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As I write this month's newsletter, I am attending the NAYEN (North American Youth Exchange Network) Conference in Vancouver with Gretchen DiNardo and Pam Schlierf. This is a fantastic opportunity to immerse ourselves in the youth services community, reconnect with familiar faces, and forge new connections. I talk a lot about my passion for youth and the joy I get from empowering and engaging our future leaders. Our District Youth programs are thriving and it is a testament to the dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work of everyone involved, from organizers and volunteers to the youth participants themselves.

Rotary Youth Opportunities, provided by Rotary International, have several positive impacts on young people and the communities they serve.

Leadership Development.

Rotary programs offer youth opportunities to develop leadership skills through various activities such as leadership training, community service projects, and involvement in Rotary-sponsored events. This helps them become effective leaders in their schools, communities, and future careers.

Cultural Exchange and Understanding:

Rotary youth exchange programs facilitate cultural exchange experiences, allowing young people to immerse themselves in different cultures, languages, and customs. This fosters greater global understanding, tolerance, and empathy among participants.

Personal Growth and Development:

Participation in Rotary youth programs often leads to personal growth and development. Youth are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones, take on new challenges, and develop confidence, resilience, and a sense of responsibility.

Service to Others:

Rotary emphasizes service above self, and youth programs instill the value of giving back to the community. Through volunteering, fundraising, and service projects, young people learn the importance of making a positive impact on the lives of others and contributing to the greater good.

Networking and Lifelong Connections:

Rotary youth programs provide opportunities for young people to network with peers, mentors, and community leaders. These connections can lead to lifelong friendships, professional collaborations, and support networks that can be invaluable throughout their lives.

Overall, Rotary Youth Opportunities play a crucial role in empowering young people to become responsible, compassionate, and engaged citizens who are committed to making a positive difference in the world. And I would like to thank all of the Rotarians who contribute their time and expertise in Creating Hope In the World!!!

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







March is Women's History Month!

The history of women in Rotary is a remarkable journey of persistence, advocacy, and progress. This work continues to this day with some clubs having few or no women membership. The addition of women to Rotary has been a boon for the continued growth of many clubs, with many have 50% or more active members identifying as women.



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District 7120, and prior to that as District 712, has a positive history of engaging women in Rotary and in Rotary leadership. In a history of District 7120 written by Bill Stirling in 1995, he doesn't cite the first female president, however, does note that 'for several years now, we have had women serving as Club Presidents.' In the Bloomfield club, Shirley Miller, a former Ontario County purchasing agent, was one of the first female presidents in the district, serving from 1990-1991. In the Clifton Springs Club, Jean Day was the first president, serving in 1994-95. She is still an active member and Vivian Ryan, current co-president was inducted in 1992 and first served as club president in 2019-2020. Terri Hall of the Canandaigua Rotary Club was our first female DG in 2003-2004, with several serving since, including: 2011-12 Norma Madayag-Reilly, Newark, 2013-14 Ellen Hughes, Waterloo, 2020-21 Linda Kohl, Penfield, 2021-22 Janet Tenreiro, Canandaigua, and 2023-24 Julie Carney, Avon. Newer Rotary Clubs have had women in leadership early, including Eleanor and Donna of the Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest and there are many women in our district, who have served or are currently serving in leadership roles and who have been active members, serving their clubs and communities for decades and we celebrate their commitment and trailblazing for those of us today. Here's a brief history of women in Rotary:

Early Advocacy: In 1921, Alwilda F. Harvey, the wife of the Chicago Club president, convened a luncheon meeting of 59 women who formed the "Women of Rotary." The Rotary International (RI) Board rejected this name, leading to its change to "The Women of the Rotary Club of Chicago".

Decades of Persistence: The journey toward inclusion continued as more women reached higher positions in their professions. Many clubs began lobbying for female members. In 1950, an enactment was proposed to delete the word "male" from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution at the Council on Legislation meeting. In 1964, another proposal to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs, but it was withdrawn. Advocacy continued through the 1970's and in 1977, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, admitted three women as members, albeit in violation of the RI Constitution and leading to the termination of their charter.

The Watershed Moment: In 1987, the tide turned with the US Supreme Court ruling against the Board or RI, handing down a 7-0 decision in support of the Duarte Club, citing that they could not discriminate against members because of gender. In 1989, RI Delegates recognized that the world of 1989 was vastly different from 1905, and Rotary needed to adapt. The decision to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide was a historic milestone.

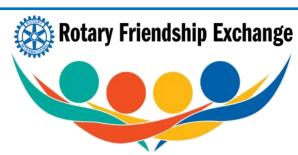
Impact and Growth: By June 1990, the number of female Rotarians had surged to over 20,000 and over the years, women's participation has continued to rise. In July 2020, there were more than 277,000 women Rotarians worldwide, constituting about 23% of the total membership. Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion remains unwavering. We celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, abilities, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The inclusion of women in Rotary has enriched our organization, fostering positive change in communities worldwide. Their leadership and dedication exemplify Rotary's core values.

Sources: Women and Rotary | Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF)

Home Page | District 7120 (rotary7120.org)

Recruitment for Rotary Friendship Exchange Guests

An inbound Rotary Friendship Exchange team will be visiting District 7120 and we need hosts to open their homes to these fellow Rotarians for 3-4 days for each leg of their visit. The guest Rotarians are from South Africa and will be arriving in Rochester April 14/15, 2024-departing on April 26.



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The first leg of the trip will be in the Elmira area. Contact Dick Dubois for questions and/or interest: 607-731-0769. The second leg of the trip will be in the Bloomfield-Avon area. Contact Cat Jensen 585-752-0219 or Bob Howard 585-489-1326 for questions.

The final leg of the trip will be Rochester area. Contact Lisa Norwood 585-698-7498.

As a host your responsibilities include opening your home with grace to your guests. Make them feel welcome and at home! Breakfast and coffee are great for the morning and perhaps a snack or glass of wine in the evening as you discuss the day's adventures with your guests. One evening you may want to have a nice dinner with your new South African friends! The RFE committee members will be transporting guests and acting as tour guides. As a host you are most welcome to join in the activities as well.

Please consider opening your home for a brief few days to our fellow Rotarians. It is sure to be an interesting adventure for all.

Submitted by: Cat Jensen Avon Club



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

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN Sign up at www.RotaryEmpireMDPETS.org

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

No need to register for these - we'll email you the zoom link!

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Be sure that your club's 2024-25 President is entered into ClubRunner so they receive important communications about their training

Follow Empire Multi-District PETS on Facebook for helpful instructions on using ClubRunner and go much more!



What's New At President Elect Training This Year - Register Now!

Submitted by Empire MD PETS Committee

After a recent survey of incoming club presidents, we know that about half have been president before. So why come to training if you've already done it before? There are dozens of reasons, but here are our top three!

PETS is never the same twice

With new leaders planning the curriculum, new speakers, new topics and new attendees each year, no two Pre-PETS sessions nor PETS weekends are the same. Like snowflakes! This year, we'll even be at a new location. Please do not blow off this learning experience as one you've had before because no one has ever experienced *this PETS before!*

Everyone has something to offer

Whether you have been Club President five times or you have been in Rotary for five months, everyone has something to offer in a facilitated learning environment. Sure, our speakers will present new and inspirational information for you to learn from, but the majority of your learning will be facilitated. That means you will all be sharing your clubs successes and challenges, as well as your personal and professional experiences that lend to our many break out session topics. *Every individual who attends PETS contributes to the experience of every attendee.*

We have new and more advanced classes for experienced leaders

If you are an Encore President, serving another term to lead your club, we have a special track of breakout sessions just for you. Topics will include Conflict Management, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Adapting Existing Clubs in the Action Plan, and a direct Q&A with the head of all membership at Rotary International, Brian King. These will be led by district and Rotary International leaders that you likely have not met before.

It is our hope that every club will be represented at the Empire Multi-District President Elect Training Seminar, March 15-17 at the DoubleTree on Carrier Circle in Syracuse. If your club's incoming president is unable or unwilling to attend, someone else can go in their place. Clubs have already paid for someone to go, so take advantage of this learning opportunity for a new member, a board member, a membership chair, a future leader or even your current president to get a refresher.

The hotel room block ends February 13th, so do not wait to make your reservation. Get the link to book your room and register to attend at www.RotaryEmpireMDPETS.org. There you will also find the full schedule, details like what to wear, speaker bios, FAQ's and more.

Be sure to follow **Empire Multi-District PETS on Facebook** for updates, tips and helpful reminders.





Save the Date for the

2024 District Training Assembly

Saturday, April 13, 2024,

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Canandaigua Academy

NO registration fee but registration is required, see page 9 for details. REGISTER NOW!

https://rotary7120.org/event/district-training-assembly-2024/

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The District Training Committee is excited to share the partial listing of the breakout sessions at the District Training Assembly

- Foundation Rotary's signature project- PolioPlus Campaign by PDG Dave Hannan, District Foundation Committee Chair.
- **Strategic Planning** by the District Strategic Planning team- Energize your club with Strategic Action Planning. . .Session 1: Describing the Process. Session 2: Panel discussion of successes being experienced.
- **DEI** by Chris McDonald. Building Bridges Through DEI. Designed to initiate practical strategies, out of the box thinking, meaningful discussions and actionable insights that will not only enrich your Rotary experience but also contribute to a more vibrant and united Rotary club.
- Increasing your Rotary IQ by volunteer assistant governors. If you are new, not-so-new or just want to check if you have a good knowledge of Rotary, this session is for you. There will be two levels of Rotary information.
- The **Impactful Service Projects** by three volunteer Rotary clubs in the district, talking about their impactful service projects
- More on service projects by three or four Rotary clubs. These clubs will demonstrate that having an impact in your community is NOT determined by your club size.
- **Public Image** by PDG Linda & PP Marce Chavez. Best Practices on branding & posting on social media.
- Rotary Leadership Opportunities by PDG Janet Tenreiro. Learn about leadership opportunities in your club as well as in the district. We are not talking about becoming a district governor. There are other opportunities for leadership roles.
- **Foundation Global Grants** by members of Rochester Rotary. WASH Water project A Global Grant. Your Rotary club could be part this Global grant. Learn how at this session.
- Mental Health by Christine Casaceli. "Enhance your mental health with better stress management"
- Membership by the District Membership Committee Session 1: Attributes of a Growing Club;
 Session 2: Are you enthusiastic about Rotary? Session 3: Rotary Lite- Is it right for your club.

More session topics and details to follow.
NO registration fee but registration is required
REGISTER NOW!

https://rotary7120.org/event/district-training-assembly-2024/ Click Here To Register



See you there!!!! THANK YOU! The District Training Committee:

DGE Dave Demers, DGN Jim Crane, AG Nancy Latour, AG Susan Salvaggio, PDG Tom Roger, Host club liaison, PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly, District Trainer

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District 7120 Club Bulletin/Newsletter Contest

Club Bulletin Award Evaluation Criteria

For the current Rotary year, clubs will select three (3) bulletins/newsletters, published in the time frame July 1 to January 31 of Rotary year. The reason that the whole Rotary year isn't judged is to allow time for the submissions to be received by the judges, judged, and for the results to be sent to the Awards Committee for the awards to be made in time for the awards presentations at the District Conference.

Entries are due on or before April 1 (extended from February 1)

Submit to Marilyn Lyon at: 7120news@Rochester.rr.com

Each of the following categories will be rated on a 0 to 5 point basis unless otherwise noted.

- 1. Writing Style: creative, witty, informative, to and for the members.
- 2. Layout and Presentation: attractive, eye-catching openings, neat, easy to read format, and reader-friendly.
- 3. Graphics, photos, and color: use of these items to enhance the story or to illustrate.
- 4. Program Report: Does your club have a weekly program/guest speaker? A report with or without a picture will be a bonus to your overall score for the competition.
- 5. Club News: Upcoming events, fundraisers, projects, results of events, attendance, make-ups, trips, special recognition's, etc.
- 6. Member Recognition: new member biography, accomplishments, fines.
- 7. District Information: Meetings, dinners, training sessions, visitations, programs, projects, accomplishments, and requests.
- 8. RI Information: Extracts from articles in the Rotarian magazine, ABC's of Rotary, and similar sources.

Club Achievement Awards NOMINATION FORM

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Name of Rotary Club:	District / 120	
Number of Members: (as of March 15)		_
Title of Project:		

Avenue of Service: (you <u>MUST</u> circle or underline the one and only one that best applies to the project listed) If no Avenue is circled, the project will be disqualified.

Projects must be completed between July 1, 2022(because awards were not given last year) and March 29, 2024. You may submit only one project per category. You may not submit any winning project submitted previously.

Club Service Community Service Vocational Service International Service Youth Services

- Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange when available.
- 1. Give a brief description of the project.
- Who and how many benefited from the Project?
- 3. Describe how the Club found out about this Project. What actions did the members take to accomplish this Project, besides raising funds for the project?
- 4. How many Club Members were involved in the non-fund-raising activities related to the accomplishment of the Project?
- 5. Was there community involvement? Describe the type of community involvement.
- 6. When was the Project completed and how much did the Project cost?

 Prepared/submitted by:

 Rotarian's name/Office held (if officer)

 Date

NOTE:

Only the information on this form will be considered. Do NOT send supplementary materials as they will not be considered.

You may send your submissions/nominations via e-mail: <u>ellenhughes13-14@rochester.rr.com</u> no later than 5: 00 pm March 29, 2024.

Or you may send your nominations via regular mail postmarked No Later Than March 25, 2024 to:

Ellen Hughes

2461 Brewer Rd.

Waterloo, NY 13165

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Submissions that do not follow the requirements will be disqualified.



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



Literacy Corner



"Every **Rotary** year **plan** to undertake at least one literacy project"

Please join us at the DTA on Saturday April 13, 2024 in Canandaigua

Don't forget your Literacy Criteria Form for your award.

Submitted by Mary Merritt, Literacy Committee



Criteria for the 2023-2024 Literacy Recognition

Theme: "Not Your Grandmother's Literacy"

Categories: Ideas/Suggestions Do a total of 5 different things, which may include:

1. General Ideas

Attending the Seminar

Show how your club observed September 8th, either as the International Day of Reading or recognizing the month of September as Literacy Month.

Using an idea from the Children's Agenda Website, thechildrensagenda.org

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Volunteer at a Day Care or Library

Baby Bags with book and brochure

Individual book shelf with books

Give needy parents financial aid (scholarship? Assistance?, etc?) to help with day care expenses.

Your own idea

3. Ages 5-12

Provide Books and Healthy Snacks for the weekend

Blue Book Shelf

Place books in Food Pantry, Community Centers, Laundromats

Create a Reading corner for a classroom

Treasure boxes

Throw a Literacy based Party for your School or Library

Your own idea

4. Ages 13 and above

Author visit

Little Library

Bring/Send some teens to the Teen Book Festival

Scholarships

Periodical subscription

Word Search books in large print for Senior Centers or Nursing Homes.

Your own idea

5. International

Books for the World School Supplies

Name of Club			
Contact person_	 	 	

Form must be submitted by **March 31, 2024. Send to:** JoAnn Terry, 100 McAuley Drive, Apt. 150, Rochester. NY 14610, or email @ <u>joannterry7@gmail.com</u>

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Enter Your Club in District 7120 Contests & Awards FACEBOOK CONTEST WEBSITE CONTEST



It's easy AND simple. Check out the criteria for the contest and make your website or Facebook presence a better experience for your next digital visitor.

Details for each contest can be found at: https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/awards-contests

Select the contest you want to submit your club for, and the submission link is at the top of the page. Takes all of 1-minute.

P.S. If you are interested in being a judge this year, read on.

The amount of your time needed depends on the number of submissions this year. Previous year's range 7-16 submissions. Judging will not start until April 2, so I just need to know if you are interested in helping. You will receive a simple spreadsheet on April 2 with links to the pages to evaluate. put in your scores on the sheet, and then email the results back to me. You should spend 5-15 minutes per site scoring them based on the judging criteria available on the website link above.

One bonus benefit to you being a judge, is you get to look at the best of the district club websites and Face-book pages and take any cool ideas you discover and apply them back to your own club website and Face-book pages. And yes, you can be a judge of your own club site, you are a Rotarian so we trust your integrity. The other nice thing about judging is that each judge will apply their OWN PERSONAL criteria in each cate-gory and for the score. Just be consistent club to club. This should take you a couple of hours at the most. When completed, please send the spreadsheet back to me. Judging will need to be completed by April 15. After actually reading all that, if you are still interested in being a judge,

please email: PublicImage7120@gmail.com



Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) Opportunities – Sweden

RFE is a priority program for Rotary International which provides participants the opportunity for travel to Rotary districts around the world. Participants meet other Rotarians, stay with them, learn their culture, promote peace and learn about the district plus how Rotary serves where they live. We have completed RFEs on all major continents including within the USA. Recent exchanges were Texas / New Mexico in (2022), to Australia D9820 last year, South Africa D9350 here in April; Australia here and India D3100 are scheduled next year.

Our district team members have been invited to participate in an exchange to Sweden District 2400 from Friday August 16 to Tuesday, August 27th. The district is situated in the Southern part of Sweden and stretches from the North Sea coast on the west side of the country to the Baltic Sea on the east side. The area of District 2400 comprises all kinds of nature. You can find archipelagos, lovely beaches, forests, agricultural areas and wetlands. There are also some UnescoWorld Heritage sites. Sweden District 2400 is often referred to as the midnight district but there will be over 15 hours of daylight in mid-August.

Please reply to <u>CGrovanz@rochester.rr.com</u> if you have questions or would like to participate in the trip to Sweden. You will be sent an application to complete if you are interested. Additional D7120 RFE information and the application is also on our website:

https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/rotary-friendship-exchange

We are also initially asking for volunteers to host during the Sweden RFE trip to our district between September 25 and October 6. Our plan is to have three hosting sessions of 3 or 4 nights each to showcase the central, south and northern parts of our Finger Lakes District. Host volunteers have the highest selection priority for RFE visits to other districts and countries. Also indicate if you are interested in hosting .

In both cases, reply by March 22.

RFE Committee Members can also provide information about our exchange John Brown, Dick DuBois, Ann & Dave DeMers, Bill Gormont, Carl & Linda Grovanz, Kat Jensen, John & Maureen Hall, Jim Hughes, Bob Howard, Nancy Loughlin, Lisa Norwood, Scott MacDonell & Vivian Ryan.

Thank you,

Carl Grovanz CGrovanz@rochester.rr.com

Rotary District 7120 RFE Chair

Women's History Month

Wilma Mankiller: Cherokee Chief



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"I expected politics to be the issue," Wilma stated regarding her election to the Cherokee government.. "They weren't. The issue was my being a woman, and I wouldn't have it. I simply told myself that it was a foolish issue, and I wouldn't argue with a fool." Surprisingly, Wilma Mankiller felt more discrimination as a woman than as an Native American. Neither form of discrimination was welcomed but she more or less "expected" the harassment as an Indigenous person. She wasn't prepared for the gender issue. Wilma immersed herself in the Cherokee traditions, embracing the idea of "being of good mind". For her, that meant fighting to keep a positive outlook, even when it wasn't easy.

Historically, Native American women had been respected within the Cherokee Nation. The hostility she endured surprised Wilma because traditional Cherokee societies and clans were organized through the maternal side. So imagine her surprise when she received death threats, harsh opposition, and criticism when running for Chief. With determination and focus, Wilma ascended to Chief in 1985. She received numerous sexist attacks throughout her tenure in the Cherokee government, many times from folks who were not Indigenous people.

Under her leadership the Cherokee government built new health clinics, created early education and adult learning, and job-training programs. Wilma negotiated an agreement with the United States government to allow the tribe to manage its own finances, increased the number of enrolled members of the tribe, and improved its budget by developing factories, restaurants, and bingo operations. She worked tirelessly to improve respect for Native Americans and the importance of caring for the environment. Wilma Mankiller actively promoted women's rights, tribal sovereignty, cancer awareness, and many other issues.

Wilma Mankiller clearly had tenacity as the FIRST female Chief of the Cherokee Nation. No matter how many times she was knocked down, she always got back up keeping a sense of humor throughout. She didn't allow the personal attacks stand in the way of her serving her people or advocating for her community. In 1998, President Clinton awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. That was a very proud day for the Cherokee Nation.

Writer's Note: In the Cherokee language "Mankiller" represents a military term for village guard.

Cat Jensen
District Committee member DEI
Avon Rotary club

LETTER OF COORDINATION

Subject: Spring 2024 Environmental Project

Submitted by Gary Anderson

1. BACKGROUND. Each year, the district Environmental Action Committe sponsors a fall and spring project. This year the District Governor has expressed a desire to combine the annual spring Great Lakes Watershed Clean-Up with a project to plant Milkweed in unused areas to encourage the Monarch Butterfly population. Milk weed is a main source of nourishment for the beautiful and endangered species, but its habitat has been diminished due to development in many places.



ENVIRONMENT

2. OBJECTIVE. To continue the district's ongoing efforts to keep the Great Lakes Watershed in out area and related watersheds clean and to increase the population of Milkweed in the district.

3, EXECUTION

- a. Each club is asked to select a clean-up project area during the Earth Day (22d) or a time of their choosing as well as identify unused area where Milkweed can be grown and plant seeds.
- b. As always, the clubs will be asked to decide where their efforts are best spent.
- c. Clubs are asked to provide their own resources in their areas, but the Environmental Action Committee will assist with answering questions and inter club coordination.
- 4. LOGISTICS. Clubs will provide their own resources, but some suggested sources of Milkweed seeds are listed below:

Common Milkweed Seeds,...

Milkweed Seeds, Ice Balle...

Swamp Milkweed Seeds,...

Milkweed Seeds For Monarc...

American Meadows

Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company

American Meadows

5. COMMUNICATIONS, COORDINATION. AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- a. Coordination contact point is Gary Anderson (EAC Chair) gwa1948@aol.com phone 571-212-0483
- b. Clubs are encouraged to submit pictures and stories of the spring activities the Marilyn Lyon at the Grapevine to share with the rest of the district Marilyn Lyon <|yon@geneseo.edu>
 - c. Clubs are also encouraged to share their activities with local news outlets.

Note: This list in not all-inclusive, and clubs that have other sources are welcome to share them

\$4.95

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Milkweed, Asclepias Syria... Seed Nerds \$1.99

Asclepias - Butterfly ... True Leaf Market \$55.28

Native Milkweed... Gurney's \$22.49\$24.99

Native Milkweed... Spring Hill Nursery \$18.74\$24.99

Milkweed Seeds - Common

Faire \$3.00

Milkweed Seeds, Soulmate

Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company

\$4.00

Milkweed Seeds, Red Or Sw... Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company \$3.00 eBay \$50.00 Milkweed Seeds For Monarc... US eBay \$19.14 Free (When Available) ... Poshmark \$100.00

Common Milkweed 50 Seeds... US eBay

50+ Showy Milkweed Seed,... US eBay

500 COMMON MILKWEED SEEDS...

US eBay \$5.99

\$9.98

\$2.27

Common Milkweed - 100 ... US eBay \$8.99

Common Milkweed Seeds,... US eBay \$5.99





DISTRICT 7120



Vocal Music Competition

Results: 2023-2024

This year's contestants, Clubs*

- February 11, at SUNY Geneseo Caroline Burse (Bloomfield) Kiersten Conroy (Perry) Maya Fantauzzi (Canandaigua) Ashley Ficarra (Rush-Henrietta) Nico Jeffery (Penfield) Jessica Post (Penfield) Kim Vjterbo (East Rochester)
- February 25, at Roberts Wesleyan University
 Katie Evans (Bloomfield)
 Katherine Kovacs (Webster)
 Isabella Sanginario (Spencerport)

Eligible for: \$10,000 scholarship from each university*

\$2,000 total cash, divided among singers based on Adjudicator/Faculty ranking*

* Adjudicators recommended **not** to list rankings. More important were their written comments provided to each student related to their strengths and areas for improvement.

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
 Scholarships and cash awards

PLAN NOW TO PARTICIPATE IN 2024-2025

Schedule, Ideas, Information 7.1.24 at www.Rotary7120.org
Jack Best, PRID
Vocal Competition Chair

jackbest@rochester.rr.com

c/t: 585-261-0073

INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE:

COVID-19, INFLUENZA, RSV, and POLIO

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PDG DAVID HANNAN



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DISEASE PREVENTION

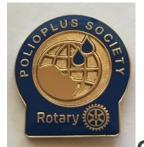
COVID-19, INFLUENZA, RSV, and Other Respiratory Diseases:

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention has revised its guidance for when to stay home and when to return to normal activities after respiratory infections including COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV.

- 1. Individuals should stay home and away from others, including people they live with who are not sick, if they have respiratory virus symptoms that are not better explained by another cause. These symptoms include fever, chills, fatigue, cough, runny nose, and headache.
- 2. Individuals can go back to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, both of the following are true: a.) Symptoms are getting better overall, and b.) They no longer have a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- 3. When going back to normal activities, individuals should take added precautions over the next 5 days, including taking additional steps for cleaner air, hygiene, masks, physical distancing, and testing when they will be around other people, especially older adults, young children, and those with weakened immune systems. Children under 2 should never wear a mask.
- 4. Keep in mind that people may still be able to spread the virus that made them sick, even if they are feeling better, so it is important to take extra precautions after resuming normal activities.
- 5. If individuals develop a fever or start to feel worse, they should stay home and away from others again. They should use the same criteria for returning to normal activities as when they first had symptoms and take added precautions over the next 5 days.
- 6. There is additional guidance for healthcare workers.
- 7. Additional information is available at CDC.gov and health.ny.gov

POLIO:

- 1. A resident of Rockland County, who had not traveled overseas, contracted Polio in 2022 and the Polio Virus has been 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 family. If you had the full Polio Vaccine series as a child, you do not need a booster at this time.
- 3. There were 12 cases of Wild Polio Virus Type 1 worldwide in 2023, the last in Pakistan on October 24, 2023. No cases have been identified in 2024.
- 4. I will be giving a detailed presentation on the PolioPlus Campaign of Rotary International at the District 7120 Training Assembly in Canandaigua on Saturday, April 13.





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 <u>Global Polio Eradication Initiative</u>, 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 donatio one):	n to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation as follows (select
☐ \$100 USD per year (minimum	amount to become a society member)
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	neck) 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!



Celebrate 2024 with the Custom Rotary License Plate Available to All New York State Rotarians (Please share!)



The Rotary International plate is available via mail through the DMV Custom Plates Unit. You can find details at: https://dmv.ny.gov/plates/rotary-international. (You will need to mail in a letter of proof of membership from your president on Rotary letterhead. Scans and PDFs are accepted.)

You can download the PDF order form https://dmv.ny.gov/forms/cp30.pdf, which you will mail in along with your letter of proof of membership.

Rotarians who currently have the old Rotary plates and want to switch to the new one should call the DMV Custom Plates Unit at 518-402-4838, Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Rotary International plate is also available with the International Symbol of Access (ISA) (formerly "handicapped" plates) on it for any registrant with a disability who qualifies for such a plate. Any individual qualifying for an ISA must contact the Custom Plates Unit at 518-402-4838 before submitting their application.

Personalized custom plates at an extra fee (you pick the characters, i.e., "RTRY"), and custom plates that include the Symbol of Access for individuals who qualify, are also available.

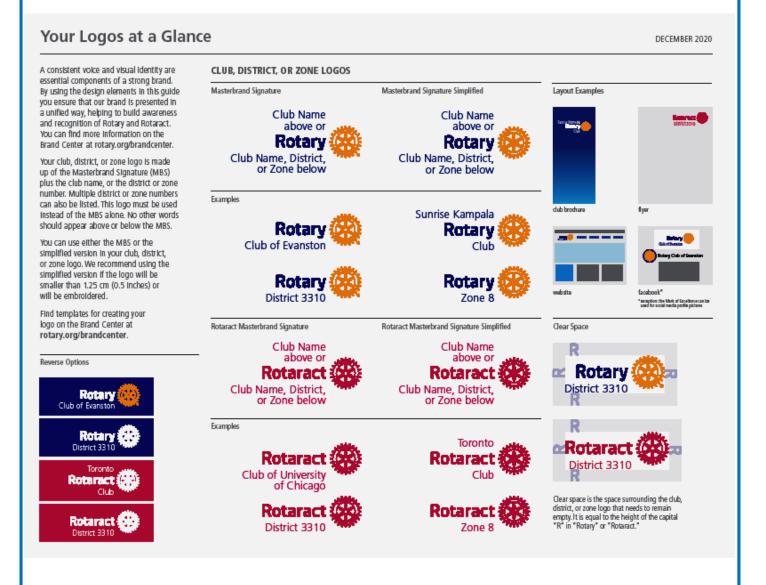
If you have any questions, please email me at ny-rotary-plate@potsdamrotary.org.

Please Note:

If you are creating posters to submit to the Grapevine they **must** comply with the Rotary International Brand Center Rules. This includes Rotaract and Interact

Please review the examples on these two pages.

You can go to the Rotary International Brand Center and use their templates to create your new Club Logos.



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Your Logos at a Glance

DECEMBER 2020

Lockups are used to show a relationship between your club, district, or zone and partners, sponsors, programs, or events. Only one logo can be featured in a lockup with your club, district, or zone logo.

The lockup should not be used as your club, district, or zone logo.

Find templates for creating your own lockup on the Brand Center at rotary.org/brandcenter.

RESOURCES

BRAND CENTER: rotary.org/brandcenter

LEARNING CENTER: rotary.org/learn

LICENSED VENDORS: my.rotary.org/licensed-vendors

SUPPORT CENTER: rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org

CHECKLIST

Make sure to use your club, district, or zone logo on the following:

- ☐ Your dub website
- ☐ Your dub social media sites
- Banners and event signage
- ☐ Signage, including those located outside of your club meeting place or on city welcome signs
- Flyers and brochures
- Apparel and goods (purchased or produced by a Rotary-licensed vendor)
- □ Name badges
- ☐ Trading banners/flags

LOCKUPS

Logo Lockup Examples











Word Lockup Examples

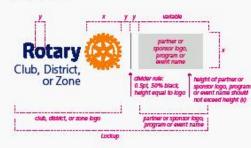








Lockup Construction



NAMING PROJECTS OR EVENTS

When naming a project, event, or website URL, you must include the name of your club or district If you want to include the word Rotary or Rotarian(s). For example, instead of calling your event Rotary Bingo, call it Rotary Club of Evanston Bingo Night. You might also call it We Love Bingo!, leaving out any reference to Rotary. These guidelines are outlined in the Rotary Code of Policies. Please note that when using your club name, your club must be in full control of the event or project. The Rotary name cannot be licensed to a third party. For example, if a summer camp is opening in cooperation with your club, don't name it Rotary Camp.





Club logo on installation

Multiclub sign





Rotaract club event

MARK OF EXCELLENCE

Rotary dub event

The Rotary wheel is the Mark of Excellence (MOE) and should be considered the secondary logo. When you use the it, we encourage you to position your club, district, or zone logo nearby for clarify and recognition. There is no simplified version of the MOE — the words









printing one-color, azure or black can be used. It cannot appear in colors other than those shown here. Information about Rotary's color palette can be found on the Brand Center







Register today at convention.rotary.org



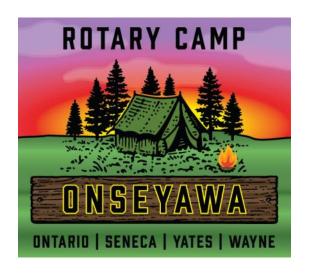




2024 Ages 6 - 12



August 11-17 2024 Ages 8 - 21 https://app.campdoc.com/!/dn/login?r=gvrc



August 10 - 24 2024 Ages 8 -16 https://www.onseyawa.org/camperapplications



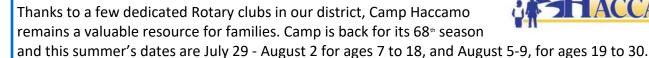
July 7 - 12 2024 Ages 7-15 July 14 - 19 Ages 16-21 https://www.sunshinecamp.org/ camper-application/



July 29 - August 2, 2024 Ages 7 - 18 August 5 - 9 Ages 19 - 30 https://www.camphaccamo.org/ applications

CAMP HACCAMO SUMMER 2024 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Want to play a role? We are Recruiting for Paid and Volunteer Support!





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With 24/7 nursing care and a ratio of one counselor per two campers, Camp Haccamo is a one-of-a-kind place where children and adults with acute special needs can have a safe and fun summer camp experience FREE of charge. Plus, parents and guardians can have quality respite, knowing their loved ones are in good hands.

Camp Haccamo's supportive environment fosters growth and acceptance while helping campers overcome roadblocks and obstacles.

Sol Platt, who attended the last two seasons, has benefited significantly from Camp Haccamo.

"Despite facing challenges fitting in elsewhere, Haccamo provided an amazing experience for Sol," says his mom Linda Platt. "Over the years, he's gained independence, made new friends, and learned new social skills at camp.



He loves it!" [Sol and Linda are pictured here during opening day of camp in 2023.] "Sol wants everyone to know that Camp Haccamo is very inclusive and the best part is the carnival at the end!"

"Camp Haccamo is unique because it's all about understanding and support," says Robert Williams, President of Camp Haccamo's Board of Directors and a Webster Rotarian. "Our counselors and staff are familiar with the anxieties and obsessions these kids face and they understand how to help them develop news skills and achieve a certain level of confidence during their week at camp

"There's a great need for programs like ours geared for emotionally fragile and behaviorally challenged children and adults. That's why we are extremely pleased to welcome campers back for another memorable summer," says Dolly Kujawa, longtime executive director at Camp Haccamo.

In related news, watch out for the upcoming "The Last Match," a pro-wrestling rock opera stage performance coming to Rochester this April. The producers know Camp Haccamo and Dolly Kujawa very well and have promised to help us build awareness. Learn more at https://www.thelastmatch.com/.

Registration forms can be found online at www.camphaccamo.org, be sure to click on the link "Register for Camp." Camp Haccamo is supported by 13 dedicated Rotary Clubs: Brighton, Brockport, Fairport, Gates Chili, Hilton, Honeoye Falls-Mendon, Irondequoit, Monroe South, Penfield, Pittsford, Rush Henrietta, Spencerport, and Webster. Please engage with us on Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/haccamo.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Geneseo Rotary Honors Students of the Month





On February 12, the Geneseo Rotary Club honored two Geneseo Central School Students of the Month for December and January.

Left Photo: Jake Bucci, Mr. Salatel, G.C.S. MS/HS Principal and Club President Heather Ferrero Right Photo: Riley Meyers, Mr. Salatel, G.C.S. MS/HS Principal and Club President Heather Ferrero

Sent by Cindy Flowers, Geneseo Central School Superintendent

Dundee Rotary Gives Two Student of the Month Awards

At the February 14th meeting of the Dundee Rotary, February President Steve Owens presented Student of the Month awards (certificate and \$25.00 check) to Amelia Duffy and Jenna Erskine. Elementary Principal Tiffany Cohrs explained that Amelia was selected as the Elementary Student of the Month because she is a model student, excels in academics, participates in variety of activities, and sets an example for her fellow students. Amelia is the daughter of Ben and Lauren Duffy.

Jr/Sr High Principal Chad Johnson stated that Jenna Erskine, a Senior who is learning the electrical trade, was selected as Jr/Sr Student of the Month as she excels in academics, was a December Mega Scot, and is such a kind and thoughtful person. Jenna's parents are Kevin and Kathy Erskine.



Pictured are President Steve Owens (L), Amelia (C), and Jenna (R).

Congratulations to Amelia and Jenna. Submitted by Lauren Snyder

Webster Rotary Club



On a recent Saturday afternoon, members of the Webster Rotary Club paid club member, Ross Willink, a special visit to award him a Paul Harris Fellow. A long time member of the Webster club, Ross has contributed tremendously to Rotary and the Webster community!

Congratulations Ross!



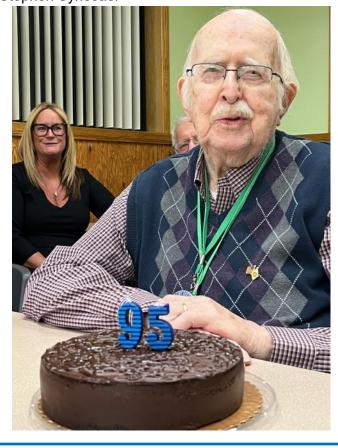
Submitted by Joseph Corona

The Rush Henrietta Rotary

The Rush Henrietta Rotary has a new member. Patti Nicosia was inducted and her sponsor Gene Gillian was by her side.

Longtime member Ed Crosby celebrated his 95th birthday at the most recent RH Rotary meeting!

Stephen Synesael









Geneseo Rotary

On February 21, during Geneseo Central school's Mid Winter's Break, the Geneseo Rotary Club sponsored its Good Neighbor's Bowing event at Livingston Lanes in Geneseo.





Each bowler also received a free book.

Pizza and refreshments were served.

Pictures submitted by Heather Ferrero.





AVON ROTARY GREW TONIGHT!

February 27, 2024

We are thrilled to welcome a new member to our club, Richelle Ford! Richelle resides in Avon with her husband Mike and daughter Quinn, and brings a wealth of experience and dedication to service.

Having spent 7 years on the Avon PTA board, with 2 years as secretary and 5 years as president, Richelle has demonstrated strong leadership and commitment to our local education system. Her dedication doesn't stop there; she served an additional 7 years as a Girl Scout troop leader, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of young members in our community.

Currently serving as the District Registrar and Data Coordinator for the Geneseo Central School District, Richelle has chosen to extend her community service with the Avon Rotary Club. With her wealth of experience, we are confident she will be a valuable asset to our club, contributing to our mission of making a positive impact on Avon and beyond.



Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Richelle! We look forward to working together and creating lasting positive change in our beloved community and beyond.

Submitted by: Mike Ford via social media

Sent by Laurie Vonglis

Geneva Rotary Club's Interact Club

The Geneva Rotary Club's Interact Club at Geneva High School annually has a bake sale auction at a Rotary meeting. Rotarians eagerly buy baked goods that the students bring to the meeting and the Interact Club raises quite a bit of money. This year's bake sale was inadvertently scheduled during high school midterm exam week and only one student was able to attend. So Rotarians put their heads together and figured out a way to help. We held a bake sale of goods brought in by Rotarians and gave the proceeds to the high school club. Shown here are Susie Flick delivering Charlie Bartishevich's auction purchase while Bob Stenzel looks on. The auction raised \$602 for the Interact Club.



Philip G. Beckley

Exchange Students Tour

This year's group of exchange students got a tour of 13WHAM-TV in Rochester. It's an annual event for the students to come and see how TV works in America. They all seem to enjoy the tour, and they were accompanied by the Interact students from Avon.

Submitted by Stephen Synesael







Pal-Mac Rotary News

How much fun can our Pal-Mac Rotary club have auctioning off entrees and desserts made by members and friends?! LOTS!!



Mark Clement served as our auctioneer with Bob Yost's assistance.



Morgan Hinckley and friend, Luke, sample the goods.

On February 21st we raised some big bucks to support the International Rotary Foundation and enjoyed every minute.

Jeff Crawford, Media



Marie Fessler and Tom King (Ontario-Walworth) celebrate wining some chocolate!



Victor – Farmington Rotary

V-F- Rotary inducts new member, Farmington resident Patricia Fiore, affiliated with Howard Hanna Realtors / Canandaigua office



L to R – Sponsoring Rotarian Solitaire Murphy, new member Patricia Fiore, Club Secretary Karen Parkhurst

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

Victor – Farmington Rotary



L to R – DGN Jim Crane welcoming Canandaigua Rotarians Curt Bailey and Dick McGavern who spoke to Victor – Farmington Rotary Club on the 2024 Canandaigua Rotary Scholarship BOWL-A-THON

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

Dansville Rotary



Dansville Rotarians gathered for the monthly "Casual Night" meeting Tuesday, February 27th at Battle Street Brewery in Dansville. The monthly Board meeting, open to any Club member, is called to order at 5:00 p.m. On this evening, all members arrived by 6 p.m. for wings, pizza, and pulled pork sliders. District Governor Julie Carney was special guest to share upcoming District 7120 events.

Pictured here, 1 to r, Dansville Club President Jay Gregorius, DG Julie Carney, Battle Street Brewery Manager Matt Crane.

Dansville Rotarians are called to help their greater community in numerous ways. This month Dansville Rotary Club will sponsor a Blood Drive at U.R./Noyes Health Hospital on Tuesday March 19th from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Conference Rooms C & D. During March, donors can receive a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of choice. "Give blood, treat your pet, and make a "paw-sitive impact this spring!" For an appointment visit redcrossblood.org or call Noyes at 585-335-4222 or 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

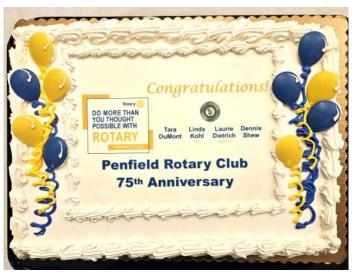


Submitted by Teresa Dearing

We had a wonderful February in Penfield!

One highlight was kicking off our anniversary year with Rotary District Governor Julie Carney who stopped by to honor our club with a special plaque for 75 amazing years!! We are proud to be part of Rotary since 1949 and look forward to celebrating this milestone throughout the year. Stay tuned for more in the days to come.

This birthday cake, pictured here, was devoured at the club's February meeting. The cake also served to recognize the Penfield Club's Paul Harris Fellows: Tara Dumont, Laurie Dietrich, Dennis Shew, and Linda Kohl.





The Penfield Club also sponsored some big winners at the district's vocal music and oratorical contest. Ken Kohl, our enthusiastic Penfield Rotarian and contest coordinator, exclaimed: "The Penfield students stolethe show this year!" Musical Theater Marvels: Nico Jeffery and Jessica Post wowed the musical theater vocal competition judges. Accompanying the stellar performances was the talented Kevin Lieb on piano, while Henry Dean, our Penfield vocal director, guided these stars to success.

Chloe Chen secured first place in oratorical competition and Callyn Sanderson is also eligible for a college scholarship. Kudos also to the oratorical mentoring committee - Tara DuMont, Peggi Koch, and Steve Brotzman.

Each student, in both competitions, received a certificate of recognition from the Penfield Rotary and acknowledging their placing as a top finalist/winner in the district 7120 oratorical/musical competition!



Submitted by Neal Gorman



Corning Awards a Paul Harris Fellowship



Corning Rotary presented Harold "Buddy" Cutler with a Paul Harris award. This special Paul Harris fellowship is awarded to those club members whose activities represent a significant contribution to our local community.

Buddy has been a Rotarian for over 30 years and was club president for the 2015-2016 Rotary year. He is an active Rotarian having served as: Membership Committee chair, the MC for the International Dinner helping to raise over \$15,000, and flipping pancakes at the ever famous Groundhog Day Pancake Suppers.

Community service is obviously an important part of Buddy's life. His current volunteer life includes: the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, the Sons of the American Legion, the Wineglass

Marathon as well as being an active member of the All Saints Parish where he is on the Finance Committee and the Parish Council, as well as serving as a Eucharistic Minister.

In the past Buddy has been active in as a Small Fry Football Coach, a CYO Basketball Coach, Big Flats Youth basketball coach, Big Flats Little League coach, Chemung Valley Soccer Association coach and volunteers for the Academic Resource Room at Notre Dame High School.

Submitted by Jan Harvey





FAZI NAMED BATH ROTARY CLUB ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

Lillian Fazi recently received the Bath Rotarian of the Month Award for February from Bath Rotary Club President Brandi Graham, who recognized Fazi for her service to the local club, the community, and the world. "This month's Rotarian of Month is one of our newer members. Lillian reached out to us in 2023 about joining our club and has been an active member ever since," remarked Graham. "She has been a regular volunteer at the Red Door Community Kitchen, which provides a hearty lunch to those in need in the community, and has even recruited others to help with this community-based program. Lillian, we are ever grateful for your dedication to The Rotary Club of Bath and to the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."



Lillian Fazi, standing at the left, receives the Bath Rotarian of the Month Award for February from Brandi Graham, Bath Rotary Club President, standing at the right.

Fazi received her BA in Psychology from Alfred University and is currently pursuing an MSW from Keuka College. She is presently an Employment Specialist Contract Worker for Steuben County Mental Health employed with Capabilities, Inc. She was previously employed as a Sales Associate and CEC at T J Maxx and a hostess at Texas Roadhouse.

In addition to her service at the Red Door Community Kitchen, Fazi has attended the club's weekly meetings on a regular basis, filled roles at the meetings, volunteered at Seed to Supper, and helped stage and take down a section of the 2023 Wineglass Marathon. Graham and the rest of the Bath Rotarians are impressed with her dedication to the ideals of Rotary and are certain that she will continue to be a most faithful and enthusiastic member.

Fazi enjoys fishing, going to the lake, hiking, and anything outdoors. She appreciates the support and guidance she receives from Amber Voorhees, her mother; Alan and Sharon Voorhees, her grandparents; Kimberly Voorhees, her aunt.

Upon accepting the framed certificate presented to her by Graham, Fazi stated, "I have enjoyed my affiliation with Rotary and the camaraderie of my Fellow Rotarians so far and look forward to many years of the same. I believe the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Brandi Graham

Corning Holds Groundhog Day Pancake Supper

The popular Annual Groundhog Day Dinner fundraiser was held by Corning Rotary on February 1st.

Volunteers from the club cooked pancakes, home fries and sausage. The dinners were then served to a couple hundred hungry diners by a crew of Interact students.

Music was provided by Rotarian Ted Goldwyn and Friends. Over \$3,000 was raised for the scholarship fund.

Submitted by Jan Harvey





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Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Rochester School for the Deaf Receives \$500 from Rochester Deaf Rotary Club for Students' Trip to Egypt

On Thursday, February 29, Rochester Deaf Rotary members presented a \$500 check to students at Rochester School for the Deaf (RSD), to support their travel opportunity to Egypt, at the end of March. This rare opportunity will give them direct access to the educational experience in sign language, including immersion with Deaf locals and interactive programs. This will be a wonderful experience for these students.



Left to Right: RSD Teacher- Dawn Croasmun, RSD Students, Karen Beiter, John Haynes & Robert Tawney - Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Article by President Michele Randall and Submitted by Bob Green



Southwest Rotary Club

As a club, we have been contributing to the efforts of Rotary Books for the World. These efforts have the purpose of providing literacy materials to other countries and giving the books a second chance. Southwest Rotary Club has collaborated with these efforts for a year we have been part of the Books for the World Packing Party. A group of our members attended this event. Special thanks to Karen Emerson, Donna Sarnacki, Marv Knoeck, Ni Whyte, and Germain Knapp for being there.



Sent by Lisa Norwood



This month we also want to spotlight a community conversation series; our club has been the co-sponsor of this event for the last two years. Breaking the Bubble is a series that brings the opportunity to open conversations within the community about different manners. For this month we had as guests the two managers from the Westside Farmers Market, Jackie Farrell, and Jessica DiSalvo. They shared with the audience interesting facts related to the mission of this market in our community. The Westside market offers educational activities, and special events (strawberry festival, corn festival, apple, and pumpkin

festival); bringing people together and providing a space to relax in the middle of the urban environment. At the same time, the market supports farmers by selling their products from 100 miles around.

Submitted by Dayanara Vázquez Comas



Cal-Mum Rotary Club

As part of their literacy initiatives, Cal-Mum Rotary Club donated 16 new books to Caledonia-Mumford Elementary School Library in February.

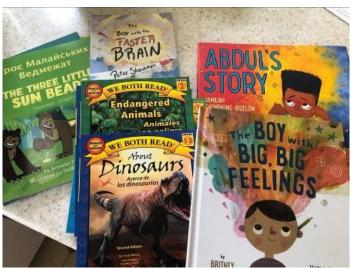
The books were selected to honor Black History Month and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Several of the books were bi-lingual, with text in both English and Ukrainian and English and Spanish. These books will allow students to read along with family members in households where English is not the primary language. Other books addressed neurodiversity and learning differences.

Club members gathered with librarian Courtney Monahan, to prep the books for circulation. Pictured: Adrienne Johnston, Carol Cole, Dan Cole and Chris Wood.

Cal-Mum Rotary will be hosting the annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 21, 2024. The BBQ will take place in the parking lot of the Caledonia Marketplace from noon until gone!

Vicky Vorhauer







Perry Rotary Club

An overheard conversation among Rotarians Jeff and Nancy Fitch caught the attention of Jeff's former schoolmate, Tom Borden of Nunda recently and they got on the topic of mental health/illness. Jeff invited Borden to speak at a club meeting on a topic dear to his heart. Borden teamed up with Krysta Aina of Wyoming County Community Action where they discussed the high rate of suicide among veterans and programs to help them. It takes a tribe. Borden said. The Navy veteran and retired restauranteur, found healing he needed through the Tribe Ecotherapy 12-week program. The rate of suicide in the U.S. is highest among veterans though every socioeconomic group is affected. Aina is the Volunteer & Community **Outreach Coordinator for Community** & Family Services at Community Action.

She is National Mental Health First Aid trained and trains others. The first thing to recognize, they said, is the stigma around mental health.. Community Action's course teaches how to recognize mental illness

and prevent suicide and connecting people to resources. The most important tool is the ability to listen.

Did you know that 988 is the suicide Crisis Lifeline nationwide that those in crisis can call or text to receive immediate support or chat via 988lifeline.org. Art is one of the routes to recovery for veterans and BRAVE, Battle-born Rural Arts Veteran Experience at 3PM, Thurs., May 2, 2024 at Veterans Services of Warsaw, NY offers workshops, lectures, demonstrations, kids activities and music. This was the second club meeting to discuss mental health this winter and Rotary will continue to create hope. Borden said that the club's community activities contribute to the wellbeing of its citizens overall.

In the prior week, Assistant Governor Pete Vogt of Dansville stopped by to talk about the District conference in Saratoga Springs promising it will be great. Pete will be back in Perry on April 24 to celebrate the club's 100th anniversary. Dansville sponsored the Perry club in 1924! TV anchor, Rotarian Don Alhart will emcee the event. It, too, promises to be a stellar evening.

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



Past club president Jeff Fitch, Tom Borden, Krysta Aina of Community Action and club president Mike Fitch on Thurs., March 7, 2024.



Fairport Rotary

Fairport Rotary held its 14th Annual Savor the Flavor on Sunday March 3rd. While proceeds are still be tallied, it looks to be another resounding success.

We're thankful to all that attended, ate, drank, and supported our vendors. And thanks to all that volunteered, especially the Boy Scout troop that lent a helping hand to the vendors as they set up for the event. We're proud that Savor the Flavor continues to be a success and helps benefit so many deserving local charities.

See you next year!

Submitted by Domenick Cecconi







Wolcott Rotary Club

The Wolcott Rotary Club is pleased to announce the selection of Melanie Ferguson as the February Student of the Month!! Melanie was selected by her teachers and staff because of her positive, can-do attitude as well her academic success and ability to be a good friend. Melanie is currently Vice President of student council, is in band and choir, and recently participated in a spelling bee. She is also active in Girl Scouts. She says reading chapter books, especially Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan, is a favorite activity, as is playing with her bunnies and dogs. We look forward to following her continued success in our community.



Submitted Barbara Harper

DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

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

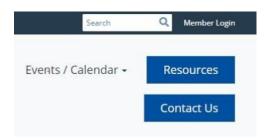
https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/article/1044-how-do-i-create-an-event-in-event-planner for instruction on how to add your event. Be sure to click Yes on the 'Show Event in District Calendar' option.

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

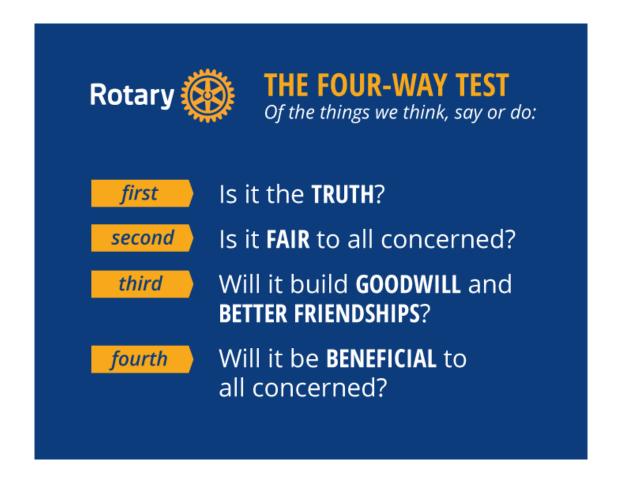
And under Events / Calendar , chose :

Club Calendar Submission Form

Complete it and click the submit button.



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



Order your books online: http://www.supportourgroups.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.

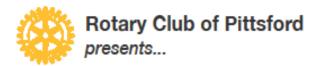
Contributed to Rotary International to support their efforts on projects, including: Polio Eradication, Safe Water, Literacy, and more.

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!







TASTE OF PITTSFORD

This annual event supports many local charities and gives attendees a chance to enjoy a break from winter with friends while tasting signature food samples and an assortment of desserts of close to 20 restaurants. In addition you will taste wines and beers from local vineyards and breweries.

Major event sponsor is Monroe's Restaurant



400 Tickets Available \$50 ea. Go to PittsfordRotaryClub.org



Wine Tasting & Food from the Area's Finest Establishments
Also a Silent Auction

Monday, March 18, 2024 • 6:00-8:30 pm
The Shults Center, Nazareth University



Featuring:

Chocolate Tastings ~ Wine Tastings

Chocolate Contest ~ Silent Auction ~ Prizes

A Chocolate Lover's Paradise

Saturday, March 23 ~ 4 pm to 7 pm \$20 per person

The Lux Hotel, Waterloo - 2468 NYS Route 414
Tickets available from Rotary members or at the door
21 and over only!



ATTENTION DISTRICT ROTARIANS

WE NEED YOUR HELP-

and you'll have a great time helping Rotary!

Get a team together or come as a single and sign up to bowl

Date: Sunday, March 24, 2024

<u>Time:</u> **4:15 p.m.**

Place: Roseland Bowl

4357 Recreation Dr., Canandaigua

Includes: Bowl 3 Games • Free Shoe Rental

Free Pizza • Free Pop • Door Prizes

Cost: Get pledges from friends, family &

co-workers totaling at least \$35

Bowler(s) who collect the highest amount of pledges will qualify for additional prizes.

Registration forms and further information available from Curt Bailey: 607-738-0018 • blycr@twc.com or Donna Miller: 585-394-1533 • jdmiller5490@aol.com



With Fairport being in the line of totality for the upcoming solar eclipse in April, Fairport Rotary commissioned local artist, Lorraine Staunch, with creating a special poster that not only highlights this historic event but includes a well-known landmark of the village, the lift bridge. Prints are on sale now and can be purchased directly from any Fairport Rotarian for \$15. Online sales and shipping are also available for \$22 on our website, FairportRotary.com. The poster is 20"x16" and is printed on hard stock poster paper.



2024 Earth Day Cleanup with Friends of Chemung River Watershed



Contact: Yumiko Akiba

Online Registration

Members

Guests

Event Links

Please complete this waiver form too

Apr. 13, 2024 10:00 a.m. = 12:00 p.m.

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When: Saturday, April 13th at 10AM. [rain date: May 4th] I would recommend people bring a filled reusable water bottle to reduce plastic liter/waste. We will bring vests for identification, garbage bags, gloves for everyone, and some garbage picker sticks for use. If you have one - please bring it.

Where: Meet at Corning Wegmans, and park along the levee, closer to the Bridge Street Bridge. We will meet at the parking lot, and walk up behind Wegmans towards the Benjamin Patterson Bridge. We will start there, and walk to the Bridge Street Bridge along the river, and perhaps further depending on the energy of the group and the weather. The weather looks nice right now = 60 and sun. We typically do this even if it is drizzly, but we will cancel if it is thunder and lightning.

What: We will be cleaning up trash, bagging it (we will provide the bags). We're checking with City of Corning regarding the disposal of the trash we find. Tentatively, we can pile it up under the Benjamin Patterson Bridge, and they can pick it up in a truck and haul it off.

- How: Please REGISTER by clicking on the MEMBERS [Rotarians] or GUESTS [non-Rotarians] blue boxes on the left side of this page.
- Wear long pants and hats to reduce bug/tick issues OR spray bare legs and boots with bug spray.
- It is recommended that participants wear boots, as it may be muddy, and a hat for the sun.
- Please bring workgloves (we also have work gloves = but they are bio).
- We will give a short safety talk about picking up trash, and will need everyone's waivers completed prior to beginning (<u>waiver is a link</u> please complete it before coming)
- Its a good idea to wear clothes you don't care about, because it is a dirt job after all!

Why: We are cleaning up the riverside on the northside of the River in Coming because that area sees a lot of people walking, and we get a lot of litter under the Bridges. We are looking to reduce this pollution, as it ultimately gets into our water systems, and cleaning up the Chemung River Watershed keeps us healthy and our community beautiful!

NOTE: Please let everyone know to link with us on social media: https://portal.clubrunner.ca/7812/Event/earth-day-with-friends-of-chemung-river-watershed

If you have any questions, let us know.

Yumiko Akiba

Annual Canal Trail Cleansweep

20 Apr 2024 Rochester Southwest

Genesee Waterways Center parking lot

149 Elmwood Avenue Rochester, NY 14611 United States of America

Join the Rotary Club of Rochester-Southwest as we clean and beautify the historic Erie Canalway Trail. Since 2020, the Rotary Club has adopted a two-mile stretch of the trail between Genesee Valley Park and Chili Avenue, and conducts monthly trail maintenance parties. We will meet in the parking lot adjacent to the Genesee Waterways Center. Gloves, bags, and snacks will be provided. Bring a friend!

Contact: Glenn Cerosaletti





Sunday April 21, 2024

Caledonia Marketplace Parking Lot

Noon until gone!

Dinner includes chicken, salt potatoes Macaroni salad & bread

Email calmumrotary@gmail.com to reserve a dinner Caledonia-Mumford



Proceeds Support Rotary Community Programs
Source of Success & Literacy Programs



BLOOMFIELD ROTARY'S 28th ANNUAL



TasteFest 2024



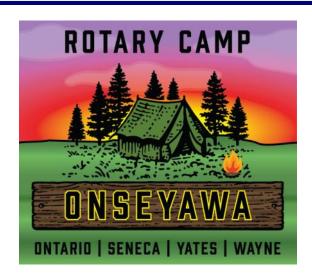
Spring into Summer with the



Tastings, Farm Market & Silent Auction

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 3:00 to 6:00 PM Veterans Park, 6910 Rt.5&20, Bloomfield Suggested donation \$15





Save the Date



Camp Onseyawa Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 8, 2024
Silver Creek Golf Course, Waterloo NY



2024 Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival Arts and Crafts, Vendors Application Geneseo Village Park. Corner of NYS Routes 20A and 39, Geneseo N.Y. July 12 and 13

The Village of Geneseo requires a CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE naming the Village of Geneseo, 119 Main St. Geneseo, N.Y. 14454 as additionally insured. Minimum limit of Liability is \$300,000. Please include this Certificate of Insurance when returning this form. Please be sure the box labeled ADDL INSD next to the commercial general liability section is checked off by your insurance company and that the Village of Geneseo is listed as the CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

If you do not carry insurance please call 585-243-4498 for other arrangements

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Business Name	
Mailing Address	
Telephoneemail	
Primary Contact	
Please describe your craft or product	
I would like to rent tables @ \$10.00 each	
I would like to rent 10' x 10' spaces @ \$125 each	
Total Enclosed	

Please make checks payable to Geneseo Rotary Festival, Send to Stephen R. Wiener DMD, 22Elm St
. Geneseo New York 14454 For Questions Steve Wiener (585)243-4498 or
stephenrichardwiener@gmail.com

Festival Times Friday 10 AM - 8 PM Saturday 10 AM - 8 PM

You will be sent a confirmation letter explaining times, site location, parking information If cancellation becomes necessary, your payments will be refunded.

Thank you, Geneseo Rotary



HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY

CONSIDERED THE BEST LTTLE TOURNAMENT FOR THE MONEY

Monday, July 29, 2024, at 10:00 AM SHARP!

Registration starts at 9:00 AM with Reception/Dinner 4:30PM

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE – OLD HICKORY GOLF CLUB, 6653 BIG TREE RD., LIVONIA, NY

GREAT FUN!!! - GREAT PRIZES!

Proceeds To Benefit Honeoye Lake Rotary Community & Youth Projects, and support Camp ONSEYAWA

Please reserve a spot for us in the four-person scramble for the benefit of HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY COMMUNITY, YOUTH PROJECTS, & Camp ONSEYAWA.

	2 nd Person	
Address:	3 rd Person	
	4 th Person	
Email address		
Check if you do NOT have a fou	rsome and would like us to assign you to one.	
Golf, Cart, Lunch, Steak Dinner & 3 Dinner Only	Raffle Tickets \$95 per person \$ \$25 per person \$	
Make checks payable to: Honeoye L	ake RotaryFoundation	
	Box 674, Honeoye, NY 14471 by 07/09/2024	
GOLF HOLE SPONSORSHIP		
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Check the District Calendar for additions and changes

"Click" on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

March 15-17. PETS In Person, Syracuse,

I March 28 Club Achievement Award Deadline

⇔ April 2024

April 1 Club Newsletter / Bulletin Award
Deadline

April 13 District Training Assembly, 9am-1pm, Canandaigua

April 16 Club Website and Club Facebook Page Award Deadline

April 26-28 District Conference

~~ Saratoga Springs ~~

Upcoming CLUB Events

March 2024

March 18 Pittsford Rotary

A Taste of Pittsford

6:00 to 8:30 The Shults Center, Nazareth University



Marilyn Lyon - Newsletter Editor Geneseo, NY 14454

Email - 7120news@rochester.rr.com

The Grapevine deadline is the 10th of every month

March 23 Seneca Falls Rotary Chocolate and Wine Extravaganza 4pm - 7pm

March 24 Canandaigua Rotary Bowl-A-Thon, Roseland Bowl

April 8 Fairport Rotary Solar Eclipse 3:20PM

April 8 Avon Rotary Cosmic Costume Contest

April 13 Corning Rotary Earth Day Cleanup

April 20 Rochester Southwest Rotary Annual Canal Trail Cleansweep 10AM to Noon

April 21 Calidonia - Mumford Rotary Chicken BBQ Noon - to Gone

⇔ May 2024

May 4 Penfield Rotary Spring Euchre Tournament Baywinde at Castle Point, Webster, NY 10am to 4pm. Registration begins April 1

May 18 Bloomfield Rotary TasteFest 2024 3pm - 6pm

June 8 Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament Silver Creek Golf Course, Waterloo, NY

June 17 Kiwanis/Rotary Penfield Golf Tournament, Shadow Lake Golf Club Contact Ken Kohl

⇒ July 2024

July 12, 13 Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival Geneseo Village Park

July 29 Honeoye Lake Rotary 39th Annual Golf Tournament Old Hickory Golf Club