, they contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come.

Submitted by: Mike Ford



Pres Citation Presented 1 – Steve Csapo, Immediate Past President & Ralph Brandt, PDG

AVON ROTARY CORN FESTIVAL

August 12: What an incredible day it was! We dodged the weather bullet and couldn't have been more thrilled with the results of the 2023 Avon Rotary Corn Festival. A heartfelt thank you went out to all our amazing volunteers, the Avon town and village, the Avon PD, the Avon FD, the Avon DPW, our craft and food vendors, our sponsors, and everyone who showed up. Without all of them, we couldn't have raised the funds we needed to make our town, nation, and world a better place. Next year's festival will be Saturday, August 10, 2024!

Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media



Corn Festival 15 - Rotarian, Joe Yantachka cooking up our famous corn fritters.

WELCOME LOUIE!

August 18: Avon Rotarians gathered at the Rochester International Airport to give a warm welcome to our exchange student for this year, Ludvig (Louie), all the way from Norway! The spirit of international friendship and cultural exchange is at the core of Rotary, and we couldn't be happier to open our arms and our hearts to Louie as he embarks on this incredible journey. Louie, we hope your time here in Avon will be filled with unforgettable experiences, lifelong friendships, and meaningful connections. We're excited to learn from you and share our community's warmth and hospitality. Welcome Louie!!!

Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media



Avon Rotarians welcome Louie at the Rochester Airport



Louie is welcomed by his host parents,
Jan & Kelly Cole

Pal-Mac Rotary

How much fun can 59 club members, family and friends have serving 48 gallons of lemonade and ice tea, 912 hamburgers, 416 hot dogs, 252 sausages, 510 lbs of french fries, 30 lbs of chicken sandwiches, 110 lbs of chicken tenders, and 27 lbs of shrimp? These photos from our clubs concession at the Wayne County Fair help tell the story. Thanks to DG Julie and her husband, Jim, who pitched in. Maurina Schmidt and her leadership team helped orchestrate a banner income year.



Maurina is in the front left, along with Marie Fessler, leslie Vecchiotti, and Ted Fessler are in the back.



Our District Governor, Julie Carney, husband Jim, and Mark Clement.

Sent by Jeff Crawford

Spencerport Rotary

The Spencerport Rotary continued its service to the Spencerport community by donating school supplies to the Spencerport Central School District. The SCSD has been a member of the Spencerport Rotary for several years and has supported the many community projects conducted by Spencerport Rotary over the years.



(Pictured L to R) Tim O'Connor, Director of Student Services, Ty Zinkiewich, Superintendent of Schools, Ann DeMers, President of Spencerport Rotary & Dave DeMers, Rotary District 7120 District Governor Elect
Submitted by Dave DeMers

PENFIELD ROTARY

PENFIELD ROTARY ANNUAL SUNFLOWER PICKING AND GIVEAWAY WITH WICKHAM FARMS:



On September 6, Penfield Rotarians handpicked and bundled sunflowers at Wickham Farms for a good cause. The radiant botanicals were carefully plucked, sorted, arranged, and delivered to area senior centers and to patients and staff at Golisano Children's Hospital. This is an annual event where Penfield Rotary members serve as the primary volunteer corps getting the job done.

Please save the date for Penfield's upcoming charity euchre tournament on October 28, 11-4 pm, at Castle Pointe at Baywinde, 200 Kidd Castle Way, Webster.

Want to work with us on a project? We'd love to hear from you so please contact us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PenfieldRotary> or call club service director Tara Dumont 585-733-9200.

PENFIELD ROTARY BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK CAMPAIGN WITH NUCOR HOUSE



Nucor House donated and helped the Penfield Club fill 100 backpacks with a variety of school supplies for Rochester City School District's School 54 located on Otis Street. Thanks to the volunteers who collected items, the amazing residents of the Nucor House, and Penfield Staples for making this Rotary service project a success.

Please save the date for Penfield Rotary's upcoming Bike Drop on October 7, at the Penfield Community Center, 1985 Baird Rd, Penfield. Bring your old bikes in and they will be freshened up and distributed to needy families.

We'd love to work on a service project with you! If interested in partnering, please visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/PenfieldRotary> or call club service director Tara Dumont 585-733-9200.

Submitted by Neal Gorman

Pal-Mac Rotary

August concluded with a club picnic hosted by Bob and Dianne Sloan at their wonderful hilltop home in Palmyra. It was a fun family time featuring the presence of Julia Bos, our Rotary Exchange Student six years ago. Julia lives in Amsterdam and attends University. She loved her time with our club and was excited to update us!

Sent by Jeff Crawford

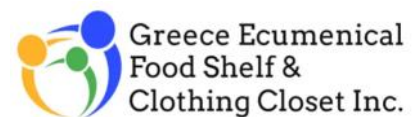


Julia with host and chef Bob Sloan.



A table of fun among several: Ted and Marie Fessler, Jeannie Michalski, Leslie Vecchiotti, and Deb LaMoyne.

Greece Rotary



Greece Rotary Wraps Up Summer Food Drive

In August the Greece Rotary Club wrapped up its food drive for Greece Ecumenical food shelf and clothing closet. We donated a total of 90 pounds - we started in mid July and finished-up last week of August collecting primarily cereal, canned fruit, and boxed pasta. In addition, past opportunities to serve Rohrbach's at Red Wings games allowed the Club to make a donation of \$2,000 to the Greece Ecumenical food shelf. The food shelf was extremely appreciative and able to serve more people in August than they have ever served in one month in the past. This is indicative of the need in our community and the power Rotarians have to help!

Submitted by President Gerianne

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>

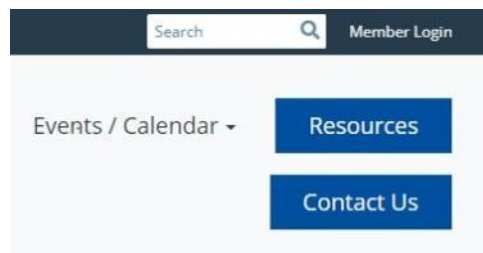
for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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

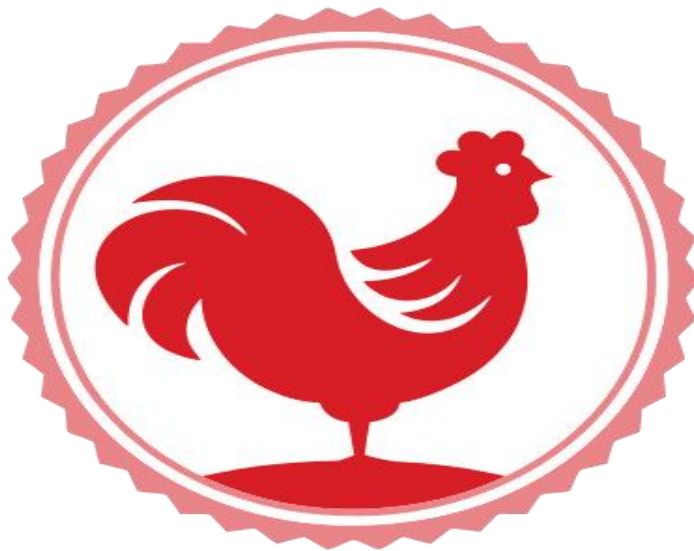
And under **Events / Calendar**, chose :

Club Calendar Submission Form

Complete it and click the submit button.



THERE'S A SATURDAY FARMERS' MARKET IN WATERLOO!



Waterloo Rotary
— Farm Market —

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Rochester Deaf Rotary Club



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Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser

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Thursday,
September
14th
6 PM

\$40 per
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ROC RIVER RIDE

Come explore Rochester's history and natural beauty on a bicycle ride along the scenic Erie Canalway and Genesee Riverway Trails.

ROC RIVER RIDE 2023 WILL FEATURE:

- ride up to 10 miles
- local artists and storytellers
- bike check-ups from R Community Bikes
- bicycle rodeo at the starting location
- ice cream novelties and snacks

FREE WITH CODE:
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SEPTEMBER 16 | 10 am | Genesee Waterways Center

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This event is funded in part through the generous support of the NYS Canal Corporation and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor.



Wayland Rotary
Brisket and Pulled Pork Dinner
9/16/23 12-2:30pm
Wayland Historical Society
100 S Main St Wayland
Take out only \$14

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FALL FROLIC

\$50 CASH RAFFLE

10 chances to win cash prizes

Grand prize is \$1000.00

\$2500 given in prizes * Maximum 200 tickets

Raffle Ticket Purchase includes

Wine & Cheese Reception

Sunday, SEPT. 17, 2023

2:00-5:00 PM

at

The Dairy at Muranda

3075 State Rt. 96S

Waterloo, NY 13165

Featuring Music by

BAD JUJU

Bring a Guest to the Reception & Drawing

One extra guest per ticket: \$20.00

Proceeds to benefit Community Activities

Tickets are on sale **NOW** from:

Waterloo Rotarians * The Dairy at Muranda * Liquid Products



Vocal Music Competition

2023-2024

GET STARTED BY OCTOBER 1!

Sponsored by Rotary District 7120

In concert with Eastman School of Music, Alfred University, Roberts Wesleyan University and SUNY Geneseo

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

Club Auditions in January, Regional Competition February 11, Finals February 25

More Information at www.Rotary7120.org

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Vocal Competition Chair

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4th Annual Road Rally



**Proceeds to benefit Honeoye Lake Rotary
& Bristol Mountain Ski Patrol**

October 15th, 2023

Register online at

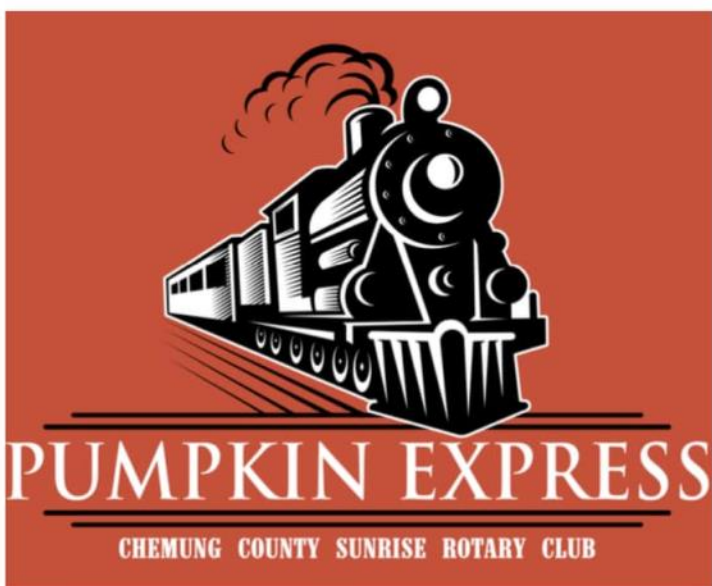


The Birdhouse Brewery – 10AM – 2PM

Rally takes up to 2-1/2 hours all over Ontario County

Euchre Tournament following back at The Birdhouse

\$40.00 per vehicle/four people per car



Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club



7th Annual Pumpkin Express Festival
Hosted by the Sullivan Family
Saturday, October 28, 2023 12PM - 4PM

*Food, live music, story telling, costume contest for kids and adults, pumpkin hunt and trick-or-treating.

*Family activities

*Free train rides

www.chemungcountyrotary.org

14th Annual - Gananda Rotary's
HAUNTED HAYRIDE

**October
13, 14, 20, 21
and 27, 2023**

7-10pm

and Haunted
House

Tickets: \$10

*Group rates for parties
of 12 or more -
Reserved Wagon*

*For tickets, go
tinyurl.com/Haunted22*

1485 walworth-penfield rd., walworth

All proceeds benefit the community - Sponsored by Gananda Rotary club

Questions? Call Patti at 585-739-9521

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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.



Calling All Runners and Beer Lovers

We are holding our annual Sunshine Camp Trail Mix 5k on Friday, October 20th.

This year we will be combining this event with a beer fest!

You don't have to be a runner to enjoy great music from Dos Locos, beer & cider from Stoneyard Brewing, Sloop Brewing, Meiers Creek Brewing, Jacks Abby Brewing, Lagunitas Brewing and Downeast Cider along with food trucks

5K race begins at 4:30 p.m and Beer Fest begins at 5:00 p.m.

A promotional poster for the Trail Mix 5K & Beer Fest. It features a circular logo with "Trail Mix 5K 2023" and a photo of runners. The text includes the date "Fri. October 20th", a "4:30 START" time, and lists activities for runners (1st beer on us, medals ceremony, dry-wick shirt) and beer lovers (6 breweries, live music, food trucks). It also mentions "2 Events - 1 Festive Night" and a "REGISTER NOW" button with a QR code and the website "trailmixrun.sunshinecamp.org".

Trail Mix 5K & BEER FEST
Fri. October 20th
4:30 START

RUNNERS

- 1st beer on us
- Medals Ceremony
- Dry Wick Shirt

BEER LOVERS / RUNNERS

- 6 Breweries
- Live Music by Dos Locos
- Food Trucks

2 Events - 1 Festive Night

REGISTER NOW
trailmixrun.sunshinecamp.org

Ticket Options:

Runner - \$35

- Dry-wick tee shirt
- Entrance into our Beer Fest
- Beer Mug
- First drink is on us!

Beer Lover (no running required) - \$25

- Beer mug
- Free samples
- Your first full glass is on us!

Designated Driver tickets are available.

[Register Here To Run](#)

[Register Here for the Beer Fest](#)

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



- ⚙ **September 2023**
September 23 District Literacy Seminar
- ⚙ **October 2023**
October 1st. Get Started by 10/1/23 for the Vocal Music Competition
- ⚙ **November 2023**
November 5 District Foundation Brunch
November 14 Eastern Cities Fellowship Reception, Strong Museum of Play
- ⚙ **January 2024**
January 15 Oratorical Contest Deadline

Upcoming CLUB Events

- ⚙ **September 2023**

September 14 Roc City Rotary Corn Hole Tournament

September 16 Wayland Rotary Brisket and Pulled Pork Dinner

September 16 ROC River Ride

September 17 Waterloo Rotary Fall Frolic

⚙ October 2023

- October 7 Penfield Community Bike Drop
Penfield Community Center, 9am to noon
- October 12,14,20,21 and 24 Gananda Rotary Haunted Hayride
- October 15 Honeoye Lake Rotary Road Rally
- October 20 Rochester Rotary Trail Mix 5K and Beer Fest
- October 28 Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Pumpkin Express
- ⚙ **November 2023**

November 10 Camp Onseyawa Annual Dinner

November 14 Eastern Cities Fellowship Reception

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



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