



As we step into February, a month dedicated to Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, we embrace an opportunity to reflect on and contribute to one of Rotary's core areas of focus. In a world where conflicts arise in various forms, be it in communities, nations, or even within ourselves, the pursuit of peace remains a cornerstone of our Rotary mission.

Peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of justice, equity, and harmony. In Rotary, we believe that peace is a viable and essential goal, achievable through

understanding, goodwill, and compassion. Our role as Rotarians is to be architects of peace, building bridges where walls once stood.

As we navigate this crucial theme, here are some detailed examples and ideas on how we can actively engage in peacebuilding and conflict prevention:

- **Community Dialogue Sessions:** Facilitate open dialogues within communities to discuss local issues, fostering understanding and conflict resolution.
✓ *Implementation: Partner with community centers, schools, or local councils to organize these sessions. Use trained mediators from within our Rotary network to guide these dialogues, ensuring a safe and neutral environment for all participants.*
- **Youth Peace and Leadership Workshops:** Conduct workshops for young people to teach them about conflict resolution, leadership, and peacebuilding.
✓ *Implementation: Collaborate with schools, youth clubs, and educational organizations. Design interactive workshops that include role-playing, discussions, and leadership exercises. Engage Rotaract and Interact clubs in these initiatives.*
- **Cultural Exchange Programs:** Promote understanding and tolerance by organizing cultural exchange programs that allow people to experience and appreciate diverse cultures and perspectives.
✓ *Implementation: Establish partnerships with international clubs or organizations to facilitate exchanges. These can range from student exchanges to cultural festival celebrations within the community.*
- **Support for Local Peace Initiatives:** Identify and support existing local organizations that work towards peacebuilding and conflict prevention.
✓ *Implementation: Allocate resources, volunteer support, or grants to these organizations. Engage with them to understand their needs and how Rotary can best assist their efforts. **Peace poles are a way for clubs to show their commitment to peace.***
- **Online Campaigns for Peace Awareness:** Use social media and online platforms to promote peace awareness and education.
✓ *Implementation: Create and share content highlighting the importance of peace, stories of successful peace initiatives, and educational material about conflict resolution. Encourage members to participate and share these resources widely.*

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Remember to reach out to someone you have had a conflict with in the past and do not talk to. Make the effort to reconcile your differences.

Our actions, however small they may seem, contribute significantly to the larger picture of global peace and understanding. By engaging in these activities, we foster peace in our immediate environments and set an example for others to follow.

This February, let us commit to being proactive agents of peace. I encourage you to implement at least one of the suggested activities within your club or community. Let's harness our collective efforts to create environments where understanding thrives over misunderstanding and peace prevails over conflict.

As we continue our journey through 2025, let the theme of Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention guide our actions and intentions. May this month be a reminder of our potential to be catalysts for change and our ability to create a more peaceful world.

In Rotary, we have the unique opportunity to be ambassadors of peace. Let's embrace this role with enthusiasm and hope, knowing that our contributions are paving the way for a more harmonious world.

Wishing you a month filled with peace, understanding, and impactful service.

Donations via your Rotary Foundation to the Annual Fund Share and also through Legacy/Endowment/Bequest giving to Peace and Conflict program, help support these grants, peace centers, and Peace Fellows.

DG Dave DeMers
Rotary District 7120
District Governor 2024-2025



Early Bird Discount NOW Extended to February 14, 2025!

★ ★ **SIGN UP TODAY!** See the Link on Bottom of this Ad to Register ★ ★

★ **DISTRICT 7120 CONFERENCE ONLY • MAY 2-4, 2025**



\$230 PER PERSON
EARLY BIRD CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION THRU FEB. 14, 2025



\$255 PER PERSON
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
EFFECTIVE FEB. 15, 2025



[**https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-conference-\(DC\)**](https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-conference-(DC))

DISTRICT 7120 CONFERENCE ONLY • MAY 2-4, 2025

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS
WORTH LOOKING!



The Gaffer District
Robin Ziegler (i-Stock.com)

The Rockwell Museum
Wikipedia.com



Viator.com



HeritageVillagesFL.com



FREE TOTE BAGS!

(Prototype Bag Shown Here)

Some Attractions Nearby
Check it Out!

- The Gaffer District
- The Rockwell Museum
- Corning Museum of Glass
- Heritage Villages FL
- Centerway Walking Bridge
- Corning Country Golf Club
- Connors Mercantile
- The Cellar and more...

Corning, NY is a vibrant community with museums, galleries, historic buildings, eateries & shops and more! This addition to your itinerary makes this an enjoyable stay!



★ [**https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-conference-\(DC\)**](https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-conference-(DC)) ★

Rotary District 7120- District Conference Poster **May 2-4, 2025 Corning, NY**

Subject: Showcase Your Club at the District Conference!

Let's celebrate the ways Rotary is making a difference by expanding our reach in District 7120!!

As you know, "Expand Our Reach" is one of Rotary International's strategic priorities and this year it will be the theme of the poster session at the District Conference, May 2-4, 2025 in Corning.

Showcasing your clubs' projects or ideas will:

- Inspire others and enhance your visibility.
- Gain recognition for your club's contributions
- This will be a dynamic and interactive session, with opportunities for networking and collaboration.

Submit your online poster registration <https://shorturl.at/C7K2N> (form by **April 2, 2025**). You will be asked for your club's name, contact information, project title and a short description. Posters should include:

- A summary of the project or initiative
- How it expanded your reach (e.g., new members, partnerships, inclusion of underserved communities).
- Impact metrics or success stories.
- Visual elements like photos, charts, and infographics.
- Project goals and outcomes.
- Innovative strategies for outreach.
- Challenges and lessons learned.
- QR code to resources, tutorials or surveys.

Any questions contact DGN Lisa Norwood
(Ignorwood@gmail.com) or Ann DeMers (anndemers21@gmail.com)



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February

Rotary
District 7120



Rotary  | **rotary youth exchange**

Interact 
Rotary Sponsored Club

Rotary  | **RYLA**

Rotaract 
PEOPLE OF ACTION

Assistant Governors Needed for the Following Areas

Please consider taking on the role as an Assistant Governor starting in the 2025-26 Rotary year. Please contact the AG in your area to learn more.

Area 1 – Chemung Sunrise, Corning, Elmira Heights, Elmira, Horseheads, and Watkins-Montour

Area 4 – Dansville, Geneseo, Mt. Morris, Nunda & Penn Yan

Area 5 – Lima, Bloomfield, Honeoye Falls Mendon & Honeoye Lake

Area 12 – Ontario-Walworth, Wolcott, Webster, Red Creek & Webster

Role and Responsibilities

- Serve as the District Governor's official representative among the designated Rotary clubs.
- Support club effectiveness by assisting the governor with the administration of designated clubs, including the timely submission of semi-annual reports, payment of RI and District dues, and monthly membership and attendance statistics.
- Visit each club regularly, at least quarterly, to meet with the club president and other club leaders to discuss the business of the club and resources available to them.
- Assist club leaders in planning and preparing for the governor's official visit.
- Keep the governor informed about clubs, and suggest ways to enhance Rotary development and resolve difficulties.
- Ensure appropriate financial stewardship of club funds by club leaders.
- Serve as a two-way communication link between clubs and District committees
- Promote the implementation of the Club Leadership Plan, including the Assistant Governor's club.
- Encourage clubs to implement the governor's requests and recommendations
- Share "best practices" from their designated clubs with each other, and with other Rotary clubs.
- Monitor and motivate clubs to achieve club goals relating to membership development and retention, and support for The Rotary Foundation.
- Assist clubs in researching and implementing effective community and international service projects.
- Assist clubs in completing the activities which will lead to the Presidential Citation for the club, and the submission of the certification form to the governor by 1st April each year.
- Identify and develop leaders capable of serving Rotary beyond the club level.
- Promote attendance at the District Conference and the International Convention.

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 or PDG Scott MacDonell



RLI North East America

Johnson City High School
666 Reynolds Road
Johnson City, NY 13790

Saturday, March 1, 2025 8:30 – 3:30

Part I, II, III, & Graduate

\$75.00

Register NOW for RLI NEA Seminar - District 7180
- Johnson City High School by [clicking here.](#)

Johnson City High School

666 Reynolds Road

Johnson City, NY 13790

Part I, II, III, & Graduate

\$75.00 - check with your club to see if they will cover you!

Increase your Rotary IQ!

8:30am - 3:30pm

Breakfast and Lunch included

Please contact PDG Janet Tenreiro with questions

janettenreiro@gmail.com

Rotary



Brand News

INSERT EVENT
NAME HERE



DID YOU KNOW...

It's never been easier to create a flyer or social media graphic to help promote your club's events?? **Six new customizable templates** for Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact events have been added to the [Rotary Brand Center](#). These templates can be formatted with your club or district's text, photos, logo, as well as sponsor or partner logos. Find them on the Brand Center and use them to promote service projects, guest speakers, meetings, and more.

Visit <https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us/templates> to learn more about customizable event templates!

Submitted by Lisa Norwood

Club Achievement Awards
NOMINATION FORM



Name of Rotary Club: Number of Members: (as of March 15) _____

Title of Project:

Avenue of Service: (you **MUST** 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 April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025.

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.
2. 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: ellenhughes13-14@rochester.rr.com no later than 5: 00 pm April 1, 2025. **Email submissions are preferred** but you may send your nominations via regular mail postmarked No Later Than March 25, 2025 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.

Rotarians of District 7120

INVITATION TO DISTRICT LEARNING ASSEMBLY

Learn...Engage...Impact...Change Lives!

Learn: Gain insights from fellow Rotarians on successful practices, etc.

Engage: Participate in interactive sessions and discussions

Impact: Discover new strategies and tools that can make a real difference in your Rotary clubs, community and yourself

Change Lives: Strengthen commitment to creating positive change in people's lives.

Here are some Event details:

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Where: Midlakes High School, 1554 Route 488, Clifton Springs

Registration & light breakfast start at 7:40 AM

Opening and Welcome address at 8:40 AM

Breakout Sessions begin at 9:00 AM

Approx. 30 breakout sessions to choose from.

Click: [See attached list](#)

50/50 Raffle

Auction baskets

Networking at its best

How to register: Click on this link:

<https://rotary7120.org/event/district-learning-assembly/>

Registration deadline is March 29, 2025.


Any questions, please contact either –

PDG Scott MacDonell scottdg1415@gmail.com

PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly madayag.reillyn@frontier.com

We are thrilled to extend this invitation to you!

DGE Jim, the DLA Committee & Clifton Springs Rotary Club

Rotary 
District 7120
presents

District Learning Assembly

Sat April 05, 2025

Midlakes High School
1554 NY-488 Clifton Springs, NY 14432

Registration and Light Breakfast @ 7:40am
Program @ 8:30am - 12:30pm

Learn...Engage...Impact...Change Lives!!!

SCAN ME



Or Visit: <https://rotary7120.org/event/district-learning-assembly>

Host Club Liaison PDG Scott MacDonell scottdg1415@gmail.com

Rotary District 7120 Polar Plunge Fundraiser

District 7120's **Rotex Rotaract Club** is excited to announce its first annual district-wide Polar Plunge Fundraiser! Hosted by the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee and the Rotex Rotaract Club, the event will take place on **Sunday, April 6, 2025**, at noon at **The Beachcomber** on Conesus Lake (5911 West Lake Road, Conesus, NY, 14435).

Event Highlights:

The event will begin at noon with registration and sign-in. Participants will turn in the money they raised and enjoy live music, food and drinks, and a Rotary classic, the 50/50 raffle.

The Plunge will take place in rounds, with individuals and teams grouped by age. The event will conclude with an awards ceremony, recognizing the following:

- The top three individual and team fundraisers
- The best individual and team costumes
- The youngest and oldest plungers



How You Can Get Involved:

We are seeking **individual participants** and **teams** to take the plunge. Participants will raise funds through sponsorships from family, friends, and colleagues. The event is also welcoming **corporate sponsors** at all tier levels. To sign up, individuals and teams can visit the event's [webpage on the District 7120 website](#). The general public or businesses interested in becoming donors or sponsors are encouraged to contact the Rotex Rotaract Club for more information.

Participants who raise \$100 or more will receive a free lunch donated by The Beachcomber. Those who raise \$200 or more will also receive a custom event t-shirt (additional t-shirts will be available for purchase by participants and attendees). Teams can also earn these perks by meeting fundraising thresholds based on team size or by raising a minimum of \$1,500 overall.

Fund Allocation:

All proceeds will be distributed as follows:

50% of funds raised will support Rotary-sponsored summer camps, including [Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp](#), [Camp Haccamo](#), [Camp Onseyawa](#), [Genesee Valley Rotary Camp](#), and [Camp Star](#).

40% of funds raised will go to the [Rotary Youth Exchange](#) and the [Rotex Rotaract](#) operating budgets, which includes scholarships to enable students from all economic backgrounds to participate in international youth exchanges.

- The remaining 10% will be allocated as the reward money for our Rotary Club Fundraising Challenge to be donated to the [Rotary International Foundation](#).

The Rotary Club Fundraising Challenge:

All donations made to the Polar Plunge will have the option to credit a specific club within our district. During the event, donations will be counted, and the club that raises the most money (via individuals, teams, and/or corporate sponsors) will have the 10% portion of the proceeds raised to be donated to the RI Foundation in their name, supporting Rotary's global humanitarian efforts. The winning club will also receive special recognition at the annual Rotary District 7120 Conference in Corning, NY (May 2-4, 2025).

Special Thanks:

We would like to extend a special thank you to the EMTs, divers, and police officers who will be volunteering their valuable time and support to ensure the safety of everyone at the event. And a big thank also goes to all of the participants, volunteers, donors, and corporate sponsors who will come together in the spirit of Rotary to make this day of community and fun a reality.

"This event provides the perfect opportunity for past Rotary Youth Exchange students to fund the program we love and that gave us so much. It also provides us with the chance to give back to our Rotary District and the communities our local clubs serve. We hope that this event will foster collaboration and friendly competition between local schools, parishes, businesses, public services, and Rotary Clubs." – Sylvia Rooney, Rotex Rotaract Club President

Click the following link to register: [Rotary Polar Plunge Fundraiser](#) OR

Contact Information:

Rotex Rotaract Club: rotaryyouthexchange7120@gmail.com

Thomas May, Polar Plunge Project Coordinator:
thomasowenmay@gmail.com, +1 (585) 447-4119

Sylvia Rooney, Rotex Rotaract Club President:
sylvia.amita@gmail.com, +1 (585) 435-7789



SCAN ME

Hello! My name is Carrie Grove and I'm a member of the Naples Rotary Club and Vice President of my club. I am excited to be the new Chair for Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). Rotary

has always been an important part of my life. During my youth I attended Rotary meetings with my grandfather (Bruce Clawson) and father (Skip Miller). My family hosted two foreign exchange students while I was in high school and I attended RYLA as a student. I always knew I would be a Rotarian which happened in March of 2011. Over the past 14 years, I have served as the Club YEO (Youth Exchange Officer), Club Counselor and District Chaperone for RYLA as well as host parent to two foreign exchange students.



RYLA 2025 will be held at the FLCC campus again this year from July 13-17.

Application deadline is April 15.

Information can be found on [Clubrunner](#).

Thank you!
Carrie Grove
Chair for RYLA

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.

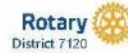
Entries are due on or before April 1

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.

new generations service exchange



Would you like to be part of an incredible exchange program for 18-30 year olds?
Do you want to share your expertise with an eager young adult, mentor future leaders, or open your home to cultural diversity?

Join us in making a difference through the Rotary New Generations Service Exchange!

- ✓ **Host an international participant** and experience cultural exchange firsthand.
- ✓ **Offer an internship or mentorship** to help a young adult grow professionally.
- ✓ **Apply as a participant** to explore global opportunities.

Get involved today! Contact [Julie Carney](mailto:juliecarney7120@gmail.com) to learn more about how you can make an impact OR to have a program presentation at your Club!

juliecarney7120@gmail.com

585-519-9466

Thank you to Avon Rotary, Geneva Rotary, Rochester Rotary and Victor Farmington Rotary for making an impact on our future leaders!



Literacy Corner



**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY**

The Literacy Committee has begun planning for the DLA being held April 5, 2025 at the Midlakes High School in Clifton Springs, New York. Our theme for this year is "Helping Adults to Teach Adults". We will have a session on Adult literacy where we will help those present with ideas on how they can help adults to begin learning to read. We will have several resources to hand out to those present to take home. We will also have a table where attendees can pick up information to take home to their clubs.

This year we have a new criteria form, which it will make it much easier to fill out. You only need five projects to qualify for the Literacy Recognition Award at the District Conference. I know many of the clubs do a lot in their communities with literacy. This is my challenge to the clubs - there are over 60 clubs in our District. Let's see how many of you will fill out that form and either email it to me or send it to me in the mail. The form is printed with this article. Let's see if we can get the largest number of of clubs getting this award this year.

JoAnn Terry
Literacy Chair
Area 10 Asst. Governor



Criteria for the 2024-2025 Literacy Recognition

Theme: Helping Adults to Teach Other Adults

Must Complete 5 Different Projects to Qualify

General Ideas and Suggestions:

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, make a "Free Little Library"
4. Place books in a Food Cupboard, Community Center, Laundromat or Homeless Shelter
5. Award Scholarships
6. Give large print books and/or activity books to Senior Centers or Nursing Homes
7. Give to Books of the World
8. Provide School Supplies, Books and Snacks (Back Pack Program)
9. Read to children at a school or library
10. Consult best seller lists/NYT, Barnes & Noble, Washington Post, Book Page, etc.
- 11. Any other projects or events that your club accomplished or participated in.**

Name of Club _____

Contact person w/email _____

Form must be submitted by **March 31, 2025**. **Send to:** JoAnn Terry, 100 McAuley Drive, Apt. 150, Rochester. NY 14610, or email to JoAnn @ joannterry7@gmail.com

Please use the back of this form if you need more room

Enter Your Club in District 7120 Contests & Awards

FACEBOOK CONTEST

WEBSITE CONTEST

Deadlines are
Quickly
Approaching

APRIL 1st

[Click for](#)

[More](#)

[Information](#)



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 Facebook pages and take any cool ideas you discover and apply them back to your own club website and Facebook 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 category 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: nancyragus@gmail.com

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

DIVERSE
INCLUSIVE
ACCEPTING
WELCOMING
SAFE SPACE
FOR EVERYONE



Where volunteers belong!

We believe that exemplifying and embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) should be a part of everything we do at Rotary.

To ensure we live up to that ideal, the Board of Directors and our DEI Advisory Council acted to strengthen the DEI statement originally adopted in 2019:

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.

DEI resources for Rotary members are available on My Rotary, including the DEI Code of Conduct, which provides a supportive framework for how Rotary members and participants can create and maintain an environment that is collaborative, positive, and healthy for everyone.

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE



Trash Olympics; A Fun Spring Environmental Activity

As we approach Spring, the EAC is proposing an activity that can add some fun to environmental projects. We are sponsoring a SpoGomi-type event. SpoGomi is a Japanese invented sport that is roughly translated as "competitive trash picking". The pure Japanese rules are too restrictive for our district's purposes, but we thought the competition aspect would be a fun activity that would encourage additional community involvement.

Some of the normal Spring clean-up activities that would lend themselves to the competition are:

- Spring community clean-up projects
- Adopt a Highway programs
- Watershed clean-ups
- Can and bottle drives
- Community compost material drives

The rules for the Trash Olympics are simple:

- Once the activity is finished for the day/week the club will take a picture of the participants with their haul. The number of bags collected will be divided by the number of participants. Items too big to be counted as a bag (examples: a club with 20 participants collecting 60 bags would have a score of 3.0, a club of 10 participants collecting 10 bags would have a score of 1.0)
- The club with the highest average wins. If other community organizations participate, their members should be included in the total participating. Prizes will be awarded to the most unusual item, and the grossest item.
- Most Clubs use industrial trash bags. This would make scoring easier.
- The dates of the competition would be April 1st to June 30th. Clubs may begin earlier than April, but must be finished by June 30th.
- Clubs that do trash pickups and can and bottle drives can send two or more pictures, one for each event. The total will be tabulated.
- A monthly scorecard will appear in the May and June issues of the Grapevine, with the winner announced in the July issue with the DG presenting the trophy in July.
- Clubs are encouraged to conduct multiple events, the total of which will count toward the competition.

The committee is seeking donors for other prizes. The total prizes and reporting procedures will be published in the March Grapevine. Clubs already planning non-trash or bottle drive events are encouraged to do so (examples are butterfly gardens or tree planting).

Anyone interested in participating should contact:

Gary Anderson at gwa1948@aol.com or (571) 212-0483.



ROTARY 201: FEBRUARY 27, 2025
ZOOM Link: [Rotary 201](#)

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

February 27: Peacebuilding, Conflict Prevention Month

- Mental Health/Wellness
 - Therapist Liesl Schoonraad/Avon Rotary:
 - IQ vs EQ: Intelligence vs Emotional Quotient
- ROTARY Magazine: "The Recovery Playbook"
 - Rotary Reaction to Natural, Humanitarian Disasters
 - Roundtable Discussion

March 27: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

DISCUSSION LEADERS: 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

MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS:

FEBRUARY.....A month to focus on Peace & Love

Be kind to Someone

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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.

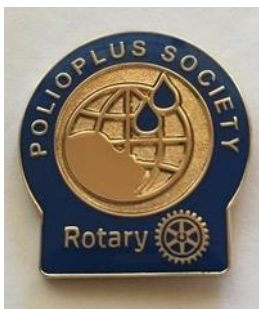
What to watch out for

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.



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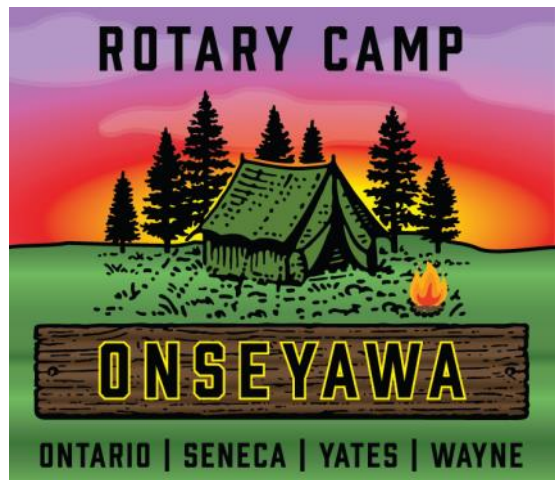
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Camp Haccamo Opens Registration for Summer 2025!



Camp Haccamo, the beloved summer camp for children and adults with special needs, has officially opened registration for its 69th season. Two exciting sessions of overnight camp are available: July 28-August 1 for ages 7-18, and August 4-8 for ages 19-30.

Our camp offers exceptional care, a dedicated staff (one counselor per two campers!), and a wide range of activities, from ziplining and arts and crafts to a prom and the iconic Haccamo Railroad.

As Executive Director Dolly Kujawa notes, "Camp Haccamo provides a vital service," creating a space where individuals can thrive. Camp Director Logan Everhart adds, "It's a magical place."

Camp Haccamo is supported by 12 area Rotary clubs. Do you know of a family that could benefit from camp? Please have them register today at <https://www.camphaccamo.org>.

We're seeking compassionate and energetic individuals to join our team as camp counselors! These dedicated individuals play a vital role in creating a magical and transformative experience for our campers. We need your help spreading the word. Please reach out to your networks – friends, family, neighbors, college students – and let them know about this rewarding opportunity to make a real difference. Counselor applications are available at <https://bit.ly/4goZoOJ>.

Your support in recruiting amazing counselors is crucial to the success of Camp Haccamo this year!



Do you have a fast car? Register your "Rotary" Car Now! We are calling all Rotarian car enthusiasts! Do you have a classic, muscle car, or sleek sports car tucked away in your garage? Show it off at the Camp Haccamo Car, Truck, and Cycle Show on **June 7th, 2025**, at the Mall at Greece Ridge!

Please think about joining your fellow Rotarians and other car lovers for a fun-filled day admiring a wide variety of vehicles, connecting with the community, and supporting Camp Haccamo. It's also a fantastic opportunity to introduce others to the great work of Rotary. Details and registration: <https://www.camphaccamo.org/about-5>

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 and see firsthand the dedication and enthusiasm of our board members and consider board membership for yourself and your club.

Lend a hand, we need 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 by subscribing to our news updates at

<https://www.camphaccamo.org/blog> and by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/haccamo/>.

Submitted by Neal Gorman

Avon Rotary Club

Welcome New Member Liesl!

January 7: The Avon Rotary Club is excited to welcome Liesl Schoonraad to our Rotary family! Originally from South Africa, Liesl's remarkable story is one of resilience, strength, and a deep passion for helping others.

After years of running her own architectural firm, Liesl experienced a life-changing moment when she completed a long-distance sea swim on her 40th birthday. This accomplishment sparked a new chapter in her life, one focused on making a difference for those who have lost hope. She pursued studies in Counseling and Sport Psychology, became a motivational speaker, and worked closely with the South African Police Services to support individuals in crisis.

Liesl's accomplishments in physical strength are just as impressive-she has broken South African and world records, competed in South Africa's Strongest Woman contests, and even pulled trucks and aircraft. But her greatest strength lies in her ability to inspire and uplift others as a motivational speaker and mental health advocate.

After gaining notoriety in South Africa, Liesl moved to the United States on a person with extraordinary abilities visa. Since then, Liesl has dedicated herself to working in mental health and supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. In her current role as a Mental Health First Aid Trainer with Western New York Rural AHEC, she travels to schools all over Western NY, helping teens develop the tools they need to navigate mental health challenges.

We're thrilled to have Liesl on board and can't wait to see the incredible contributions she will bring to our club, our community, and beyond. Please join us in welcoming Liesl Schoonraad to the Avon Rotary Club!



Submitted by Mike Ford

Spencerport Rotary Club

Spencerport Rotary Club is proud to announce the installation of new members. These new members were inducted into the club by Club President Colleen Farley, in a membership induction ceremony at the club's January 22nd meeting.

Welcome aboard to:

Elaine Vadas Hamdan

Tracey and Rick D'Ambrosia, who

joined with a family membership

Sean and Annette McCabes - who also joined with a family membership

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Greece Rotary Inducts a New Member



The Greece Rotary Club inducts Laura Steuerman into the club on Jan. 30. Laura is a Financial Planner with Mass Mutual. Pictured is her sponsor Gerianne Puskas and Club President John Bansbach

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Canandaigua Rotary Inducts New Member

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Pastor Lexi Allen was inducted into the Club. Ms. Allen is a Lieutenant in the Salvation Army, grew up in Rochester, and has a few fur babies.

Pictured are: President Kim Tenreiro, Janet Tenreiro, Pastor Lexi Allen, and Mark Sheppard.

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



Welcome



Canandaigua Rotary Inducts New Member

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently inducted new member Donna Lacourse. She was sponsored by her neighbor Phil Esce. She was born in Maine, joined the Air Force, has been a weather forecaster (IE Cloud Forecaster), Middle School Science Teacher, and Technology Specialist. She lived in Texas for awhile, then returned to NY to get away from the heat, and to be closer to her brother. She loves the outdoors and skiing and hiking. Welcome home.

Pictured are Club President Kim Tenreiro, Janet Tenreiro, Donna Lacourse, Phil Esce, and Ed O'Connor:

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



Geneva Rotary Club

Christina "Chrissy" Brennan (right) was inducted into the Geneva Rotary Club in a recent ceremony at the club's weekly meeting. She was joined by her sponsor Rotarian Tamara Carter. Growing up Chrissy always wanted to do something for her community so on her 12th birthday she signed up to be a Candy Striper at Geneva General Hospital. Chrissy graduated from high school in 1994 and enrolled in the Certified Nurses Aide program. She went on to become a Licensed Practical Nurse and has done this for the last 23 years. Chrissy decided to join Rotary to do more for her community.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



Dundee Rotary Awards 2 Paul Harris Fellowships at Holiday Party



Dundee Rotarians gathered on January 10th for the annual holiday party and were delighted to have several members of the Penn Yan Rotary Club join in the fun. Many thanks to Kate Ring for planning the party, Kevin Oliver for hosting at the Dundee Historical Society, Steve Owens for preparing the food, and Brittany Gibson for providing the wine. John Fredericks entertained everyone with a rousing game of Trivia. The winning team is pictured here on the left. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Paul Harris awards from the Club to two of the Dundee members: Bill McIlvride earned his PHF+2 (3rd award) for stepping up in 2023-24 to serve a second time as Club President and did an exceptional job. Fran Willis was given her PHF+7 (8th award) for compiling a procedure manual of our

all of our projects and also for writing and publishing a children's book about our Bookcase for Every Child program. Bill and Fran are pictured on the right. Bill with wife Cathy(L) and Fran with partner Tom Shepard (R).



Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Avon Rotary Foundation Moment

At our January 14 meeting several Avon Rotarians were presented with their Paul Harris Fellow plus pins for their continued giving to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to each of them for their achievements!

Submitted by
Laurie Vonglis



L-R: Helen Zamboni, Janis McMIndes, Jeff Herberger, Jim Varner, Ed Kime

Canandaigua Rotary Bestows Honors



At a recent meeting Dr Al Walker was honored with his Paul Harris Fellowship Plus 3 Award. Dr Walker has been a long time Rotarian and attacks the club's books like a surgeon.

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 or 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 are Club President Kim Tenreiro and Dr. Walker:

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



Canandaigua Rotary Awards Fellowship

The Canandaigua Rotary Club honored Kathi Nevin with a Paul Harris Fellowship Plus 2 at a recent meeting. 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 or 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 are Kathi Nevin and Club President Kim Tenreiro:

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



Corning Rotary Awards Paul Harris Honors



President Ernie Danforth (right in picture) recently gave Rotarian Stuart Sammis (center and surrounded by family) an honorary Paul Harris Fellow for his exemplary community and club service.

Stuart, past club president and current chair of the Community Service Committee, has been very active in his church, Corning First Presbyterian Church, serving as youth leader, ruling elder, a member of the Session (ruling body of the church), liturgist and organizer and 20-year volunteer for the church's annual Christmas Day dinner.

Retired from Corning Inc. and a past partner in the Corning Business Center, Stuart has embarked on a new thankless career on the Corning Town Board. He is in his 3rd term.

Serving on the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County Board for many years, Stuart was instrumental in bringing the club's literacy committee together with the Extension's Ag Day Reading Program and getting that program into local schools.



Stuart has been a major force in making hunger a focus of our club. He also organized and advocated for the Corning Community Gardens efforts, providing a huge service to the community. Gardens have been built in several locations, including schools, the town of Corning and the Corning Food Pantry. He is leading a new phase applying for a Rotary District Grant to build a green house at the Food Pantry and now in the process of building it.

Continuing his service work with the club, Stuart organizes the Corning club's Wineglass Marathon set-ups, is chairing the Oktoberfest fundraiser, and is instrumental in the club's presence at several downtown street festivals. He also still continues to serve on the club's Board of Directors.

The club is proud to honor Stuart with this Paul Harris Fellow Award. He truly lives "Service Above Self."

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Paul Harris Fellow

VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY HOST YEX BRUNCH

In mid-January, the Victor – Farmington Rotary club hosted a gathering of inbound and outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students (YEX) at the Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor. There were twelve students from the District 7120 area who will be departing for their host country later this year. Also present were thirteen international YEX students hosted by D-7120 clubs. The seating arrangements for the event included one international student at each table to provide further interaction with Rotarians.

A brunch was followed by a program that involved each student, both inbound and outbound, introducing themselves and speaking about their experience. Each student was presented with a souvenir shirt for the event as well as a marking pen that allowed them to have fellow students autograph the shirt for a keepsake. Students engaged in decorating Valentine cookies that provided a tasty dessert treat for attendees. The students were able to participate in musical chairs festivities and karaoke activities.

The V-F Rotary Club Youth Exchange Officer Galen Powers coordinated the event with D-7120 YEX Chair Gretchen DiNardo and V-F Rotarian Pam Schlierf, D7120 Vice Chair for Youth Exchange.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



STUDENTS, ROTARIANS AND GUESTS PARTAKING OF BRUNCH



INTERNATIONAL YEX STUDENTS GREETING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

New Club Gets Support from Interactors

Our District's newest club: Rotary Club of International Service, Impacting Women & Children has been partnering with Interactors to spread the word about its cornerstone project Build-A-Chair.



Recently, the Conemaugh Interact Club held a schoolwide Dodgeball Tournament to raise funds to support the building of wheelchairs in Tanzania.

Michelle Bailey, Co-Chair of the initiative was present and able to thank the high schoolers for their support in changing lives through their tournament.

It is always great to see young people rally around a cause and have a healthy competition to Do Good! The tournament raised \$500.00 which will build two wheelchairs and change two lives, forever.

Submitted by Michelle Bailey



Elmira Rotary Club

On Friday, January 17th, five members of the Elmira Rotary Club (and one spouse) had the privilege of spending the morning at Diven Elementary School to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

We shared the inspiring book *We Dream of a World* with nine groups of children, from curious Pre-K learners to enthusiastic 2nd graders. It was a joy to see their excitement, hear their questions, and reflect together on the values of kindness, equality, and dreaming big for a brighter future.

Moments like these remind us of the power of education and connection in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you, Diven Elementary, for allowing us to be part of your students' journey. Together, we continue Dr. King's legacy of love, hope, and community.

Submitted by Jonus Miles



Dundee Rotary Honors January Student of the Month

At the regular January 15, 2025, meeting, Dundee Rotary honored Jr/Sr High Student of the Month, Ellie Fleet. Ellie was nominated as the January Student of the Month because she is a leader, an excellent student-athlete, and a great person who donates her time to others. Ellie has consistently received high honor roll throughout her high school career and is currently the student representative for the Board of Education. In addition, Ellie is a varsity athlete, a member of the student government, class treasurer, and goes well beyond her required community service hours. Ellie was accompanied to the Rotary meeting by her grandparents and parents, Doug and Amy Fleet.



Pictured are Ellie (L), JrSr High Principal Chad Johnson (C), and Rotary President Alan Giles (R) who presented Ellie with a certificate and a check for \$25.00.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder

BATH ROTARIANS ENJOY A SOCIAL NIGHT

On January 23, fourteen Bath Rotarians, accompanied by their spouses, partners, or friends enjoyed a night of cocktails and dinner at the Waters Clubhouse and Catering Bar and Grille (the former Bath Country Club Restaurant). All enjoyed the fellowship that Rotary offers its members as well as an excellent meal. Unfortunately, all were having such a good time that we forgot to have a picture taken before the meal was eagerly eaten by all.

As part of the club's Strategic Planning Committee's recommendations, a social event should be planned monthly for one of the club's weekly programs and for the alternate months a business meeting should be held.

A special thank you is extended to Angela Mattoon, seated front and center in the picture who is also the editor of the club's website, for planning this event. Also, thanks are extended to Tess McKinley, the club's Strategic Planning Committee Chair, who was unable to attend this event.

Bath Rotarians and their spouses, partners, or friends recently enjoyed an evening of cocktails and dinner at the Waters Clubhouse and Catering Bar and Grille. It indeed provided an evening of fellowship and good food.



Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Brandi Graham

Fairport Rotary Club

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN AND EXCITING TO BREAK UP THE COLD WINTER MONTHS!

Join Fairport Rotary on March 2nd (1-4 PM) for a great afternoon at Eagle Vale Golf Club for the 15th Annual Savor The Flavor event.

Eat and drink food from many fine local restaurants and caterers as well as beverages from numerous Finger Lakes Wineries, distilleries and breweries.

There will be many silent auction items to bid on and raffles including overnight resort stays, rounds of golf, restaurant gift certificates and much more.

Come and see why so many Savor The Flavor of Fairport patrons come back year after year!

Tickets are available at www.fairportrotary.com, Canandaigua National Bank & Trust (Perinton Branch) or any Fairport Rotarian (\$50 per person)

Proceeds benefit the many local and worldwide charitable efforts of Fairport Rotary.

Submitted by Patrick George

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club

The beginning of the new year brought a change of venue for our early morning meetings. We have moved to Curly's Chicken House in Elmira Heights. We are enjoying their delicious breakfast offerings and great service.

In keeping with our support of local business we had an evening event on January 22nd and club members gathered at Denim Axe Company in Elmira Heights for axe throwing and socializing. This small business participated in our Road Rally in 2024. Afterwards they went down the street for a late dinner at Harry's.

Sandra Jessup



Kelly Comfort, Barb Preucil, Al Preucil, Beth Stranges, Jodi Crouse, Patrick Crouse, Elyse -Bottom, gray sweater)



Barb Preucil



Al Preucil



Naples Rotary Club Celebrates Light Up Naples

Every year in early December, Naples Rotarians organize, sponsor and celebrate a hometown favorite event called Light Up Naples! Community members begin the evening at the Maxfield Hose Co. with chili. Then strolling down Main Street, they can enjoy the music from the High School Chorus and Jazz Band on restaurant porches. The Naples Library hosts a Gingerbread House display. Farther along, the Trinity Ringers play carols on handbells on the church porch. A live nativity is in front of the church next door. All along Main Street, businesses light up their windows and the trees on the sidewalk are circled in lights. Finally, at Memorial Town Hall grounds there is a huge bonfire, cookies and cocoa provided by the Scouts and Santa greeting young visitors. This year was another great event with decorations hung on the Town Hall, gazebo and a huge Christmas tree, by a committee of Rotarians braving the cold. The event itself had temps in the twenties but everyone had a wonderful, warm and fuzzy time in our little piece of heaven in Naples New York.

Submitted by Cindy Mellen Scoda



Pal-Mac Rotary News

January 31st took us to Flaherty's for our monthly Social Outing at a local food and drink establishment.

The conversation and laughter flowed, along with tasty refreshments. This is a great way to get to know one another without a business focus.

This also helps make our club, whose motto is "The club that has fun and gets things done," more visible in the communities we serve. Next month we will be at K2 Brothers Brewing in Macedon on the last Friday.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Fairport Rotarians in Action: Making a Difference



Dictionaries for Fairport 3rd Graders

On Wednesday, January 22, a dedicated group of Rotarians gathered at Lyons National Bank to label dictionaries for all Fairport 3rd graders.

Thanks to the hard work of Ron, Becky, Cindy, Bill, Vin, John Thompson and his wife Mary, and corporate member Anthony Battaglia, a task that was expected to take two days was completed in just one hour! Their efficiency and teamwork truly exemplify the Rotary spirit.



Books for the World Initiative

A week later, on January 29, another team of Rotarians—Ron, Ed, Brad, Cindy, Bob, Dave Doser, past Rotarian Tom VanBuskirk, and Kathy Ballou from FCSD—dedicated two hours to packing 44 boxes of primary reading books for shipment overseas as part of the Books for the World program. This effort will bring educational resources to children in need, furthering Rotary's global impact.

Service Above Self

These initiatives highlight the unwavering commitment of Rotarians towards the goal of service. As this year's Rotary theme reminds us, by working together, we can create "magic" in our communities, bringing hope and joy to those in need.

Submitted by Domenick Cecconi

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My Rotary Little Free Library Brings Xmas Joy to an Amazon Driver

In 2018 The Greece Rotary Club's District Grant was to give 16 Little Free Libraries Houses for the Greece Community. Greece Rotarians John Zink and Paul Chatfield built 10 of these units, they are more like a barn than a house (See my pic). The remaining 6 were purchased from the Little Free Library website.

Every Thursday for the past four or five years a Grandmother, and her two Grandchildren come down after lunch and sit on my bench next to the library. She reads a book to them, and they take one home as well. My sub-division keeps my library well stocked up with children and adult books. Over the summer I go to garage sales and see what books I can get for the library, in order to stock it up before school starts in Sept.

In early December this year, I came home, and I saw an Amazon truck parked out in front of the library and the driver is looking at books in the library. I asked him if he found something he liked- (*Now the good part*). *He said there was a Christmas book he had when he was a child called -The Little Shepard Who Lost His Baby Sheep at Christmas or something like that. A few days earlier he had told his three-year-old daughter about this book and how much he loved it as a kid, but he lost the book when the family moved to Texas.*

As he turned my street corner that day, he saw **THAT** book sitting in the window of the library. -got chills yet?? He knew nothing about the Little Free Library program. I told him about the website and on the website, there is a location map. You can type in any zip code or town anywhere in the world and then watch the libraries populate on the map. It made his Christmas !!

Many times, as Rotarians, we do things or give money to the club or the RI Foundation not knowing if we really are making a difference in our town or the world. The story above showed me **WE ARE!! and We Do Every Day!**

So, if your club is looking for a District Grant idea, this is a great club project. The club builds them or buys them from the Little Free Library website. Let your Town or School District know about the project and solicit applications through your website or schools in the area. You do this in order to find the locations that best fit the library's accessibility. You then collect books to get the library stocked upon the delivery of the library to the homeowner . The homeowner (steward) is responsible for installing the library, painting it, and keeping it stocked with the books. The Little Free Library mails you the official plaque to put on the library and their website.

The Little Free Library Website has all the building instructions, installation in the ground instructions, to do lists to get your project going, and how to register the library – here is the weblink <https://littlefreelibrary.org/> Have some Rotary FUN!!!

Submitted by Chuck Gannon

Dove Tree Library

80 Dove Tree Lane-corner Of Daylilly Lane,
Greece, NY
Charter #77522



Thanks to the Greece Rotary for building this library

V-R ROTARY CLUB PRESENTATION BY TUSHAR GANDHI

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club began the month of February with a presentation by Tushar Gandhi, the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. Tushar resides in Mumbai, India and is an author as well as the Director of the Gandhi Foundation.

Tushar Arun Gandhi has devoted his life to promoting peacebuilding and non-violent conflict resolution. Under his leadership, the Gandhi Foundation has become a cornerstone for these principles and is a leader in peace advocacy.



L TO R - LINDA CAPARCO (RCSD) - TUSHAR GANDHI - RTN KAREN PARKHURST - DONNA GROFF-McNULTY (RCSD)



TUSHAR GANDHI ADDRESSING V F ROTARY CLUB

One result of his efforts is a school for girls in India focused on educating young women and removing them from the brickmaking operations rampant in their area. Currently a similar school for boys is being developed in the same area. His presentation was an example of his continuous dedication to the Gandhi principles of peace and non-violent conflict resolution.

He fielded many questions on his views on conflict resolution and the growing issue of affluence for some in society, impacting the availability of medical resources for the less affluent. Mr. Gandhi finished by expressing his respect for Rotary and the work Rotary does around the globe to address these issues.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon

Rochester Deaf Rotary Honors Sara

It's been just over two years since Sara Haimowitz passed away, but we will always remember her smile, and loyalty to Rochester Deaf Rotary.

RDR celebrated our past member, Sara during our ceremony Tuesday, January 14, honoring her with a memorable bench, including a special plaque attached to it. Several of her friends joined our ceremony, and some of her family members joined by Zoom. They appreciated it, and enjoyed being able to attend and participate. After our ribbon cutting ceremony, Sara's memorable bench was placed in the garden at Rochester View Apartments, where she lived. People will forever remember Sara, as they relax on the bench. It looks great!

Article submitted by RDR Club President Michele Randall and photos by Bob Green (RDR Club)



Close-up of the plaque for Sara's bench



RDR club members at the memorial bench for Sara

Spencerport Rotary Club

For the 5th year in a row, Spencerport Rotary has visited School 28 in Rochester to read to a 2nd grade class. This year, the book read and given to each of the 21 students was "The Cool Bean". A description of the book reads:

"Always on the sidelines, one bean unsuccessfully tries everything he can to fit in with the crowd—until one day the cool beans show him how it's done. With equal measures of humor, wit, and charm, the #1 New York Times bestselling duo Jory John and Pete Oswald craft another incredible picture book, reminding us that it's cooler to be kind."

The children also received a new pair of mittens. A thank you note received from their teacher read:

"I wanted to thank you for coming today. The class really enjoyed your visit. They loved putting on their gloves at bus time and showing them off!!! Many of them read their books again and our student Autumn even read the book to a first grade class today. Thank you for all the goodies - we are enjoying!"

The readers were Rotarians Annie Forberg, Jamie Stancato, Anne and Dave DeMers.

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Pal-Mac Rotary News

At our evening meeting on January 15, we hosted three members of the Wayne - Finger Lakes BOCES administration. Michele Sullivan, Deputy District Superintendent, Shannon Brown, Director of Career and Technical Education, and Lisa Meade, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, shared for nearly 45 minutes on the programs and benefits of the BOECS curriculum. It is a challenge to summarize the wealth of knowledge that we all received from them - from CTE (Career Technical Education) programs to PTECH programs, Adult Education; Shared Services and Special Programs. Our Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES services countless career programs with hands-on teaching from experts in particular fields.

Article by Marie Fessler and Jeff Crawford



Michele, Lisa and Shannon with their gift cups, expressing our appreciation.

Southwest Rotary Club

Reporting from the Southwest Rotary Club!

First of all, Happy Birthday to us. This year marks our **7th club anniversary**, and we celebrated this past January by participating— for the second year in a row— in the **First Day Hike** at Genesee Valley Park. This event, now in its 14th edition, was organized by the **New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks), the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and the Canal Corporation.** Our group, led by **Karen Lankeshofer**, brought together both club members and new community participants for this special occasion.



We also hosted our annual **MLK Luminary Event** in honor of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**, an initiative started by our member **Daniel DeMarle** in 2006. Inspired by neighbors from the **19th Ward**, this event was created as a way to come together in the heart of winter, fostering **community spirit and friendship**. The goal has always been to **light up the community** as a symbol of **hope, sanctuary, peace, and solidarity** with Dr. King’s vision of a **Beloved Community**. This year, we assembled **nearly 200 luminaries**.

Thanks to all the members and community members who showed up to support this meaningful event. Your dedication continues to make a difference!

By Dayanara Vázquez Comas

Naples NY Rotary Club

Naples NY Rotary Club and our community welcomed two Youth Exchange Students this year. Anna Yang came to us from Taiwan and Uryu Yoshino is from Japan. They received our club flags earlier this school year. In addition, Naples has three current outbound students: Parker Smith in Sweden, Eliza Almekinder in Brazil and Lyra Inda in Thailand. For the coming school year, Erica Reigelsperger will travel to Austria and Emma Baker will go to France.



District Governor Dave DeMers visited Naples to share the vision of Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick. He is greeted by Naples President Elect Jack Fredericks.

Submitted by Cindy Scoda

Perry Rotary Club

“Thank you Perry Rotary for prioritizing the safety, health and wellness of the children in your component districts.” That’s what Perry Central School posted on Facebook last month along with photos of parents and children enjoying swim time in the pool (gifted mostly from the late Rotarian Lew and Cleo Serventi). District 7120 awarded Perry Rotary a grant to conduct Water Safety Instruction classes and training for aspiring instructors to become certified to teach others. It was an idea whose time had come since it immediately had a waiting list of aspiring applicants well before the first class. Therefore, it is likely to be repeated and it may give your club an idea for a district grant, too.

Rotary Lite was a success! Trying a new approach to spreading the word about Rotary through social gatherings is a hit. The first social was at Silver Lake Brewing Project on an evening offering some vignettes of our variety show as well as light refreshments. The second was an early morning get-together at Old Souls Bakery, a newer business downtown. Hats off to this idea from Rotarians Deanna Wallace and Dick Swanson. Perhaps your club can try a “lite” way to attract new members.

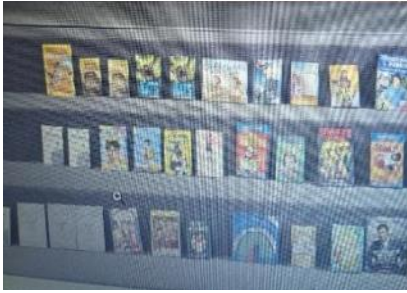
Kudos, too, to Hans Kunze for exemplary weekly programs at our Thursday lunch meetings. He introduced the new County Administrator one week, and the new County hospital CEO another. The men shared their goals, asked for our input and so enjoyed our humor, they are thinking of joining. We also welcomed Perry native Dan Saunders just last week. Dan told of growing up in Perry, his studies and career as a concert pianist, his worldwide travels and his work as the current Assistant Conductor of the Metropolitan Opera in NYC. Dan divides his time between NYC and Perry. He also gave an update on his niece’s Gem Project in Africa for which our Club obtained a Global Grant to bring water and sanitation to the campus that serves children orphaned by families because they have special needs.

Perry Rotary also welcomed its newest member, Duane Baker of Warsaw, sponsored by past president Jeff Rase and we look forward to his classification talk on his career in technology and medical research. So far, 2025 is promising to be another busy year!

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAM



Once again the HLRC has ventured to make sure our school manages to benefit from the many opportunities we present to its students each year. Hopefully we, in some way, manage to involve every student or give them the opportunity to be involved in all we do.

Our "Gift Book A Month" program continues to benefit every elementary student. Each month our students in pre-K to fifth grade are given the opportunity to select a book for their personal libraries.

Middle school and high school students are eligible for our Student of the Month Program. Middle and high school teachers select a student monthly and our guidance counselors work with the club to be sure the honor is awarded. This is based on community service not academics.

We also are getting ready to select our RYLA participant and our Memorial Award winners. Letters and applications for the Memorial Award have been given to students so they have time to prepare for our interview process should they choose to apply. Again, this award is based on community service not academics.

Our "Vittles for Vacation" program has taken place for the Christmas break and we are ready to tackle filling the totes for the February week off. Our last for the year will take place just before spring break, ensuring students who need our support are set for the week off.

In April, we will work with the CORAL group to bag trees for the elementary students to plant which helps serve our environmental goals.

These programs have also ensured that our students learn many things about the HLRC and how much we contribute to our community.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

HLRC's 40th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On July 28th, the HLRC will host its 40th Annual Golf Tournament. We are working on making this one very special so please plan to join us for a day of golf, good food, lots of fun and laughter and, of course, some friendly competition.

We will be back at the Lima club so be sure to keep that in mind as well. Registration forms have been sent to teams that have joined us in the past and if you would like to be added to that list check out the form that is available in this issue of the Grapevine or contact Jeanne Hamele at 585-729-9118 or email her at jnnhamele@aol.com.



Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

Geneva Rotary Club

Geneva Rotarians Mike Rusinko (left) and Dick Austin go all out with special outfits for bell ringing for the Christmas Eve Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Geneva Rotarians continued their Christmas Eve tradition last December of ringing bells at several locations for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Rotary members rang the bells all day Christmas Eve and raised \$1,195 at the downtown kettle, \$955 at the Pedulla's kettle, \$877 at the Walmart grocery door kettle, \$585 at the Walmart home door kettle and \$464 at the Five Star Bank kettle. The total raised was \$4,076 and this amount was matched by an anonymous donor, bringing the total amount to \$8,152. "Words are inadequate to express how grateful we are to those of the Rotary Club who participated in this campaign," said Salvation Army Major David Champlin at a recent Rotary meeting. "Please accept our sincere appreciation on behalf of the hundreds of families who received food this Christmas and children who received toys ... all because of the generous gift of time and effort given by the Rotary Club membership."

Submitted by Phil Beckley



Geneva Rotary Club



District Governor Dave DeMers (left) of Spencerport presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Jim Dickson (center), Geneva Rotary Foundation leader, and Club President Jason Haag for the Geneva club's financial support of Rotary International's End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign. DeMers presented the certificate at the club's Jan. 22 meeting at Dana's Time Out. Geneva Rotary President Jason Haag noted that Rotary supports local, national and international projects and there is something for everybody to get involved with.

Submitted by Phil Beckley

Lima Rotary had a busy end of the year in 2024.

December, we had all month to prepare our float for the huge Christmas Parade in Honeoye Falls. It was estimated that over 5,000 people attended the parade and over 75 units were in the parade. We designed and built our peace pole and with it being mobile it made it on our float. We were successful in recognizing local business's each month for 2024. December's Business of the month was our very own ~ Lima Diner, The Stakos Family has owned and operated the restaurant for 50 years. Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Submitted by Lisajo Keeler



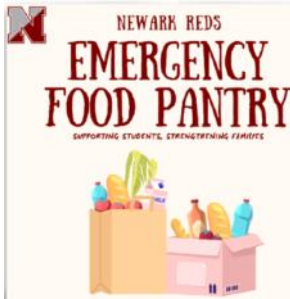
Lima Rotary is starting 2025 with a Bang!

Our Business of the month goes to Bears Playgrounds. Our first meeting of the year was very successful with many ideas and thoughts for new and exciting events and charity ideas. One was to keep our lights on the community tree and decorate it for each holiday year-round. We will invite the community to join in the decorating as well.

Submitted by Lisajo Keeler



Newark Rotarians Helped Pack Food Bags For 40 Families February 6th



Four Newark Rotarians helped pack bags of food during after school hours at Newark High School February 6th that will be given to 40 Newark Central School District families to help them through the upcoming winter break when there is no school Feb. 17th through the 21st. They included Rotary Club of Newark President Jim Weiler, Chuck Waterman, President-Elect, David Hannan and Holly Kreuser. Kim Howell, NHS Community Schools Coordinator, who oversees the Newark Reds Emergency Food Pantry located in the NHS Library/ Community Schools office, worked alongside the Rotarians. Families that will be given the food were referred to her by the counseling offices at all five Newark Central School District schools. Howell said two bags of food would be given to each family. Those without transportation will be delivered by workers from SteadyWork of Wayne County. Others will receive them at NHS. "It's enough food to help feed a family of four for two full days," Howell said gratefully noting the Rotary Club of Newark is one of four sponsors that are providing food not only for this endeavor but ongoing to the food pantry. The other three sponsors are Wayne County Community Schools, Foodlink and Newark's Blessing in a Backpack.

Submitted by Charles L. Waterman



Highlights from the Penfield Rotary Club

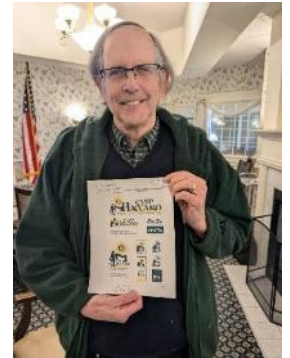


At our recent monthly Rotary Club meeting, we had the honor of hosting several notable guests and discussing various important topics.

Guest Speaker: Zahra, originally from Afghanistan and currently residing with fellow Rotarian Tara DuMont, shared her recent experiences living in the United States. She provided a poignant discussion on the struggles faced by Afghan women under repressive leadership in Afghanistan.

Oratorical Presentations: We had the pleasure of witnessing two wonderful students from Penfield High School practice their oratorical presentations, showcasing their impressive speaking skills all while relating their topic back to the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Special Presentation: A heartfelt presentation was made by Robert Green, a member of the Rochester Def Rotary, to honor the family of past Rotarian Don Milton. We were grateful to have Don's family in attendance for this special recognition. As a special surprise Robert also presented Laurie Dietrich with a plaque honoring her dad, Bill Pethick, who was also instrumental with Camp Haccamo and Rotary for many years.



Rotary Foundation Update: Paul Marinucci provided an update on the Rotary Foundation and reported the excellent news that we achieved 100% participation in giving.

Overall, wow, it was a meeting filled with meaningful discussions, heartfelt moments, and inspiring presentations. We look forward to continuing our efforts and making a positive impact in our community.



Please "Save The Date" for our upcoming **charity Euchre tournament** on April 5, 2025 and our club's annual **Golf Tournament** with the Town of Penfield and Kiwanis Club on June 16, 2025. More details on our website at <http://PenfieldRotary.org>.

Submitted by Neal Gorman

Bloomfield Rotary Club

A few of our Rotarians visited a “Dinner Theater” together in hopes for new ideas for future fundraiser. They came back having had lots of fun and a few ideas.

Submitted by Marce Chavez



Bloomfield Rotary Club

January was a quiet yet meaningful month for Bloomfield. We had the privilege of honoring our Students of the Month, each of whom selected a charity to receive a donation from our club in their name:

- Alexis – Goodwill Vision Center
- Chloe – Thompson Health Care Center
- Grace – The Blessing Room (our local food pantry)
- Luke – Red Cross
- Annie – Lions Club for Vision Testing
- Abby – Embrace Your Sister

These students have made a significant impact on their school and community, earning recognition for their outstanding contributions. We are incredibly proud of them and grateful for their kindness and generosity.

Coming up in March will be our second Euchre Tournament! Hope to see some of you there!

Submitted by Marce Chavez



Obituary



Ralph G. Kommer, died on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at the age of 92. A celebration of Ralph's life will be held at a future time. Please consider donations in Ralph's memory to the Macedon Center United Methodist Church, 1160 Macedon Center Rd, Macedon, NY 14502.

Ralph was born on January 15, 1933 to Gottlieb "Gus" and Mildred Hack Kommer in the same house his mother had been born in. Ralph attended a one-room schoolhouse thru 5 th grade then transferred to Palmyra Schools and graduated from Palmyra High School in 1952.

In 1955 Ralph married Helen Smith whom he leaves. He is survived by a son Kevin (Molly) Kommer and a daughter Kathy (Bill) Courtney. Ralph is also survived by his grand-daughter Alexa (Alexander Goettel); step-grandchildren Megan (Barry) Wutzke, Mark (Kate) Farrell and

Timothy (Laura) Farrell and 8 step great-grandchildren. Ralph worked for his father on the farm until 1961 when he started and ran a trucking business until selling it in 1994. In 1987 he purchased the West Wayne Theatre in Macedon and ran it until 2006. He was invited to join Palmyra-Macedon Rotary where he was a member and served as president in 1990-91. Eventually he became District Governor for Rotary District 7120 and served in that capacity from 1997-98. Ralph was active with many rotary committees and was the driving force in the formation of Rotary-Lions Concessions, the partnership that provided food concessions at the Hill Cumorah Pageant for many years. Ralph served as the treasurer of Palmyra United Methodist Church for 30 years and later at the Macedon Center United Methodist Church where he was a member. Ralph had been an active member of the Wayne County Business Council for many years.

Online condolences @ www.rlyostfuneralhome.com

Submitted by Bob Yost

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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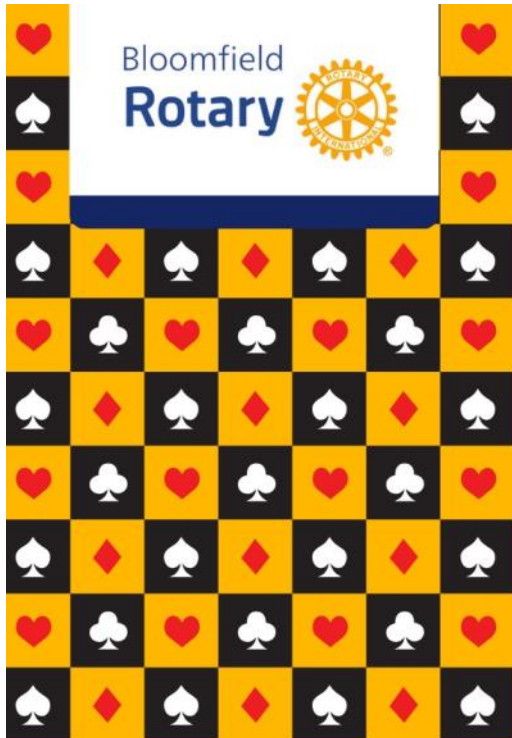


Come Celebrate St. Patrick's Day March 17 at Pittsford Rotary's 'A Taste of Pittsford'



Planning is well underway for Pittsford Rotary's annual "A Taste of Pittsford", a major club charity fundraiser, this year on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, from 6-8:30 pm at Nazareth University. The popular event is a great way for the community to usher in spring with signature food and beverage tastings from local restaurants, wineries and breweries. The event also will feature fabulous auctions, entertainment and much more. Tickets are \$50 and available from any Pittsford Rotarian or online at: PittsfordRotaryClub.org.

Submitted by David Irwin



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I Would like to rent _____ 8ft tables at \$10 each _____

Total Enclosed _____

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

Festival Times Friday 10 AM-9 PM Saturday 10 AM - 10 PM

You will be sent a confirmation letter explaining times, site location, parking information.

There is no smoking or vaping in the park

If cancellation becomes necessary, your payments will be refunded.

Thank you, Geneseo Rotary



HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY
40th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

CONSIDERED THE BEST LITTLE TOURNAMENT FOR THE MONEY

Monday, July 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM SHARP!

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

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE – Lima Country Club
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.

Captain's Name: _____ 2nd Person _____

Address: _____ 3rd Person _____

_____ 4th Person _____

Email address _____

___ Check if you do NOT have a foursome and would like us to assign you to one.

Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner & 5 Raffle Tickets per person \$ 115

Dinner and 5 Raffle Tickets..... per person \$ 37

Make checks payable to: Honeoye Lake Rotary Foundation

Mail to: Honeoye Lake Rotary, P.O. Box 674, Honeoye, NY 14471 **by 7/21/2025**

GOLF HOLE SPONSORSHIP

_____ Corporate-Patron @ \$175.00 each includes golf & dinner for 1 person

_____ Associate – Eagle @ \$100.00 each

_____ Affiliate – Birdie @ \$75.00 each

_____ Friend – Par @ \$50.00 each

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____ **Questions: Jeanne Hamele 585-729-9118 or jnnhamele@aol.com**

Name to be used on sign: _____

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

District Learning Assembly

Saturday April 05, 2025

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

Midlakes High School

1554 NY-488

Clifton Springs, NY 14432

District 7120 Polar Plunge

Sunday April 06, 2025

The Beachcomber on Conesus Lake

5911 West Lake Road,

Conesus, NY, 14435

District 7120 Conference

May 2-4, 2025

Corning, NY

Upcoming CLUB Events

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Coupon Book Sale

Rotary Club of International Service

Build-A-Chair Project

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Coupon Book Sale

February 16 Lima Rotary Club

What a Crock Event

February 19 Spencerport Rotary Club

Trivia Night

February 22 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Euchre Tournament

February 22 Horseheads Rotary Club

Euchre Tournament

March 2 Fairport Rotary Club

Savor the Flavor

March 17 Pittsford Rotary

A Taste of Pittsford

March 22 Bloomfield Rotary Club

Euchre Tournament

March 29 Seneca Falls Rotary

Chocolate and Wine Extravaganza

April 1 Naples NY Rotary Club

Naples Creek Rainbow Trout Derby

April 5 Geneva Rotary Club

The Magic of Rotary Gala

April 5 Penfield Rotary Club

Charity Euchre Tournament

June 7 Penfield Rotary Club

Camp Haccamo Auto Show

June 16 Penfield Rotary Club

Golf Tournament with the Town of Penfield and

Kiwanis Club

July 11 & 12 Geneseo Rotary Club

Summer Festival Craft Application

July 28 Honeoye Lake Rotary

40th Annual Golf Tournament



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