



Annoucement

Rotary District 7120 is pleased to announce that Pete Vogt, Dansville Rotary Club has been selected to be Rotary District 7120 District Governor for the 2027-2028 Rotary year. Pete currently serves at Assistant Governor for Area 4. The district is excited to have Pete and Sharon Vogt as part of the leadership team.





The Rotary theme for the month of November is the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary International, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

The collective leadership and expertise of our 1.4 million members helps us tackle some of the world's biggest challenges, locally and globally. We are united by common values and vision for the future as we sharpen our focus with targeted specific causes that will reach communities most in need.

Click the Read More button to learn more about the history of the Rotary Foundation

[Read more...](#)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

For more than 100 years, our guiding principles have been the foundation upon which our values and tradition stand. The Four-Way Test, Object of Rotary, and the Avenues of Service express our commitment to service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

HISTORY OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

GROWTH OF THE FOUNDATION

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

EVOLUTION OF FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

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1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

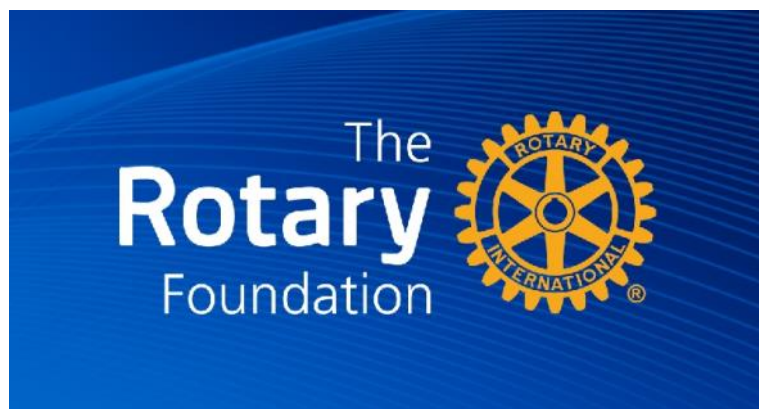
2013: New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.

The Rotary Foundation is what all Rotarians should support. There are many causes which people contribute; the Rotary Foundation is our charity. Even giving a small amount can have a huge impact on those that we serve. By using Rotary Direct it is very easy to make contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Here is the link to Rotary Direct:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

DG Dave DeMers
Rotary District 7120
District Governor 2024-2025





Ways To Help Those Affected By The Hurricanes In Florida and NC

On September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene made landfall in the Big Bend area of Florida causing tremendous damage from the west coast of Florida up and through the Asheville, North Carolina area. As I write this article, Hurricane Milton is bearing down for a direct hit on the west coast of Florida in the Tampa/Sarasota area.

As Rotarians, we can help to donating to the following disaster relief funds:

Rotary District 6940 (hit directly by Hurricane Helene):

https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=K5QQ7FYHQM57Y

Rotary District 7670 (Asheville, NC area)

[Click here to Donate to Rotary District 7670 Hurricane Relief](#)

Zone 33 & 34 also has a disaster relief fund:

<https://4grj2.r.sp1-brevo.net/mk/cl/f/sh/1t6Af4OiGsE8LIkuJLjRmeLjherDe/TO9XcjPcGFOc>



**Keep these areas in our prayers and please
donate to help those in need.**

Greetings from DG Dave!

As part of my initiative this year to plant peace poles across Rotary District 7120, I am pleased to announce the dedication of a peace pole in Spencerport, NY at Towpath Park on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 2:00. Please join me in celebrating peace in our community. This is a great opportunity to see a completed pole, listen to a dedication ceremony and learn how easy this is to place in your location.

Directions to Towpath park are:

<http://bit.ly/4fBNDEH>

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Dave DeMers
Rotary District 7120 Governor 2024-25
585-764-6648

Rotary Peace Poles



Create Your Peace Pole Project

Become a Peace Builder and plant a Peace Pole to inspire peace within and between all people

1. **Link** with a group of people in your community.
2. **Find a location** to put a Peace Pole.
3. **Get permission** to plant a Peace pole on the site.
4. **Decide what to write** on each side of the peace pole.

We strongly suggest one side say "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in English. The other three sides may say the same in other languages or be variations on the theme such as "May Peace Prevail in Our Community"

Be sure to include your Rotary Club logo on the Peace Pole.

5. **Order your Peace Pole** – see the district website for ordering options

Get the QR Code Decal to put on your Peace Pole **to link to the [world map](#).**

6. **Enjoy creating a community ceremony** to plant your Peace Pole.
7. **Invite** children, teens, adults, seniors, Rotary members, other civic groups, schools, and clergy to your Peace Pole dedication ceremony to celebrate peace with you.
8. **Invite the media** to attend to tell the story and take photos.

Peace Pole Ordering

Peace Poles can be a variety of sizes and materials. Below are a few options for obtaining a Peace Pole for your community.

A standard peace pole will have graphics on each of the four sides of an 8-foot post. The post and sleeve will be buried in the ground ~ 2 ½ ft. of post and six inches of sleeve will then be secured with concrete. Another option instead of using cement is to dig a two foot hole and put gravel in the bottom and pack the dirt back in and around it.

Option One: Order from the Local Community using a vinyl sleeve over a pressure treated wooden post
(Estimated cost: \$110)

Order a white composite vinyl post sleeve from **Lowe's (Item #1)** and have it sent to **Fuse Graphics in Spencerport** (191 S Union St. Spencerport, NY 14559, Attn: Harry Sotomayor).

Contact fusecreative@gmail.com or phone 585-509-0954 to make arrangements (provide expected delivery date, design and graphics for each side). Estimated cost for printing - \$10/side plus \$10 for the Rotary logo - \$50.

Full Materials List:

1. **Vinyl Post Sleeve (\$26.98):** <https://www.lowes.com/pd/Freedom-4-in-x-4-in-x-8-ft-White-Composite-Deck-Post-Sleeve/5015285283>
2. **Post Cap (\$4.48):** <https://www.lowes.com/pd/Freedom-Fits-Common-Post-Measurement-4-in-Actual-4-125-in-x-4-125-in-White-Vinyl-Post-Cap/4008751>
3. **Fence Post (\$16.88):** <https://www.lowes.com/pd/Severe-Weather-Common-4-in-x-4-in-x-10-ft-Actual-3-5-in-x-3-5-in-x-10-ft-2-Treated-Lumber/4222509->
4. **Bag of Concrete (\$4.46):** <https://www.lowes.com/pd/Sakrete-High-Strength-60-lb-High-Strength-Concrete-Mix/5015648043>
5. **Peace Pole QR Code (\$10):** Contact Larry Strober at lsstrober@gmail.com. Provide the physical location of the pole to be added to the map.

Option Two: Order a Custom Pole from www.peacepoles.com or rotarypeacepoles.world (Estimated cost: \$300 - \$1500)

Submitted by Ann DeMers

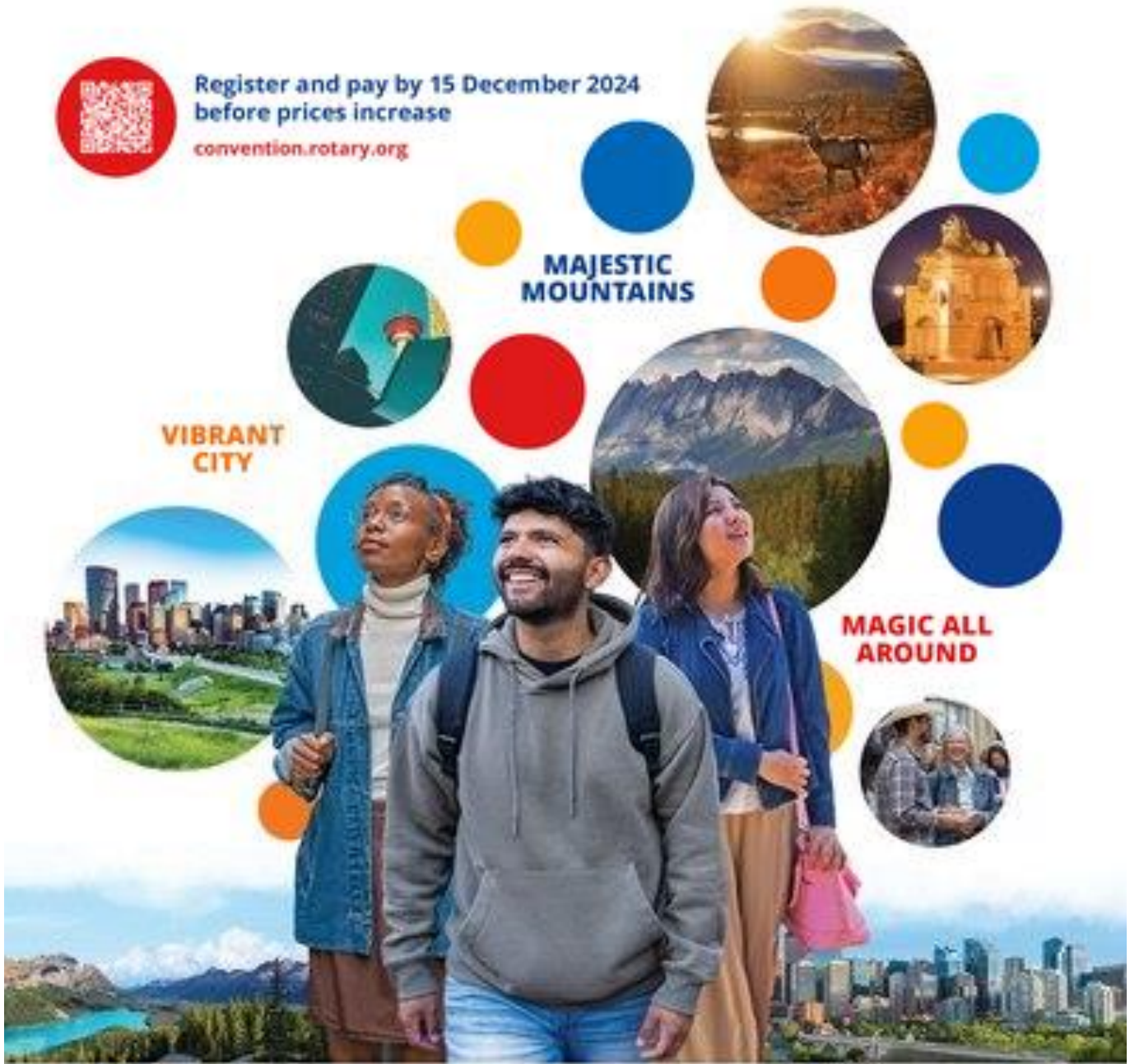


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Strategic Planning Workshop

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

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE SEEKING CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

The district's environmental action committee is the newest addition to district organizations. It has been active in fundraising and promoting local environmental initiatives for four years. However, the committee has been a small core group. This year, we have a goal of expanding membership to include representatives from all 62 clubs. We are hoping that, in addition to being on the district committee, they will chair club EACs. We ask that potential members ask the following questions:

Would you like to help the environment?

Would you like to do an environment project but don't know where to start?

Would you like to participate on a committee that is focused on environmental projects?

If the answer is yes: Join the District Environmental Action Team.

We welcome your ideas and we can help with projects.

Please contact Gary Anderson gwa1948@aol.com.



ENVIRONMENT



One Summit: Rotary's Action Plan & Synergy-Membership, TRF and PI

The Rotary **ONE SUMMIT** was held this Saturday, November 9, 2024 with 49 Rotarians in attendance from 18 Rotary Clubs attending.

I want to express my gratitude to the following:

- **Avon Central School** for providing us the venue;
- **49 Rotarians** representing 18 Rotary Clubs and who made the session so informative and full of energy.
- **Our Facilitators: PDG Scott MacDonell, PDG Ralph Brandt, PDG Janet Tenreiro, and Assistant Governor Kirk Vanderbilt.** Great conversations and discussions took place at each of the breakout sessions because of their skill and ability to draw ideas from the attendees.
- **One Summit committee** composed of **PDG Dave Hannan**, District Rotary Foundation Chair, **PDG Linda Kohl**, District Public Image Chair, **John French and Vicki James**, Co-Chairs of the District Membership Committee, **District Governor Dave DeMers** and **Norma Madayag-Reilly**, District Education Chair.

PDG Norma and others received some testimonials from the attendees: *"It was a great learning event" There was high energy"; I am glad I came, learned a lot"; "great information"; "It was fun". Thank you for these kind words.*

Here's a glimpse of what happened at the One Summit:

1. Two topics were covered at the One Summit:
 - **Rotary's Action Plan and its four priorities**-What is it? Why it matters to us and our Clubs?
 - **Synergy among Membership, Rotary Foundation and Public Image.** Creating synergy and leveraging on this synergy to help make clubs more attractive, irresistible and more impactful.
2. Exchange and Sharing of ideas and thoughts
3. Fellowship

Look for a comprehensive report on the ideas generated on **Rotary's Action Plan and its four priorities** and the **Synergy** in the next month's issue of the Grapevine.

Yours in Rotary Service,
PDG Norma
District Education Chair

MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS TIP:

If you are having a tough day...

Write the letters A to Z and find a word for each letter that is something you are

Thankful for.

It's amazing how your day will change when you focus on **Gratitude !**

Happy Thanksgiving

From The Mental Health Wellness Committee

Christine Casaceli District 7120 Mental Health Chair

christinecasaceli@hotmail.com





Literacy Corner

Rotary's Literacy Theme This Year Is *Adult Literacy: Adults Teaching Other Adults to Read*

Literacy Is Learned! To better understand literacy you need to know the different types of literacy.

- 1). **Literate** adults are constantly interacting with text in many different forms. Reading is not an isolated skill. It is the **READING/WRITING** connection that develops a competent and proficient reader; it is first about decoding letters/words then about comprehension. Boys/Men are at most risk for reading deficiencies.
- 2). **Illiteracy** is the condition of being unable to read and write having little or no formal education. Inability to read a grocery list, road signs, bills, forms to complete, medicine labels, voting, signatures, etc. Approximately one out of five U.S. adults (21%) are illiterate. **Functionally illiterate** persons can read or write to some degree, but below a minimum level required to function at a job, social situations and at home.
- 3). **Aliterate** persons are very capable of reading, writing and comprehending, but have little interest in doing so. Reasons vary.

Criteria for the 2024-25 Literacy Recognition Certificate

Must Achieve 5 Different Projects to Qualify:

1. Attend the Seminar in September.
2. Show how your club observed Literacy Month in September; March is National Reading Month.
3. Make "Treasure Boxes" of school supplies.
4. Make a "Free Little Library."
5. Place books in a Food Cupboard, Community Center, Laundromat or Homeless Shelter.
6. Award Scholarships.
7. Give Large Print Books and/or Activity Books to Senior Centers and Nursing Homes.
8. Donate to Books of the World.
9. Provide School Supplies, Books and Snacks (Back Pack Program).
10. Read to Children at a school, library or childcare center.
11. Consult Best Seller Lists: NYT, Barnes & Noble, Washington Post, Book Page, etc.
12. Other creative ideas your club has organized.

Form must be submitted by 31 March 2025, to JoAnn Terry, 100 McAuley Drive, Rochester, NY or email to JoAnn @joannterry7@gmail.com.

Submitted by Elaine S. Ackroyd-Kelly, District Literacy Committee



ROTARY 201: NOVEMBER 21, 2024
ZOOM Link: [Rotary 201](#)

Sign in 7:50, Start 8:00-8:55 PM EDT

November 21: Rotary Foundation month

- Dave Hannan, PDG,
 - Funds within The Rotary Foundation
- ROTARY Magazine: Media Savvy—**
Effective Club/Member Communication

December 19: Disease Prevention/Treatment

- D-7120's Response to the Covid pandemic
- Youth Exchange: Benefits of Hosting**

January 23: Vocational Service Month

- Community service
- Ethical standards
- Recognition of all professions
- Professional networking

FACULTY: members of any age or district experience who have a special interest in discussing an article in that month's **ROTARY magazine or Rotary's monthly theme.**

**Have an idea or suggestion:
Jack Best, Dean Rotary 201
Phone/text: 585-261-0073**

Email: jackbest@rochester.rr.com

Oratorical Contest
*Build Public
Speaking Skills
and Confidence*



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District 7120



HAVE YOU STARTED?

Oratorical/Music Competition 2024-2025

- Featuring classical music, music theatre and public speaking

Open to all high school juniors

- \$10,000 Scholarships and cash awards

Sponsored by Rotary District 7120
In collaboration with twelve
Finger Lakes Universities

Deadline for applications, fees:
January 15, Oratorical; January 24, Vocal

Specific details and deadlines at www.Rotary7120.org

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Oratorical Competition Chair
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c/t: 585-704-9415

Jack Best, PRID
Vocal Competition Chair
jackbest@rochester.rr.com

c/t: 585-261-0073

As the chair of Rotary New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE), here's an overview of the program and the various ways to participate:

Overview of NGSE Program

The Rotary New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) program offers young adults between the ages of 19 and 30 the opportunity to engage in international cultural and professional exchanges. Each applicant is usually available for 2-3 months. The program fosters international understanding, professional development, and cultural immersion.

new generations
service
exchange



Ways to Participate

1. Be a Host

- **Hosting a Participant:** Open your home to an NGSE participant, providing them with room and board during their exchange. Hosts play a crucial role in helping participants adapt to the local culture and community.
- **Cultural Exposure:** Introduce participants to local traditions, cuisine, and social activities, ensuring a rich and immersive cultural experience.

2. Offer an Unpaid Internship or Mentoring Opportunity

- **Professional Development:** Provide NGSE participants with unpaid internships or shadowing opportunities in your organization. This allows them to gain valuable professional skills and experience in a different cultural context.
- **Mentoring:** Serve as a mentor to guide and support participants in their career development, offering insights and advice from your professional background.

3. Be an Applicant from District 7120

- **Explore the World:** If you are from District 7120, you can apply to participate in the NGSE program and travel to various parts of the world. This opportunity allows you to experience new cultures, enhance your professional skills, and contribute to international understanding.
- **Application Process:** The application process involves completing forms, providing recommendations, and participating in interviews to ensure a good match between participants and hosts. email:juliecarney7120@gmail.com if interested.

Benefits of Participation

- **For Hosts and Mentors:**
 - Enrich your life by connecting with young people from different cultural backgrounds.
 - Contribute to the professional and personal growth of future leaders.
 - Enhance your understanding of other cultures and create lifelong international friendships.
- **For Participants:**
 - Gain international experience and develop professional skills.
 - Immerse yourself in a new culture, expanding your worldview and understanding.
 - Build a global network of contacts and friends through Rotary's extensive network.

Contact and More Information

If you are interested in participating in any capacity, please reach out to me at juliecarney7120@gmail.com for more information. Your involvement can make a significant impact on fostering global understanding and professional development.

Currently, I have applications from a young man from Germany who is in law school and would like to learn more about the laws of our country. He would be available from mid-August through October for an 8 week placement. I also have a young woman from Italy who would like to shadow in an American primary school setting. She is looking to be here from mid-October through mid-December. I also have a young woman from India interested in learning more about marketing who will be shadowing Paul Guiglielmo and helping to build a web presence. I am still in need of housing for her. If anyone in the Brighton/Penfield area is interested please let me know.

The District has already completed two exchanges through New Generations. I would like to thank Geneva Rotary/ David Cook for housing and Brian Nault/Professor and Program Leader from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University for hosting Hugo Yamada from Brazil for three months in 2023. Hugo worked in the entomology department investigating sustainable practices for agriculture.

I would also like to thank Avon Rotary/Kirk and Karen Vanderbilt for housing and the Avon Central School District for hosting Isabelle Bonafe from Brazil who shadowed the Counseling and Mental Health teams to learn more about the benefits of preventative care. She was here from January-April 2023.

By mentoring an NGSE participant, you will have the opportunity to benefit from their enthusiasm and fresh ideas while contributing to their professional development and cultural understanding.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support will make a significant difference in the lives of young professionals and help foster international understanding and cooperation.

Julie Carney
NGSE Program Chair

INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE: September 10, 2024
COVID-19, INFLUENZA, RSV, and POLIO by PDG DAVID HANNAN



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT

IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR UPDATED 2024-2025 COVID-19 and INFLUENZA VACCINES, EVEN IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY VACCINATED and EVEN IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY SICK WITH THESE VIRUSES! THEY CAN BE GIVEN SIMULTANEOUSLY.

RSV does NOT need a second vaccine.

Core Prevention Strategies

[CDC recommends](#) that all people use core prevention strategies to protect themselves and others from **COVID-19:**

- Stay up to date with [COVID-19 vaccines](#).
- Although vaccinated people sometimes get infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines significantly lowers the risk of getting very sick, being hospitalized, or dying from COVID-19.
- Practice good [hygiene](#) (practices that improve cleanliness)
- Take [steps for cleaner air](#)

When you are sick:

- Use [precautions to prevent spread](#), including staying home and away from others (including people you live with who are not sick) if you have respiratory symptoms.
- Learn when you can [go back to your normal activities](#).

Seek health care promptly for [testing](#) and/or [treatment](#) if you have [risk factors for severe illness](#). Treatment may help lower your risk of severe illness, but it needs to be started within a few days of when your symptoms begin.

Order your free COVID-19 tests at the end of September.

U.S. households will be eligible to order 4 free COVID-19 tests at [COVIDTests.gov](#). The COVID-19 tests will detect current COVID-19 variants and can be used through the end of the year. [Visit COVIDTests.gov](#)

Additional Prevention Strategies

In addition, there are other prevention strategies that you can choose to further protect yourself and others.

[Wearing a mask](#) and [putting distance between yourself and others](#) can help lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

[Testing for COVID-19](#) can help you decide what to do next, like getting [treatment](#) to reduce your risk of severe illness and [taking steps](#) to lower your chances of spreading COVID-19 to others.

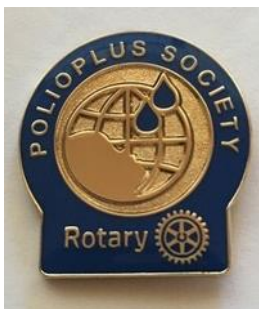
What to watch out for

Using these prevention strategies can be especially helpful when:

- Respiratory viruses, such as COVID-19, flu, and RSV, are causing a lot of [illness in your community](#)
- You or those around you have [risk factors](#) for severe illness
- You or those around you were recently exposed to a respiratory virus, are sick, or are recovering

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, 6 in Afghanistan and 6 in Pakistan. To date, there have been 34 cases of WPV1 in 2024, 18 in Afghanistan and 16 in Pakistan.
4. There were 517 cases in 26 countries of circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Viruses (cVDPV) worldwide in 2023. To date in 2024, there have been 122 cases in 17 countries of cVDPV. This includes 1 case in the occupied Palestinian territory (Gaza) on July 25, 2024.
5. I am available to provide club programs on Rotary's PolioPlus Campaign, as well as other programs on The Rotary Foundation.



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

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

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

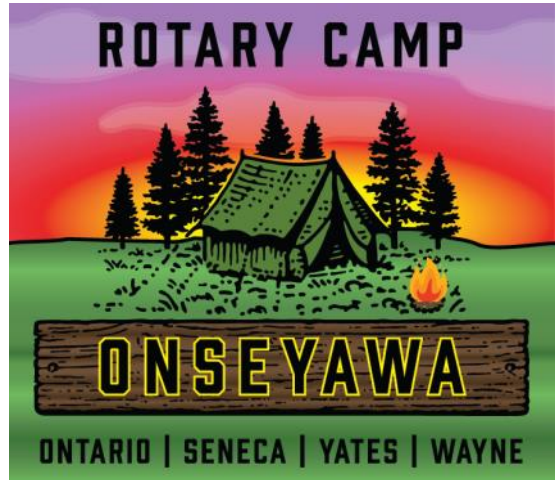
Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

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

By the numbers:

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

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



Celebrating Camp Haccamo's Legacy

Dear Fellow Rotarians: As we approach the holiday season, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the enduring legacy of Camp Haccamo. Did you know that November 19th marks the anniversary of our Certificate of Incorporation? We recently uncovered this fascinating document from 1957 (see photo here: <https://bit.ly/3Umr1ZK>) featuring the signatures of our founding members – true visionaries from our local Rotary clubs. It's a testament to the dedication of Rotarians past and present to enriching the lives of individuals with special needs.



Looking Ahead to 2025: Our Annual Car Show

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Camp Haccamo Auto Show on June 7th at Greece Ridge Mall! This exciting event is a fantastic opportunity to showcase some amazing vehicles and support our campers. We're hoping to see even more cars, trucks, and motorcycles this year, so please spread the word among your networks. Registration is open now (<https://bit.ly/44m7MKm>), and we welcome sponsorships at all levels. Even a small contribution can make a big difference!

Sharing the Camp Haccamo Story

We recently had the pleasure of speaking with the Brighton Rotary Club about Camp Haccamo's impact. We'd be delighted to share our story with your club as well. Please contact Dolly, Sue, or me if you'd like to schedule a visit.

Many Ways to Get Involved

Camp Haccamo thrives because of the generosity of our Rotary community. There are many ways to contribute your time and talents: **Join us at a board meeting:** Experience firsthand the dedication and enthusiasm of our board members and consider board membership for yourself and your club.

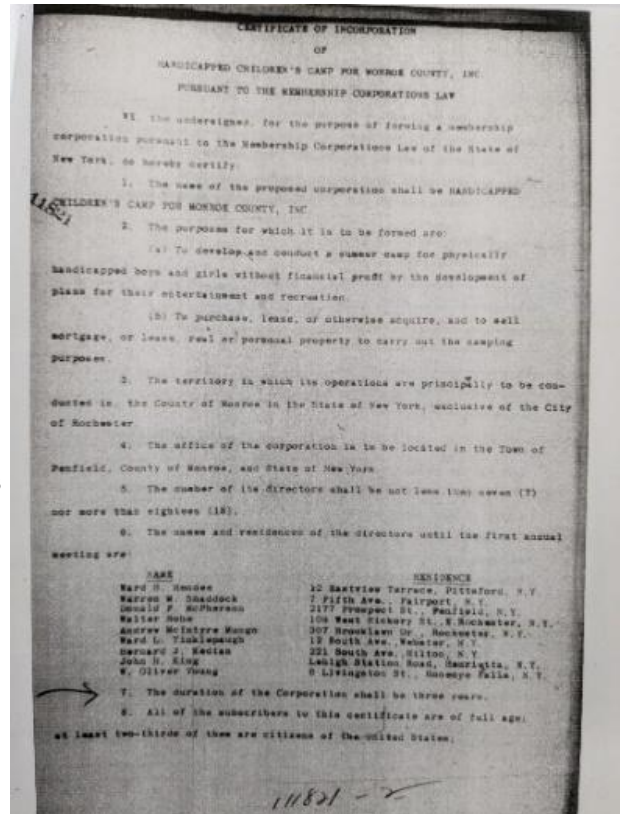
Lend a hand: We always appreciate help with gardening, maintenance, and other projects at camp.

Make a connection: Do you know potential volunteers, donors, or partners who align with our mission?

Spread the word: Help us raise awareness about Camp Haccamo by sharing our news and stories. You can stay updated on all things Camp Haccamo by subscribing to our news updates at: <https://www.camphaccamo.org/blog>.

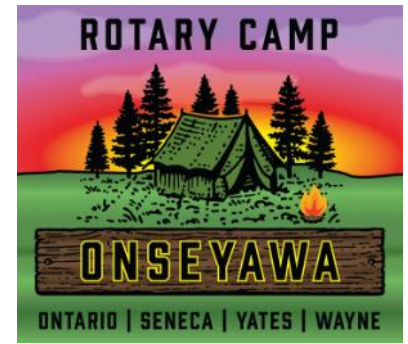
Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that Camp Haccamo remains a beacon of hope and joy for individuals with special needs.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Rotary Camp ONSEYAWA!

This camp has been in operation for over 65 years serving youth with physical, mental, and emotional challenges. On August 11, 71 campers joyfully arrived at Camp Whitman and nervously anticipated a great camping experience.



The adventure, however, goes far beyond what happens in camp. Many dedicated Rotarians work all year to recruit and train a camp staff, organize work weekends, complete many capital projects, secure all the necessary legal paperwork and permits, process all accounting regulations, and especially secure the funds to balance the budget. Two vital fundraising events are planned for this purpose to raise \$12,000:



The GENEROUS SUPPORT from so many people has been heartwarming. On behalf of your board of directors, please know that your donations are always deeply needed and appreciated. I am constantly reminded that Camp Onseyawa is on the mind of so many people who care deeply about it. Recently, a volunteer staff member left us a large donation that expanded our endowment fund and another family gave a major gift to support the budget needs. In 2024, over 125 people and businesses have made donations to support these kids. Gifts large or small can be sent to PO Box 723, Canandaigua, NY 14424

By Victor Arsenault 585-919-4186

Gananda Rotary Club

Gananda Rotary Club is growing! The Club’s latest induction into membership is Kristy Mayberry-Airy, shown here with 3 of her children, who joined her for the induction ceremony. They also worked at the club’s huge fundraiser – Annual Haunted Hayride.



Gananda Rotarian Patti Holdraker poses with Gananda student Ryan Hamelin, who the Club named as its “Citizen of the Month” for October. Ryan Hamelin has been a valuable addition to the Haunted Hayride event and is always willing to go the extra mile to help. He demonstrates excellence in leadership and is awarded the Gananda Rotary Citizenship award for October 2024.

Great job, Ryan!

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Victor – Farmington Rotary

The Victor – Farmington Rotary club is the 2024-2025 host club for YEX student Jacob Lundgren of Sweden. He is currently a member of the senior class at Victor Senior High School. Jacob recently addressed the club and discussed his family and life back home, Swedish history and culture, early impressions of the YEX program, and general observations from his first few months in the local community.

Jacob comes from Simrishamn, a town of 5,000 in a metro population of 20,000 in southern Sweden. The town has existed for 900 years. It is a community that previously was heavily involved with the fishing industry but now has become more of a tourist attraction.

He answered numerous questions from the assembled Rotarians about life in Sweden and his new experiences in the USA.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



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Dundee Rotary Honors Elementary Student of the Month

Dundee Rotary Club's first Dundee Central School Elementary Student of the Month for the 2024-25 school year was 6th grader Baylee Pecor, daughter of Stephanie and Doug Pecor. Baylee was accompanied to the Rotary Club meeting by Elementary Principal Tiffany Cohrs. Mrs. Cohrs introduced Baylee to the members and stated that Baylee was selected, "because she is an example of a quiet leader, someone who does the right thing whether anyone is watching or not. Baylee displays the positive character traits we hope for in all our students." Baylee was presented with a Certificate and a \$25.00 check by Co-President Joan Washburn.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Pictured are President Joan (L), Baylee (C), and Principal Cohrs (R).

BATH ROTARY INDUCTS NEW MEMBER

The Bath Rotary Club recently inducted Jen Hutches as a new member. Jen is employed at Bath-Haverling Central School as a Work Based Learning Coordinator. Kelly Houck, Bath-Haverling Central School Superintendent, who recently transferred her Rotary membership from the Dundee Rotary Club to the Bath Rotary Club, will serve as Jen's mentor.

Hutches received her Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education in 1993 from Cortland State University and her Master's Degree in Physical Education in 1998 also from Cortland State University. She received a Master's Degree in School Counseling in 2004 from Montana State University.

Prior to being hired in mid-August of this year at Bath-Haverling Central School, Hutches spent 31 years as an educator at Dundee Central School, retiring on August 5th of this year. She held many different positions while at Dundee Central, including: 9 years as an Elementary Physical Education teacher, 6 years as the Elementary School Counselor, 3 years as a High School Physical Education teacher, 3 years as the school's Athletic Director, and 13 years as the Junior-Senior High School Counselor. During her career at Dundee Central she also coached soccer, basketball, and softball. Hutches is a member of the Career Readiness Educators' Association and the Association for Career and Technical Educators. In addition to her educational activities, she enjoys watching the New York Yankees and the Buffalo Bills as well as hiking, golf, and spending time on Keuka Lake.

Jen lives in the Village of Bath with her 17-year-old twin sons, Noah and Tucker, who are seniors at Bath-Haverling Central School. Hutches said she was motivated to join Rotary after attending several club meetings as a guest. "On a personal level, I wanted to get involved with Rotary in order to give back to my community," stated Hutches. "On a professional level, I wanted to connect the students at Bath-Haverling Central School with volunteerism in our community." All of the local Rotarians who have observed Jen at local club meetings are most impressed with her enthusiasm and interest in Rotary, the local school, and the entire community.

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Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Brandi Graham



Jen Hutches, Work Based Learning Coordinator at Bath-Haverling Central School, was recently inducted into the Bath Rotary Club by the 2024 – 2025 Bath Rotary Club President, John Gould.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS PRESENTED TO BATH ROTARIANS

At a recent weekly meeting of the Bath Rotary Club, Paul Harris Fellow awards were bestowed upon four Bath Rotarians by John Gould, the 2024 – 2025 Bath Rotary Club President.

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Brandi Graham



Paul Harris Fellow awards were recently bestowed upon four Bath Rotarians by John Gould, 2024 – 2025 Bath Rotary Club President. Standing left to right are: Bill White, Paul Harris Fellow +3; Terry Bilancio, Paul Harris Fellow +8; Don Snyder, Paul Harris Fellow +1; John Gould, 2024 – 2025 Bath Rotary Club President.

The fourth recipient of said award was Joanne Sheehan, Paul Harris Fellow +3 who attended the local club meeting via Zoom since she now lives in Florida.



Canandaigua Rotary Honors a Member

At one of Rotary's weekly meetings the Canandaigua Rotary Club honored member Dick McCaughey with his Paul Harris Plus 6 Award. A Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to a living individual who exemplifies a



community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community. Recipients are Rotarians and community professionals in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary by placing Service Above Self. Recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow is an opportunity to show appreciation for a person, either Rotarian or non-Rotarian, who share these values.

Pictured in foreground are Club President Kim Tenreiro and Dick McCaughey:

Submitted by Jack Kellogg

Dundee Rotary Honors Alice Shoemaker

On October 16, 2024, Dundee Rotary honored Alice Shoemaker by presenting her with a Paul Harris Fellowship award, the highest award from Rotary International. Alice has been instrumental in the creation, operation, and successful grant-seeking of a community organization known as Dundee Fresh. Dundee Fresh is also now officially a 501-C-3 not-for profit organization thanks to Alice's efforts. The goal of Dundee Fresh is to bring fresh foods to the residents of the Dundee area since there is no longer a grocery store in Dundee. To that end, the past two summers Dundee Fresh has used grant funds to purchase and distribute fresh produce weekly to approximately 400 families. Now, Dundee Fresh has been awarded a large grant from the Rochester Health Foundation to try to set up a store to offer fresh foods year around. Pictured are Assistant District Governor Stacy Wyant who presented Alice with a certificate and pin (L), Alice, Club Co-President Alan Giles, and Caryl Sutterby, Club Treasurer and Past-President. Caryl nominated Alice for this coveted award.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Clifton Springs Rotary

At the meeting of Oct. 15 members of the Clifton Springs Rotary Club wore purple in symbolic recognition of all the immunized children with "Purple Pinkies" and to commemorate World Polio Day on Oct. 24.

Submitted by Scott MacDonell



The Greece Rotary Donates \$2,800 to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf

The Greece Rotary donated The Greece Ecum. Food Shelf- Amy & Bob Peritsky -Dir.'s with a check for \$2,893.00. This was the amount the Greece Rotary Club earned this year in commissions and tips working the Rohrbach Beer Stands this summer.

They were so appreciative and much needed for them to continue their efforts. The Food Shelf serves over 1,000 families in the Town of Greece every month, they also have a Clothing Dist. Closet. They offer a great and valuable service in our town.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon

Pictured: Amy/Bob Peritsky, Ray Gangarossa (Pres.Elect), John Bansbach (Pres)

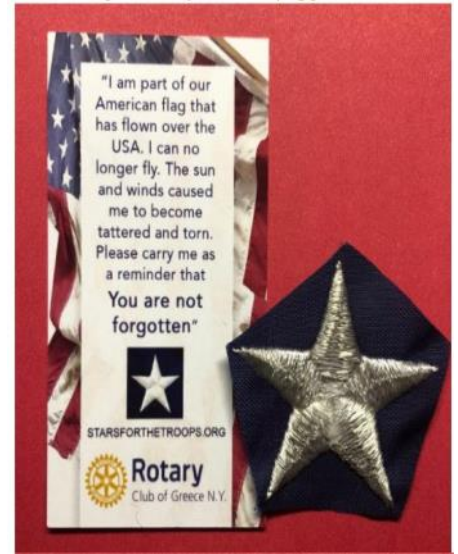


The Greece Rotary Salutes the Stars For The Troops Service Project.

Over the past four years The Greece Rotary have distributed over 10,000 Stars for the Troops cards. We get flags turned into the Veterans Outreach Store, we cut the star out of the torn and tattered flags and put them in a small baggie, thanking veterans and their families for their sacrifice for our country. We dispose of the cut-up flags per the Dept. of Defense flag disposal protocol.

In the last few weeks Greece Rotarian Al Meilutis grandson James Quartley a Gates-Chili middle school student, took it upon himself and with help from family members they cut out 1,000 stars and packaged them up for our Veterans Day Distribution over the next few weeks. Here are a few pics of his efforts.

If you want some stars, we will mail you up to five-star packets and No Charge so you can send to your family members, email – chuckgreecerotary@gmail.com



Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Elmira Rotary Reads for the Record

On Thursday October 24th members of the Rotary Club of Elmira, joined over two million readers and thousands of classrooms, libraries and communities to celebrate early literacy by reading Piper Chen Sings by Grammy Award-Winning Hamilton star Phillipa Soo and Maris Pasquale Doran. The Rotary Club of Elmira has been supporting literacy and the students at Diven Elementary for more than 15 years. Pictured from left:

Principal Jo Legare, Members: Katie Boland, Joy Perry, Amy Willette, Katrina Manning, Julia Miles, Lexi Sincok. Back row: Jonus Miles and son Wes.



Submitted by Katrina Manning

Watkins-Montour Rotary Club

The Club was honored to bestow a Paul Harris Fellow award to community member Tony Vickio at their October 17th meeting - very much surprising Tony, who thought he was at the meeting to do a presentation about his recent 'bucket list' trip to Monza Italy for the Italian Grand Prix (which turned out to be an amazing presentation!)

District 7120 Assistant District Governor Bridgette Stewart assisted in presenting the award, with the nomination coming from longtime Rotarian Don Stocum. Don spoke to Tony's tireless energies toward supporting and celebrating the area's rich racing heritage through the books he has authored, his drone work, renowned sign-making business, 2023 Corvette Festival efforts, racing knowledge and engagement, amongst many other endeavors. Perhaps most notably, is Tony being a driving force behind 'Spirit of Schuyler' - an organization that provides financial intervention for residents in Schuyler County who have endured unexpected monetary crises, and who have exhausted all other options for assistance. Spirit of Schuyler also offers scholarships as part of the organization's local outreach.

Submitted by Emily Peckham



BATH-HAVERLING CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT WINEGLASS MARATHON

Members of the Bath-Haverling Central School Interact Club, sponsored by the Bath Rotary Club, helped support runners in the 2024 Wineglass Marathon on Sunday, October 6. They set up a water and Gatorade station on Hubbell Street near TOPS grocery store in Bath, handed out drinks to the runners, and cheered on the marathoners.



Bath-Haverling Central School Interact members, wearing the official Wineglass Series 2024 volunteer shirt, manned the first water station of the 2024 Wineglass Marathon, located on Hubbell Street near TOPS grocery store in Bath. Standing left to right are: Allison Elmore, Kendall Skelly, Keyaira Decker, Darren Krause, and Sarah Reese.

“The students expressed that they really enjoyed watching the runners persevere and knowing that they were helping with the event,” stated Mrs. Meagan Hill, Assistant to the Interact Advisor, Ms. Jen Hutches. “The students noted that it took much time to mix the Gatorade, fill the cups to just the right amount, arrange the cups on the table, and have extras ready. All the students involved enjoyed the spirit of the crisp fall morning, cheering on the runners, and hearing the words of gratitude from the runners.”

The Bath Rotary Club, the Bath-Haverling Central School District, the community of Bath, and the families of the Interactors can be most proud of these fine, young men and women who have chosen to pursue the goals of Interact, one of Rotary International’s fastest growing programs.

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Meagan Hill

BATH ROTARIANS CONTINUE TO CLEAR ROADSIDE OF LITTER



Terry Bilancio, Bath Rotarian, picks up litter along the off ramp of I-86, Exit 38 as part of the New York State’s Adopt-A-Highway program.

Bath Rotarians donned orange safety vests, work gloves, and heavy footwear to clear the litter along the on and off ramps of I-86, Exit 38 as part of the New York State Adopt-A-Highway program. On October 8, Bill White, Adopt-A-Highway Chair for the Bath Rotary Club, was joined by Bath Rotarians Terry Bilancio, Lillian Fazi, Brandi Graham, Jen Hutches, and Cheryl Muller to clear the above-noted area of litter. “Taking part in this highway cleanup program which was passed by state legislation in 1990 is just one example of how Rotarians apply the principle of ‘Service Above Self’ to promote pride in our community,” remarked White. “We are most pleased that we are able to extend a helping hand to keep American beautiful.”

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Cheryl Muller



Lillian Fazi, another Bath Rotarian, donned an orange safety vest and work gloves in order to pick up trash on the on ramp of I-86, Exit 38 as part of the NYS Adopt-A-Highway program.

Victor - Farmington Rotary

Victor - Farmington Rotarian Galen Powers recognized for having attained Level 3 status as a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation at D-7120 Annual Foundation Brunch.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



L to R 7120 Foundation Assistant Chair Karen Parkhurst, DG Dave DeMers, recipient Galen Powers

Geneseo Rotary - Students of the Month Awards for September and October



Heather Ferrero ,Geneseo Central School students Karli Hy, Lili Pritchard, GCS Teacher Meghan Curley, President Don Livingston

Submitted by Heather Ferrero

Victor – Farmington Rotary

The Victor – Farmington Rotary club has been a financial supporter of Bridges for Brain Injury, a Farmington-based organization that for the past 15 years has been delivering care and compassion to survivors of traumatic brain injury and individuals with physical disabilities. The organization involves a unique format that includes the use of rare species of wildlife to assist in the therapy (“Wildlife Rockstars”) program as well as a program to train victims of severe brain injuries to develop increased self-confidence when dealing with others. They also are encouraged to develop public speaking skills as part of developing their own self-confidence.



The V-F club in has made a financial donation to the organization for the construction of a special shed to provide shelter for a Patagonia cavy, one of the cast members of the Wildlife Rockstar program.

Recently, the organization presented a program to the club that updated members on the progress made in recent years in expanding their services and programs. Participating were Founder & CEO Laura Donaldson, the Director of Wildlife Education Services Sara Saylor, and Mandy Weber, a participant from the educational program to increase self-confidence through public speaking.

The speakers also brought a special guest from the Wildlife Rockstars program, “Chewy”, a Pale fox. The breed is native to Africa. It is one of the least studied of all canid species, in part due to its remote habitat and its sandy coat that blends in well with the desert-like terrain. “Chewy” quickly made friends with the assembled Rotarians.

Submitted by
Dave Luitweiler



BATH ROTARY CLUB TOURS VERNON E. WIGHTMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

On October 17, Kelly Houck, Bath Rotarian and Bath Central School District Superintendent, and Brett Ryan, Vernon E. Wightman Primary School Principal, led Bath Rotarians on a tour of the newly renovated areas of VEW and definitely displayed their RAM pride.

The Rotarians first viewed the renovations to the bus loop entrance which has increased security and access to the building. The addition of door-locking mechanisms and other security upgrades has allowed the district to address concerns with security. In addition, a full ramp has been added to this area ensuring that all students, team members, and visitors can access the building through the same entrance instead of anyone with mobility challenges having to use a different entrance.

The local Rotarians also viewed the new drop-off vestibule which was added in order to increase security measures and change the traffic flow not only to address security concerns but also to create a more efficient path for this very busy area of the school. In this area the VEW office space was also remodeled so that the VEW Principal, Assistant Principal, and Counselor were all located in one place.

The group was pleased to see the new nurse's suite which was built across from the main office. This allows for the VEW students to receive support services in a more central location and provide easy access for students, team members, and parents. The new suite allows the school nurse to meet more fully the various medical needs the students may have daily.

New bathrooms were installed by the cafeteria. Previously, there were no such facilities in the area which made it very challenging for the littlest RAMS.

Finally, the Rotarians were excited to view the new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Suite. The space is beautiful and was constructed to be a fully multi-purpose space that supports all hands-on activities and learning opportunities for students, team members, and local residents. The space can be divided or used as one large group instructional space; it is also equipped with all the technology needed to create an optimal learning experience. Other classroom enhancements and modifications were also made to meet the needs of today's diverse learners.

At the conclusion of the tour, the group returned to Superintendent Houck's office in order to enjoy a lunch of assorted wraps, a tossed salad, fresh fruit, chips, brownies, cookies, and bottled water, provided by the Bath Central School District.

At the end of the lunch, Houck stated, "Having our partners from the Bath Rotary Club join us today at the Bath Central School District has allowed us to demonstrate truly the definition of community collaboration; working together today creates the best tomorrow possible." Those Rotarians who were able to attend this weekly club meeting were indeed grateful for the day's tour and lunch and are most proud to be residents of a community with such an outstanding school system and staff. They are also most proud that Kelly Houck is not only an outstanding superintendent but also an active Bath Rotarian.

Anyone interested in more information about the Bath Central School District should contact Superintendent Houck at: khouck@bathcsd.org.



Bath Rotarians recently toured the newly renovated areas of the Vernon E. Wightman Primary School in Bath. Standing left to right in Row 1 are: Brandi Graham, Tess McKinley (also a member of the Bath Central School District Board of Education), Nancy Latour, Cheryl Muller, Dave Stewart, and Kelly Houck (Bath Central School District Superintendent). Standing left in right in Row 2 are: Brett Ryan (VEW Principal), Mike Slovak, Bill White, John Gould, Don Snyder, Terry Bilancio, Brandon Graham, Eddie VanStine, and Jay Maslyn.

This mural, located in the kindergarten wing at VEW, is a beautiful piece of history. It was painted by a local artist in the 1960's.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Brandi Graham



Geneseo Rotary Provides Free Meal for Veterans on November 4th.

Geneseo Rotary had 23 Veterans for lunch today. Valley Oak did a nice job with the Turkey dinner. The table lines were red, white, and blue. Looked really nice with our flag table top decorations. Total attendance was 44 people. Gary Anderson gave a good talk on the Veterans experiences once they returned home from their years of military service.

Submitted by
Bonnie Swanson

The WOMEN by Kristin Hannah is the title of a book written by a nurse returning from war. Gary mentioned in his presentation.
Submitted by Marilyn Lyon



Chemung County Sunrise Rotary

October was a very busy month for our club. The planning committee for our community event, the Pumpkin Express festival, met every Tuesday at 7:00am. Our first event of the month was the Pints for Polio night at Rekt Brewing in Horseheads. The club raised just over \$500.00 for polio and when matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation it was an awesome fundraiser for polio and a chance to visit a new business in town! On Thursday, October 24th, several club members met at Meal on Wheels to dip pretzels to be sold on Saturday at Pumpkin Express. This is always a fun time and many thanks go out to Katie Boland, director of Meals on Wheels and member of the Elmira Rotary Club, for the use of the kitchen and also thanks to Liz, the baker at Meals on Wheels, for getting us set up and melting the chocolate! Also thanks to Connie and Bridgid, friends of Jackie Stevens who helped us. We did 300 dipped pretzels! On the 26th was our Pumpkin Express festival hosted by the Sullivan family in Horseheads. Club member, Kevin Sullivan, coordinated the use of the site and the trains that provided free train rides. Thanks Kevin! It was a windy but nice day and our cake wheel was very busy along with the kids activities that included a story time and a free book provided by the Family



Rekt Brewery left Katie Boland Elmira Rotary Club, right Beth Stranges Sunrise Rotary



Pretzels left to right, Barb Preucil, Al Preucil, Bridgid, Jackie Stevens, Connie, not pictured Sandy Jessup



Pumpkin Express left to right Chemung County Sheriff, William Schrom, Beth Stranges, Sunrise Rotary Club, Chemung County Executive Chhristopher Moss

Reading Partnership of Chemung Valley by the train station, scavenger hunts and pumpkin hunts and a bounce house. Joe Veres, Meteorologist from WENY TV , had a green screen so the kids could see how the weather reporting is done. We also welcomed over 25 vendors! On Halloween the club participated in trunk or treat at the Moose Club. in Horseheads. All in all a busy month.

Submitted by Sandra Jessup

Waterloo Rotary UW Donation

Waterloo Rotary selected the United Way of Seneca County as their Community Services Donation recipient for \$2500!
Waterloo Rotary Service Above Self Dinner

Submitted by Jane Shaffer



Waterloo Rotary Pumpkin Walk



Waterloo Rotary Club

Waterloo Rotary recently held their Service Above Self Award Dinner and recognized Tom Murray of Muranda Cheese as this year's recipient. Mr. Murray was also presented with a Paul Harris Award presented by Waterloo Pres Marianne Van-Nostrand, Foundation Chair Jeff Cassim, PDG & District Annual Fund Chair Don Alhart and Assistant Dist Governor Stacy Wyant.

Submitted by Jane Shaffer



Pal-Mac Rotary Club

The month of October was an eventful experience. Our two lunch meetings involved great presentations focusing on suicide prevention and eradicating polio. Club member, Leslie Vecchiotti shared with us deeply felt insights emphasizing the importance of listening in helping persons who express suicidal thoughts.



Janet challenging us!

Our District Chair of the Polio Plus Society, Janet Tenriero, challenged us to help erase polio from the face of the earth by becoming Polio Plus Members. Eradicating Polio has been a major focus of Rotary for many years. With the exception of two places--Afghanistan and Pakistan--this has occurred in large part.



Leslie sharing.



Finally, members and friends helped with a Community Dinner at the Zion Episcopal Church in Palmyra.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford

The Community Dinner Crew...club members, friends and family members.

Penfield's Euchre Tournament a Big Success Raising \$4,000 for Local Charities

The Penfield Rotary Club held its 2024 Fall Euchre Tournament on October 19, and it was a huge success raising a little over \$4,000. These dollars will support the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf and other community giving projects. This comes on the heels of a similarly successful Spring tournament in May which also raised about \$4,000 for student scholarships. We are very excited about these results, and we'll be hosting another in Spring 2025, so stay tuned!



Big thanks to our primary tournament sponsor Family First Credit Union and our host Castle Pointe at Baywinde. And we want to thank our round sponsors, many of whom are fellow Rotarians: Laurie Dietrich and Hunt Real Estate, Dennis Shew and Empire Realty Group, John Pascucci and Edward Jones, Jerry Christopher and State Farm Insurance, Mike Mazzochetti and Painting Plus Professionals, Patrick Montgomery and Hunt Mortgage, Neal Gorman and NRG Communications.

The Penfield Rotary Club thanks all the players and donors who generously contributed to the success of the euchre tournament.

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

Penfield Rotary Takes a Step Forward with Inaugural Foundation Walk

This November, the Penfield Rotary Club is excited to introduce a brand-new event to our community: the first-ever Penfield Rotary Walk to benefit The Rotary Foundation! Join us on Saturday, November 16, at Rothfuss Park for a morning of fun, fresh air, and philanthropy.

Starting at 10:00 am, stroll through the scenic park with friends, family, and even your four-legged companions! Each lap is a little over a mile, so you can set your own pace and enjoy the crisp autumn air. We'll provide complimentary hot chocolate and light snacks to keep you fueled and warm.

This walk is more than just a pleasant outing; it's an opportunity to make a real difference in the world. All proceeds will benefit The Rotary Foundation, a global force for good that empowers Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. As you know, through The Rotary Foundation, we support initiatives that improve health, provide quality education, protect the environment, and alleviate poverty in communities both near and far.

Registration is just \$10 per adult, with kids and dogs joining in for free! To register in advance, simply **scan the QR code below** or visit www.PenfieldRotary.org. Can't make it on the day? Your generous donation is still welcome! In the event of inclement weather, your registration fee will be considered a donation to The Rotary Foundation. We encourage everyone in the Penfield business community to join us for this inaugural event. It's a chance to connect with fellow community members, enjoy the outdoors, and support a worthy cause. Let's walk together to build a better world!



Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, November 16th, 2024
- Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Location: Rothfuss Park, 1648 Five Mile Line Rd, Penfield (Check in at the Pavilion by Field B)
- Registration: \$10 per adult, kids and dogs free

A Note for Dog Owners: Please keep your furry friends on a leash and remember to clean up after them.
Submitted by Neal Gorman

PAL- MAC Rotary



Club member, Jeanna Skinner, trimming Leeks.

An ongoing Fall involvement for our club is gleaning at BEJO Seeds near Geneva. On Saturdays a group goes to this farm and harvests produce for food pantries. We help both the Macedon Center and Palmyra pantries.

BEJO develops seeds for use around the world. It plants these seeds on its farm and then invites gleaners to come and help themselves to the crops that are grown. Here are some of the crew on Saturday, October 26.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Jeanna's mom, Beverly Crawford, cutting Kale.

Spencerport Rotary Club

District Governor Dave DeMers was recently awarded a Paul Harris 5 at a Spencerport Rotary club meeting. Pictured L-R joining in the celebration for Dave: Ann DeMers, Wade Norwood, DGN Lisa Norwood, DG Dave DeMers, Immediate Past DG Julie Carney, DGE Jim Crane, Nancy Loughlin.

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

OUR SMALL BUT MIGHTY CLUB KEEPS BUSY

On October 25th, the HLRC had a fun filled time at the 2024 Trunk or Treat event held at HCS. It was so enjoyable treating kids (and adults) to candy as they wandered the front parking lot to share their costumes and smiles. Trunks were decorated and owners welcomed the candy gatherers with smiles and many compliments. Many thank you's were shared and club members were excited to share this community service project with all who attended.

Saturday the 26th of October gave the HLRC members a chance to have fun with adults as we sponsored our annual ROTARY ROAD RALLY. Our numbers were small but all had a fun time touring the highways in search of answers to our many puzzling questions. Our raffle went well and enabled the club to add a few more dollars to its funds for future community service projects. We also were able to share our many craft projects with the participants. Thanks to the Birdhouse Brewery for hosting us and to those club members who shared in this fun time.



Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

STUDENTS of the MONTH



Once again the HLRC was able to recognize two students as their Students of the Month for September. Chosen by their teachers, these two students set a role model for their peers.

Marshall Braun is our Middle School Student of the Month. At school he is very active in sports --- golf, basketball, tennis, and drama productions fill his time so he can hang out with his friends. Outside of school, Marshall is active in 4-H where he enjoys cooking and new activities. Plans for the future include becoming a fish and game officer or developing anything dealing with electronics.



As our High School Student of the Month, Henry Sherman is on the Staff Honor Roll. He is a member of the Dog Pack, plays soccer, golf, indoor track and field, and lacrosse. Henry likes to ski and work out with his friends after school. When Henry graduates, he plans to go to college and continue playing sports.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

Cal-Mum Rotary Club

For the second year, Cal-Mum Rotary has supported Operation Green Light. Operation Green Light seeks to have homes and businesses display green lights in support of Veterans. We had two distribution days in October, where we gave out 50+ green bulbs to residents and businesses. We had 10+ new businesses join us in participating this year, as well.

It has been so exciting to drive through the community at night and see all the green lights shining. We hope that our local veterans have seen them, too and know how much they are supported and appreciated!



Dan Cole and Adrienne Johnston distribute green lights and Caledonia Library Displaying their green lights



Submitted by Vicky Vorhauer

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE DEMERS ANNOUNCES DANSVILLE ROTARIAN WILL BE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2027-2028

Members of Dansville Rotary Club were pleasantly surprised on Tuesday November 5th, to learn the District 7120 Governor for 2027-2028 will be their own member, and their Club's Past President, Pete Vogt.

Pete joined Dansville Rotary August 12, 2014 and served as Club President in 2020-2021. Perhaps his greatest challenge during his presidential year was cautiously bringing members back to regular meetings while ably navigating tough pandemic requirements of masking and distancing. That year P.P. Pete also devoted many hours to meeting with his committee who were challenged with updating Club Bylaws and Constitution, revising and reviewing documents, all completed while maintaining his position as Dansville mayor.

Long ago Dansville had a member serve the District as D.G. 1941-1942, Claire C. Bateman. Served as Dansville Club President 1924-1925



Assisting at this special announcement to Dansville Rotary Club were several dignitaries from District 7120. Pictured are District Governor Nominee Designate Pete Vogt, District Governor Nominee Lisa Norwood, District Governor Elect Jim Crane, District Governor Dave DeMers, and Past District Governor Julie Carney.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Spencerport Rotary

The Spencerport Rotary installed 2 Buddy Benches at the Bernabi and Taylor Elementary Schools as a part of their district grant. Here is a description of a bubby bench:

Buddy benches were invented to combat loneliness and bullying in schools. Sometimes called a "friendship bench," these benches are provided at schools or on playgrounds as a way for children to signal to others that they are feeling lonely or isolated and need a friend to play with or someone to talk to. They are one tool that can help promote kindness and empathy.

Submitted by David DeMers



Cal-Mum Rotary Club

Cal-Mum Rotarians delivered dictionaries on Election Day to excited 3rd graders. In the past 20 years, Cal-Mum Rotary has distributed close to 1200 dictionaries. One student was so impressed, he brought his dictionary to the polls when his parents voted and was sharing his excitement with the poll workers. Other fun Rotary connections - the newest 3rd grade teacher was a



server at our monthly meetings for many years and remembers when she received her dictionary and when her family hosted a Youth Exchange student.

Submitted by Vicky Vorhauer

Vicky Vorhauer, Jane Baker, Chris Wood, Jay Ward



Jay Ward

Corning Rotary Marks the Way for the Wineglass Marathon 2024

On the dark, cold, foggy October 6th morning, Corning Rotarians showed up at "zero dark thirty" (5:30 AM) to load up cones, markers, signs and flags for the Wineglass Marathon from outside Painted Post through to the finishing line on Market Street in Corning. Armed with flashlights and cell phones, the various markers were placed along the route.



With materials organized by Andy Rochester and Stu Sammis, the troupe zeroed in on the assignment. The fun part is finding the locations in the dark. For the second year, we used updated placement maps and an app called *what3words* to help find the elusive locations. The task was completed by 7:30 AM.

Then in the afternoon after the completion of the race, other Rotarians went back over the route and collected all the materials for use again next year. Even with the very early hours in the dark, this event is one of the most interesting and fun projects of the year. This year there were over 6,000 runners in the Marathon.

Submitted by Jan Harvey

Fairport Rotary

Fairport Rotary President, Andrew Spreter and his wife, Katlyn, welcomed Aiden Michael into the world on October 29th, exactly one month earlier than expected. Born directly off the heels of another successful Pasta Dinner for the club is surely an omen that Aiden is destined for Rotary-greatness, just like his dad. Congratulations!



Submitted by Domenick Cecconi

Corning Rotary at Harvest Fest 2024

Corning Gaffer District's Harvest Festival, September 21st, is downtown Corning's annual celebration to welcome the Fall Season. During the weekend festival, the downtown is packed with live music performances, hayrides, vendors, on-street dining, photo ops, and more. It brought a large number of vendors, guests, pretty nice weather -- and Corning Rotary to Market Street.



The Club set up an information booth that included handing out refreshments to festival goers. We learned from our booth last year that as much as we like cider with our donuts, so do the bees. So this year we substituted ice cold water to go with our donuts. No sugar, no gluten, no wonderful smell of apples --- no bees.

Questions at the booth included "What is Rotary?" "What does Corning Rotary do?" and "How do I join?" Our club members served the donuts and cold water, and answers to questions about our club activities and goals. It was a beautiful day, perfect for spreading the word about the world of Rotary.

Submitted by Jan Harvey

Obituary Ed Crosby



Ed Crosby was a member of Rush Henrietta Rotary for 30 years, and President from 1997-98. He joined at the age that many people retire. However, Ed took on Rotary with the dedication that he had given his career as an insurance agent. He was one of our best fundraisers. He prided himself on the dessert donations he procured for our annual Pasta Dinner. He was the Rotarian that always showed up with coffee and donuts at every work project.

He was a multiple Paul Harris fellow, a Foundation Sustaining member and a Foundation Benefactor in Rotary, as well as chair of the Insurance Committee. Ed co-chaired the Rush Henrietta/Scottsville Concession tent at the LPGA tournament for several years. He was also captain of Mall sales for Marketplace mall, and for 2002-03 selected as the Bob Clinger Volunteer of the Year for Disabled Children of Monroe County Inc. (LPGA).

In May 2006, he was awarded the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" for his efforts in the community.

Edward was married to Catherine C. Kitchen for 67 years, from 1954 until she passed in January 2022. They raised five children. After 40 years, he sold his agency, the Landmark Group of Brighton, Inc, in 1999. He was a Korean War Veteran and a recipient of the Commendation Medal for meritorious service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Camp Haccamo, www.camphaccamo.org.

Submitted by Maureen Neumaier

DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

1) If your club **does not use** Club Runner, go to the **District Calendar Submission Page:**
<https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/club-calendar-submission-form>
Complete the Club Calendar Submission Form and click the submit button.

If there are Registration Forms, Image Files, Graphics, or any Other File you wish to make accessible to Rotarians for this event, send them as attachments to: Jim Kozlowski, District Calendar Coordinator at jim.koz65@gmail.com and mention the name and date of your event.

2)) If your club **does use** Club Runner, go to :
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/articles/how-do-i-create-an-event-in-event-planner>
And the article will help you create an event.



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Bath Rotary Club - Big Game Raffle

The Bath Rotary Club will participate again this year in a raffle connected to the 59th edition of Pro Football's biggest game to be held on February 9, 2025 at Caesar's Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The raffle is organized by the Indian Rocks Beach Rotary Club in Florida. The Bath Rotary Club will receive 50% of the gross proceeds from every ticket it sells. These funds will be used to support many local club's projects.

Please find listed below details regarding the raffle prizes:

Grand Prize: 2 tickets to the game, 4 nights' lodging in the New Orleans area, and \$1000 in cash (Option: take a virtual big game package which will be negotiated directly with the winner and the Indian Rocks Beach Rotary Club)

2nd Prize: \$1000 in cash

3rd Prize: \$500 in cash

4th Prize: \$300 in cash

5th Prize: \$200 in cash

Grand Prize Drawing: Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Visit the Indian Rocks Beach Rotary Club's website at www.indianrocksrotary.org for drawing details.

Please find listed below raffle ticket information:

1 ticket: \$5.00

5 tickets: \$20.00

Make checks payable to Bath Rotary Club (Cash is also accepted.).

Mail check or cash to: Elaine Tears, 211 East Washington Street, Bath, NY 14810.

Also send the first and last name of person(s) AND phone number(s) (include area code) which you want printed on the ticket stub(s) to be sent to the Indian Rocks Beach Rotary Club.

As soon as I receive your check or cash and the above-noted information, I will send you your portion(s) of the ticket(s).

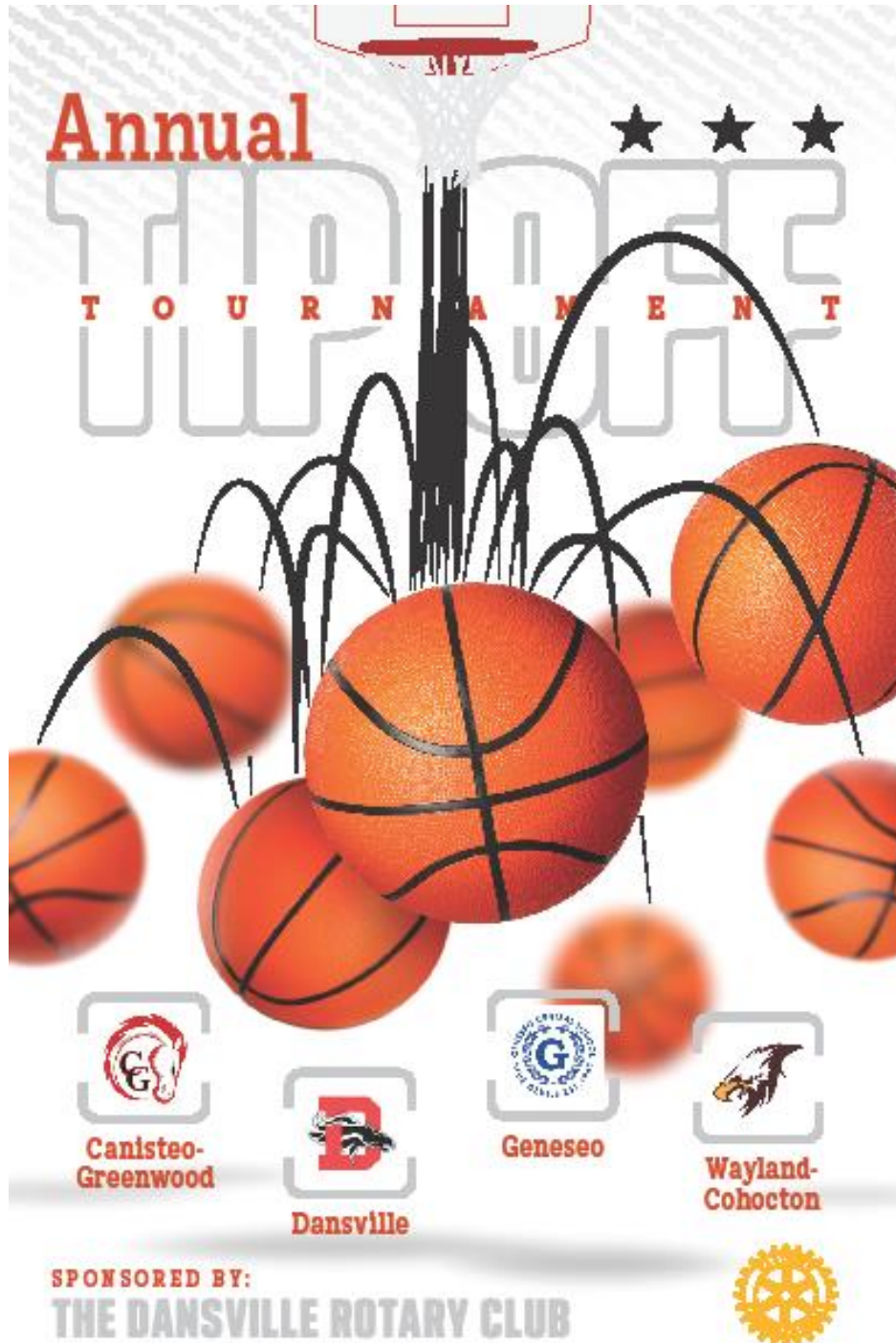
Thank you in advance for considering to support the Bath Rotary Club in this fundraiser.

Submitted by Elaine Tears

DANSVILLE ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL TIP OFF TOURNAMENT

Dansville Rotary Club's 2024 Annual Tip Off Tournament will be held December 12, 13, and 14 at the Dansville Central School Auditorium. Teams competing this year, in addition to Dansville, are from Canisteo-Greenwood, Geneseo, and Wayland-Cohocton.

The Club's first Basketball Tournament was held November/December 1995 and featured teams from Dansville, Newark, Wayland-Cohocton, and Wayne districts. The three-day event begins with competition at the Junior Varsity level. Varsity teams play later with a final champion declared for both Junior Varsity and Varsity levels. The Tournament has been held 29 years except 2020 due to the pandemic.



Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming CLUB Events

⚙ **December 2024**
December 7 Geneva Rotary
Santa Train Express

December 8 Bath Rotary Club -
Big Game Raffle

December 12,13,14th Dansville Rotary Club
ANNUAL TIP OFF TOURNAMENT

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

District Learning Assembly

Sat April 05, 2025

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m..

Midlakes High School

1554 NY-488

Clifton Springs, NY 14432



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