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Rotary
District 7120



July 2025

Jim Crane, District Governor

Issue 1



Rotarians.

As we start our new Rotary year, I hope you and your family had a great Independence Day weekend.

A Big Thank you to our PDG Dave DeMers and his wife Anne for a great and successful District 7120 year. Following the 2024-2025 Theme the Magic of Rotary they inspired us to grow Rotary by increase our Impact, Engage our communities, Expanding our Reach of participation, and Adapt to new ideas.

*We start out our 2025-2026 year with a change of leadership at the Top:

Following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo which took effective 8 June. With only a few days before the start of the International Convention, this required the R.I. Board conducted a special session. Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

Francesco Arezzo has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Francesco is a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, A Rotary member for more than 30 years,

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain Unite for Good, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

I have included an insight to our New RI President, we are sharing most of his opening message from the Rotary international Convention.

*FRANCESCO AREZZO, RI PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REMARKS

We have a year of service ahead of us. As I said a week ago, I was playing with my grandchildren in our living room at home, and two days later, I was on a plane to arrive here, with a thousand thoughts, a thousand doubts, and a lot of confusion in my head. Rotary International presidents usually have two years to plan their year; I have two weeks!

Well, I said to myself, let's not lose our cool. Let's start with the fundamentals.

Let us start with our annual message, Unite for Good. Let us examine it for a moment. In my opinion, it is an extraordinary message in its simplicity, brevity, and impact.

Unite: to unite, reconcile, gather around. Unite can be understood in two different manners. You have to unite in space and time. Uniting in space means involving all members, but not only members, in our service. It means involving organizations that function as partners, local administrations, other voluntary associations.

In short, it means "expand our reach."

It means increasing our membership. In many parts of the Rotary world, we are not

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growing. In fact, we have been losing membership for years. This remains one of the areas of action we will have to focus on during this year. The most effective way to increase membership is, first of all, to increase retention. We lose too many members, especially members admitted in the previous two to three years.

Maybe they did not find what they were looking for? Maybe the club experience was not what they expected? Improving the club experience must be another imperative during the year, making ample use of all the possibilities we have to apply great flexibility. Let us make more use of new types of clubs, for example, satellite clubs or clubs of purpose.

Let us set no limits on creativity, let us adapt new forms of clubs to our local culture and traditions.

Unite also means expanding one's reach and working to benefit not only the local community but also needs far beyond our borders.

In short, unity means working in harmony, building bridges, involving as many people as possible to achieve more and more effective results.

Unite can also be understood as unity in time. In other words, it points to the need to work serenely with those before you and those after you. An annual project can be limiting. A project that lasts one year will rarely be transformational but will always remain on the surface of the problem. If we really want to change the world and people's lives, we must plan bigger, with multiyear projects. Our assignments may only last one year, but we must work and plan with those who precede us and with those who follow us.

Remember, it is never my year; it is always and only the year of Rotary.

We are called to undo our egos for the good of Rotary and the communities we serve.

For good. We have joined together to do what? For the good of humanity. For good indicates what our goals are.

What are mine?

First, along with membership, is the eradication of polio. We are always a few steps away from a success that is denied from year to year.

But we are there now — every year we are closer and closer — and it is our duty not to break the promise we made so many years ago. We can do it — we have the means and the right partners, we have our infinite tenacity. We can do it. And we will do it.

And the last goal is peace.

That's it: polio, membership, peace.

What do I mean by peace?

Peace for me is what we do best and what we do every day. Taking a young person to a peace center or sending a young person to another country on a Youth Exchange is working for peace.

Preventing and curing disease is working for peace.

Providing clean drinking water or sanitation where there is none is working for peace.

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To have women give birth in a safe environment and take care of their children is working for peace.

To improve the environment in which we live, to support girls' education, to give economic support to those who cannot open their businesses, all this is working for peace.

We are a great, immense machine that has been working for peace for more than a century.

More background information can be found in our vision.

Together. It is a word that must always stand out prominently in all our workplaces.

Together. Alone we go nowhere, any difficulty will seem insurmountable. Let us leave the Superman we think we are in the attic and learn instead to value the team, to use our infinite different skills, to look at problems from different points of view.

Alone we lose, together we win, always.

We see a world. We look far ahead, and in our vision of tomorrow, we transfer our dreams.

Dreaming is indispensable. A poet of the last century said that you begin to die the very moment you stop dreaming. Never stop dreaming.

Dreaming is a consequence of enthusiasm and in turn generates enthusiasm. If we cannot dream and make our members dream, we will hardly have a successful year.

But dreaming is not enough. We have to act. We are People of Action.

To conclude, I want to tell you a story.

Many years ago, a young professional joined a Rotary club. He immediately made himself useful and tried to cooperate to the best of his ability.

After a few years, he was offered the position of president. He refused, because he suffered from a stutter and the idea of having to speak in public on a regular basis terrified him. But his colleagues insisted so much that they eventually convinced him. Surrounded by the support and affection of his associates, he passed the test successfully and began attending the district.

After a few years, they offered him the position of governor. Again, he gave up, for it was one thing to speak to a limited number of people, made up of friends and acquaintances. It was quite another to speak to a much larger and mostly unknown audience. They convinced him.

Again and again, the experience was positive. To make a long story short, after a few years he became a director of Rotary International, and now, at this moment, he stands before you, president-elect of Rotary International.

A great Sicilian writer, Luigi Pirandello, used to say that each of us builds a mask to face the outside world, without anyone being able to see our true personality. Before I came on this stage, I took off my mask, and now I show myself to you somewhat naked.

I show you my fears and flaws; I also tell you about my dreams.

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And of everything — dreams, fears, flaws — I make you a gift. I ask you to give me your dreams. Each one of us has many in the drawer. Let us unite them, let us create one great shared dream that unites us, that excites us, that changes the world and changes our lives, too. But let us act upon them and deliver to our communities.

I owe it to you, because Rotary has changed me, changed my life profoundly. If the young professional who was afraid to speak to his club, because of the risk of making a fool of himself, can now get up on a stage and speak, in a language which is not his own, to an audience of thousands, well, I owe it all to all the Rotarians I have met in my life and who have always supported me and surrounded me with their affection. I am confident that you will give me all the support and affection I have always found in Rotary.

Together, we can unite.

We can unite to change lives, including our own.

We can unite to change communities, right around the corner and half a world away.

We can unite to change our world for the better, not just for us, but for generations to come.

Together, we Unite for Good.

Francesco Arezzo

I would be remised if I did remind you that during the month of July, we also celebrate one of our areas of focus: Maternal and Child Health. As members of Rotary, we expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented..

I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Yours in Rotary.
Jim Crane
District 7120
Governor 2025-2026

THANK YOU
FOR HELPING
ERADICATE
POLIO



D-7120 ROTARY CHANGEOVER DINNER

The V-F Rotary Club hosted the 2025 District 7120 Changeover Dinner at the Ravenwood Golf Club on June 29th. The event involved 2024-2025 District Governor Dave Demers of the Spencerport Rotary club handing over the symbolic gavel to the incoming 2025-2026 District Governor Jim Crane of the Victor – Farmington Rotary Club. Colleen Farley of the Spencerport Rotary Club presented the Governor's Home Club flag to President John Summers of the Victor - Farmington Rotary Club.



The dinner was the occasion for the swearing in of the 2025-2026 district level officers.

The new officers are District Governor Elect Lisa Norwood (Rochester Southwest Rotary) and District Governor Nominee Pete Vogt (Dansville Rotary). Several Victor - Farmington Rotarians will be active at the district level in leadership roles. This includes Karen Parkhurst as District Foundation Chair, and Pam Rosbrook-Schlierf as District Youth Exchange Chair. Victor Arsenault serves as Treasurer for Camp ONSEYAWA, the Rotary summer camp for youth with disabilities covering Ontario, Seneca, Yates, and Wayne counties.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler





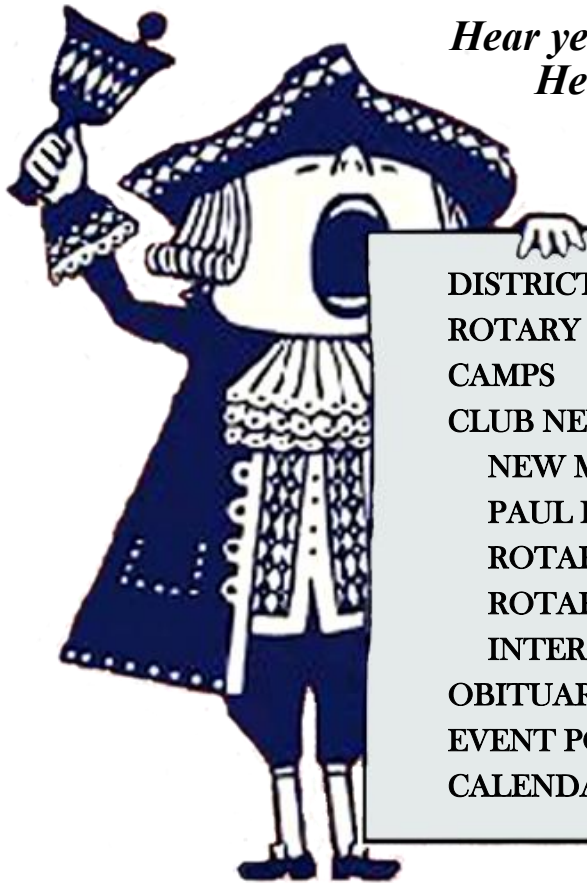
June 2025 District Changeover Dinner

*Photos from 7120
Facebook*





UNITE FOR GOOD



*Hear ye!
Hear ye!*

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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.



Rotary

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

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Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

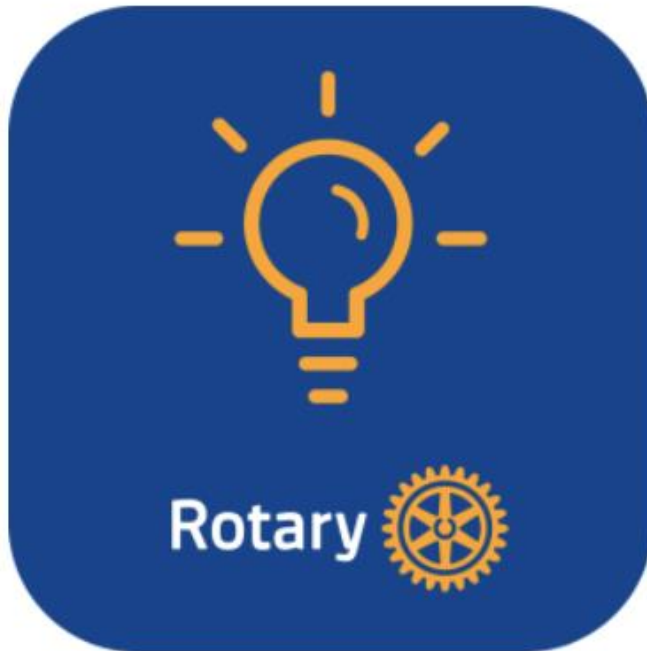
fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?



LEARNING IN ACTION

DEVELOPING ROTARY LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD



A new and improved Rotary Learning Center app

The Rotary Learning Center has a new mobile app, RotaryLearn, that makes it easier for you to take courses on your mobile devices. RotaryLearn replaces the Go.Learn app and gives you a more convenient and intuitive way to use the Learning Center.

With the new app, it's now easier than ever to take role-based courses, view your progress, and explore other Learning Center courses and resources wherever you are. [Download the app from Apple's App store](#), or [download the app from Google Play](#). Then open it, sign in to My Rotary, and explore!

Refer to the updated [mobile guide](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to get to the Learning Center on your mobile device.

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

Looking for Host Clubs for the 2025-26 Rotary Youth Exchange Year

The District Youth Exchange program has begun its 2025-26 Youth Exchange year. We need the support of the District's Rotary Clubs with their commitment to host an Inbound (IB) Student for the 2025-26.

The [Statement of Intent](#) and [Club Compliance](#) forms for you to fill out are linked . If you have hosted an Exchange student before, you are familiar with these forms. If not, these documents need the signature of the Club President, President Elect and the YEO - Club's Youth Exchange Officer to confirm your club's commitment to host an inbound student.

Our District operates on a one to one exchange that is determined by the Outbound students placement. Therefore the number of Rotary clubs needed to host an Inbound Student is to date, 19. It is important to return these forms to the District's Youth Exchange placement officer, Mike Taylor (mktaylor4@gmail.com) as the declaration of your club's intent to host an inbound exchange student for the 2025-26 Youth Exchange year.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me to get your questions answered. I look forward to helping you through the process of hosting an inbound exchange student.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Pam

Pam Schlierf

D7120 Vice Chair for Youth Exchange

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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](#) 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!

MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS

Dealing with Transition and Change:

July is a month of many transitions. For Rotary it is a time for change of leadership. For many it is summer vacation planning, children out of school, and others graduating. Some change jobs and others have lost jobs. There are changes in outdoor activities, outdoor home maintenance and even changes in the food we eat.

Change can cause stress and anxiety. Good or bad, we need to find ways to adapt and cope with transitions. Life transitions are inevitable and an important part of our personal growth and our lives.

Try to normalize change since transitions will always continue and can be interesting and challenging.

Despite stress and anxiety, it is best to find the positive part of change. They can provide new opportunities, personal growth, and a chance to develop new skills.

Ways to cope with the difficult parts of change:

- 1) Loss may be felt by leaders who are leaving their leadership roles. It is important to remember the positive experiences and to continue to be active,
- 2) It is important to seek support from others who have had similar changes and seek advice from them.
- 3) Remember how you worked through changes in the past and were successful and use those coping tools again.
- 4) Prepare for new changes keeping schedules and planners and pace yourself.
- 5) Continue to try to focus on the positive sides of change and excitement of it.
- 6) Have other activities or hobbies to help focus on other areas of your life to distract from any negative thoughts about transitions.

The Mindset you apply to transitions will have a great impact on how you adapt to them.

Most important....Have Faith and take one day at a time.

Written and submitted by Christine Casaceli LCSW

District 7120 Mental Health Chair 2023-2025

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PARADE START /LINE UP:
SOUTH AVE TO HIGHLAND PARK
WHEN: JULY 19, 2025
PARADE START: 11:00AM
(BE IN THE LINE UP BY 10AM)

For more information contact:
Cat Jensen: Catwomyn19@gmail.com
(585) 752-0219
Wanda Martinez-Johncox: wmartinezjohncox@gmail.com
(585)414-9164 (text)



Socks for Veterans

Rotary District 7120 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion are collecting socks to donate to the American Red Cross. Every Year the American Red Cross Services to Armed Forces Team donates socks to veterans at the veteran Stand Down.

2025 STAND DOWN & JOB FAIR
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
CITY OF ROCHESTER PUBLIC MARKET
280 UNION STREET N.
ROCHESTER, NY 14609

**Last Day to pick socks from Rotary Clubs:
August 22, 2025.**

Long Black Socks and short colorful socks are needed.

To schedule for me to pick up socks from your club.
Please text: 585-414-9164 /
Email: wmartinezjohncox@gmail.com





Literacy Corner



We are in the beginning of a new Rotary year and the Literacy Committee is busy planning the seminar for September, The month of September on the Rotary Calendar is for literacy. Mark your calendar as follows for the seminar:

Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 9 am to noon
Clifton Springs Hospital/Rotary Room/Second Floor
2 Coulter Road, Clifton Springs, New York 14432
Theme is Adult Literacy
Speakers: Liz Searle from Volunteers of Ontario-Yates Counties
Shelly Jetzen from Learning Links

This will be the last time using this theme and these speakers will be very willing to help you with anything you may ask. It promises to be a very worthwhile seminar and lots of information for you to bring back to your clubs. The committee will also start working on our theme for 2026.

The other event is World Literacy Day on September 8, 2025. Mention this event in your clubs near that date or plan a literacy service project to honor that day sometime during the month. These two events can go towards your club's literacy that is given at the district conference next year. You will need only three more projects to qualify and you have plenty of time to accomplish your goal.

Have a great summer and start working on your service projects for the award.

JoAnn Terry
Literacy Chair



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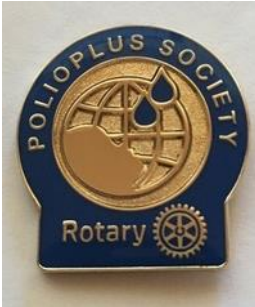
District 7120 Golf Tournament



Reservoir Creek Golf Course, Naples, NY...rated one of the top 5 public courses throughout
our district! Located in the geographic center of District 7120.

Friday, September 12, 2025

Text Jack Fredericks, PE Naples NY Rotary at (585)314-4124 for details



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.

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](#).**

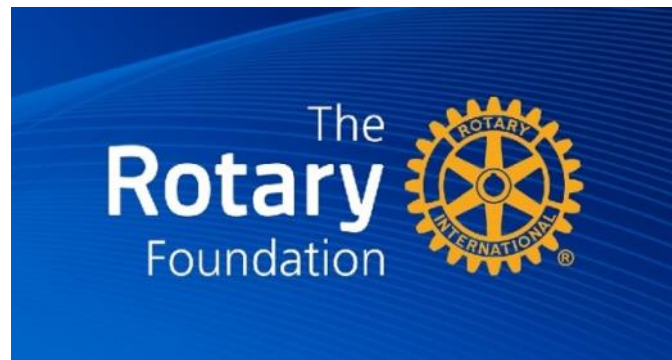
6. **Enjoy creating a community ceremony** to plant your Peace Pole.
7. **Invite** children, teens, adults, seniors, Rotary members, other civic groups, schools, and clergy to your Peace Pole dedication ceremony to celebrate peace with you.
8. **Invite the media** to attend to tell the story and take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

[Peace Pole Ordering](#)

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[District 7120 Peace Pole Project](#)

Submitted by Ann DeMers



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



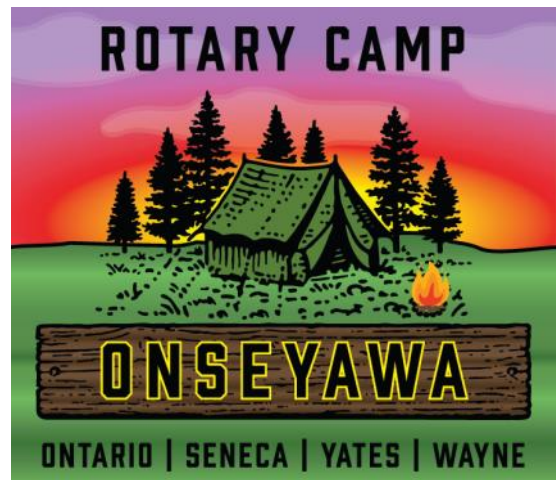
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August 10-15th 2025



August 10th - 16th
2025



August 11-15 and 17-22
2025.



Session 1 (Ages 7-15)
July 6th – 11th
Session 2 (Ages 16-21)
July 13th – 18th



July 28 - Aug 1: Youth Week - Ages
7 to 18 years old
August 4 - 8: Adult Week - Ages
19 to 30 years old

CAMP ONSEYAWA READY TO OPEN !

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we speak, the kids and staff are packing for summer camp. Wow – Season No. 69 ! The camp is ready to open and the staff is putting the final touches to the program. You can't beat the basics of camp – aquatics, campcraft, field sports, dinning hall food, campfires, carnivals, hiking the woods, and getting some rest in your cabin.

Our monthly board meetings have been well attended and the planning all year will bring another successful season. We honor the support of 19 Rotary Clubs for supporting these kids who truly need a camp experience. Your club should be very proud of this Rotary project and the incredible teamwork.

The 2025 budget was approved by the Onseyawa Board in April. With the move to Camp Whitman and some rising costs, the board continues to successfully balance the budget. The 2024 budget ended with a nice balance due to the success of the golf tournament, annual dinner, foundation support, and business/ personal donations. This will allow the board to complete a long-standing goal of increasing summer staff salaries.

We thank so many clubs for going the extra mile to support a number of capital improvements. We also thank the five Rotary Clubs who have supported the 2024 special projects by securing \$ 8,080 from the Rotary Foundation Simplified Grant program: Ontario/ Walworth, Red Jacket, Geneva, Dundee, and Waterloo Rotary Clubs. We just received more good news that this grant program has approved the funding of four more club projects for the 2025 season from: Naples, Waterloo, Bloomfield, and Victor/Farmington Rotary Clubs. These estimated foundation gifts should reach \$ 14,000. This will enable us to complete a few more important projects that should end our capital needs for the foreseeable future. We also recognize and thank the Naples Rotary Club for funding the renovation of the ceramic lodge with an \$8,000 gift.

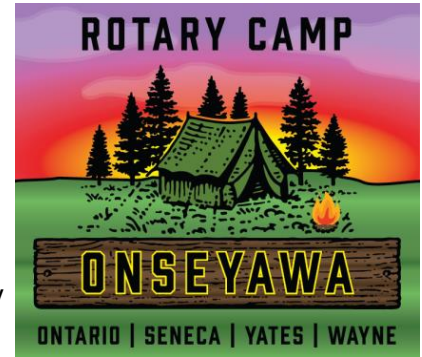
The outreach to foundations to generate new income sources continue. So far, we have received one grant for 2025: \$20,000 from the Finger Lakes Area Community Foundation and hope to receive 2 more from area foundations. Our standard policy of charging no camper fees is still in place.

Your contributions are vital in order for this program to continue and may be sent to: Camp Onseyawa, PO Box 723, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

We thank the many Rotarians who continue to give so much to the fiscal and program challenges. Thank you so much for your incredible teamwork and support. Thank you for lighting a fire of hope for these special kids.

It will soon be time to open the camp gates on August 10 and welcome 70 kids to summer camp. The campwide annual carnival is set for the afternoon of August 17. Come on down and visit us on that day at Camp Whitman.

Yours In Rotary, Robin Mark, Board President 585-370-2389
Submitted by Victor Arsenault, Board Treasurer 585-919-4186



Pal-Mac Rotary News

At our evening pot-luck meeting on June 11, we received Ray Dougherty into club membership. Ray happens to be a member of Zion Episcopal Church, where we have our meetings. He works at Modius Inc. as a Senior Service Consultant. He and his wife, Marsha, live in Farmington. An interesting fact is, he wanted to join Rotary because his father was a Rotarian.

Jeff Crawford, Club Media



Ray's pastor and club member, Rev. Keisha Stokes, "pins" Ray.



A beaming Ray is presented with our Rotary Service Apron by Club President Marie Fessler.



The Greece Rotary Club

President John Bansbach inducts new members, Amber Wilk and Matthew Reed

From left to right President John Bansbach, Gregg Sadwick, Matthew Reed, Amber Walk and Chuck Gannon

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Fairport Rotary Club

On June 30, the Fairport Rotary Club held its annual Changeover Dinner to mark the transition of leadership and celebrate a year of service. Outgoing President Andrew Spreter was recognized for his dedication and accomplishments over the past year, while incoming President Marybeth Christiansen was officially welcomed to her new role. The evening was a celebration of continuity and fresh energy, with members reflecting on recent achievements and looking ahead to another impactful year.

The event also saw the induction of four new members: Linda and Ken Kohl, Mark Panzer, and Bob Cantwell—each bringing new perspectives and enthusiasm to the club. In a special moment of recognition, three Paul Harris Fellow awards were presented, including the first for Mark De-Bacco, who was joined by his wife, Trisha, for the occasion. The evening was a joyful reminder of the strong fellowship and shared purpose that define Rotary service in Fairport.

Submitted by Dom Cecconi



Paul Harris Fellows

Bath Rotary Club



John Gould, 2024 – 2025 Bath Rotary Club President, presents Elaine Tears, Bath Rotarian, with a PHF +3 Paul Harris Fellow pin.

At a recent weekly meeting of the Bath Rotary Club, Elaine Tears was recognized as a recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow +3 pin which represents receiving this coveted recognition four times.

Tears joined the Bath Rotary Club in May 2010. Since her induction, she has served as the club's Vice-President in 2014 – 2015, President-Elect in 2015 – 2016, and President in 2016 – 2017. In addition, she has served several years on the Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc., the scholarship arm of the club, as Treasurer for several years and Chair for the last five years as well as Public Relations Chair since 2011. She is also pleased to have served on several committees and participated in many Rotary activities, including: Program Chair, Public Image Chair, Project Care Shopping for the Elderly, Wineglass Marathon Committee, Dictionary Project, Camp STAR picnic, PolioPlus Campaign, Red Door Community Kitchen, Rotary Leadership Institute, Tyrtle Beach Cleanup, District 7120 Assemblies, and District 7120 Conferences.

At the club's recent Changeover Dinner, Tears was recognized as having 15 years of perfect attendance which includes attendance at weekly club meetings and participation in many club events, activities, projects, and fundraisers.

"I am proud and pleased to be a member of the Bath Rotary Club, not only to be able to serve the community of Bath and the world but also to experience the friendship and fellowship offered by this organization of service-oriented members," stated Tears.

The Bath Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12:00 p.m. in the Empire Room of the Dormann Library.

Written by Elaine Tears

Picture by Eddie



Paul Harris Fellows

Geneseo Rotary Club

Geneseo Rotary Changeover Dinner June 30th. Incoming President Brian Gordinier giving Outgoing President² Don Livingston a Plaque celebrating Don's 2nd term as President for our club. We also awarded Past President Don a Paul Harris Award for his service to the club this year.

Submitted by Bonnie Swanson



Dundee Rotary Club

At the Dundee Rotary meeting on June 11th, member and Past-president Fran Willis was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship award by Co-President Joan Washburn. Fran received the PHF for her continuing support of the Rotary Foundation. Fran is the second Dundee Rotarian to have received a PF+8. Pictured are Co-Presidents Alan Giles (L) and Joan Washburn (C) and awardee Fran Willis (R). Congratulations, Fran!

Lauren Snyder



Canandaigua Rotary Club

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Joe DeForte was honored with his Paul Harris Fellowship +5. 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 Joe DeForte and Club President Kim Tenreiro:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg,



Gananda Rotary Club

Kelly Carpenter is pinned by Gananda Rotary President Jess Nichols as a "Paul Harris" recipient. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is an award given by Rotary International to individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. It's a way to honor those who have significantly supported Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs. Kelly has just retired from her job as Chief Academic Officer at Gananda Central School. Kelly was also recently the recipient of the 2025 Genesee Valley ASCD Curriculum Award, recognizing her for dedication to education and unwavering commitment to student success in the Gananda School District and beyond. Kelly has been a member of the Gananda Rotary since 2013

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Canandaigua Rotary Club

At a recent Canandaigua Rotary Club meeting there was an awarding of a Paul Harris Fellowship to George Herren.

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Pictured are Club President Kim Tenreiro and George Herren.



Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg

Corning Rotary Club

President Ernie Danforth had the privilege of presenting Rotarian **Dr. Kathleen Hallinan** a Paul Harris Fellow Award in recognition of her exemplary community service at a recent club meeting where she was also speaking on the current wave of weight loss drugs.



As a community physician, Dr. Hallinan has cared for patients in her office, in the emergency department, in the intensive care unit and also in nursing homes. She has even been known to make regular after-hours house calls to those in need. Whenever possible she has donated her skills and talent in the volunteer service of the less fortunate and for community events like the Finger Lakes Wineglass Marathon. She is one of the few physicians in the community to help patients with drug addictions navigate the road back to recovery.

Dr. Hallinan has promoted positive change in the community by using her talents in preventive ways to improve wellness. She became an advocate in the school district to work to reduce the incidence of childhood obesity and worked with school leaders to advocate for increased physical activity, better education and access to more snacks and drinks that were less likely to contribute to obesity.

Prior to college, Kathleen was the first female volunteer firefighter in Painted Post. After college she rejoined the Painted Post Fire Department as a Physician Firefighter, where she was exposed to the new challenges facing first responders. This has led to her volunteering her time as a Medical Director to Fire Departments and joining the Regional Medical Advisory Committee that oversees the pre-hospital medical practice of EMT's and Paramedics.

Her work led to her nomination to the New York State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (SEMAC) that advises the NYS Department of Health and oversees pre-hospital medical practice. Her passions again brought her to advocate for some of the most underserved and vulnerable. She currently is championing new protocols to aid patients with mental health crises who need immediate medical attention that could avoid escalation, incarceration or physical self-harm.

Submitted by Jan Harvey

Corning Rotary Club

President Ernie Danforth awarded a Paul Harris Fellow to Rotarian **Dr. Gretta Tomb** in recognition of her generosity to the Rotary International Foundation.

Dr. Tomb is a relatively new Rotarian who is a dedicated believer in community service. She recently volunteered with her two sons as a dentist on Guatemala service trip. She serves on several club committees and volunteers for a wide range of service opportunities.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



DANSVILLE ROTARY CLUB

Dansville Rotary members honored the Club's current Sergeant at Arms, Tom Fellion, for his second Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Tom joined Dansville Rotary 9 years ago. Tom's volunteer services are well known throughout Livingston County. He is also a recipient of the Rochester Jefferson Award for his many years of volunteerism in numerous organizations in the larger Livingston County area.

Pictured left to right: PHF recipient Tom Fellion, incoming President Joyce Davies, and immediate Past President Amy Pollard.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Spencerport Rotary Club

The Spencerport changeover dinner was a busy night with lots of activity.

Dolly Kujawa was invited to represent Camp Haccamo and receive a donation from the Spencerport Club of \$1,000.

Invited to speak at the dinner was PDG Julie Carney whose topic "Why Involvement in Rotary?" brought up great reasons to be involved and stay involved in club activities by volunteering, serving as officers and board members and presenting Rotary in a positive way in the community.



During the changeover dinner, the club awarded a Paul Harris Fellow pin to Linda Gibbardo. Linda was asked to come and speak to the club about her community service as well as how she opened Vics Ice Cream in the village. Linda was totally unaware that she was to be honored with a Paul Harris, so when Rotarian Sean McCabe announced it, she was truly shocked. Her husband David and son AJ were in on the secret and were able to attend the dinner as well.

At the end of the evening, Colleen Farley, the 2024-2025 Club President not only handed incoming 2025-2026 Club President Kathy Magin her gavel and bell but also gave her a presidential crown!



Submitted by Colleen Farley



Paul Harris Fellow

Victor – Farmington Rotary Club

The Victor – Farmington Rotary club's 2024-2025 Rotary Youth Exchange (YEX) student, Jacob Lundgren (Sweden), made a farewell presentation at a club meeting in June.



Jacob described the many activities he experienced during his exchange year. He attended Victor Senior HS and participated in many school activities including the soccer team, track and field involvement, the senior ball, the senior trip, etc. His travel experiences included trips to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Boston, and the Adirondacks.

He thanked his host families and all they did to make his exchange year a positive experience. He noted, "I was lucky to have two families who opened their homes and hearts to me."

He thanked the club members for all they did during his year and concluded, "I've learned a lot, and I've learned a lot about myself."

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

DANSVILLE ROTARY CLUB

Dansville Rotary Club was pleased to have its Exchange Student, Olivia Levee, attend its Changeover Dinner with her parents. Olivia returned from Belgium early in July. She will share her experiences with Dansville Rotary Club members later this summer.

Pictured here with Olivia, wearing her official blazer, are Past Pres. Amy Pollard, Olivia's Dad, Todd Levee, and her Mom Nikki Levee. Olivia's blazer is decorated with dozens of pins from exchange students from many different countries.



Submitted by Teresa Dearing




Bloomfield Rotary Club




During the evening, the club had the pleasure of surprising Interact student Colton Perry with the Bloomfield Rotary Interact Scholarship. Colton, a 2024 RYLA participant, has been a dedicated friend to our exchange student and was recently named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2025—just a few of his many impressive achievements.

Submitted by Marce Chavez

The Bloomfield Rotary recently held its Changeover Dinner, where Ralph warmly welcomed Kathy Conradt and Laurie Newell as Co-Presidents for the 2025–2026 term.




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INTERACT
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- Must be an active participant in the Interact Club.
- Must apply for the scholarship.
- Bloomfield Rotary Board decides recipient.

*** Interact * Student Council ***
*** National Honor Society ***
*** IB Cas * Multiple Sports ***
*** Drama Club * Rotary Youth Leadership Academy**
*** 2025 Class Valedictorian**

2025 Recipient Colton Perry

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Bath Rotary Club

On June 6 three members of the Bath Rotary Club volunteered to sort clean, donated clothing at Stacy's Closet in the lower level of the Centenary United Methodist Church of Bath as part of United Way's Day of Care. Those Bath Rotarians who participated in this project were LeighAnn Rumsey, Bill White, and Mike Slovak.

The United Way's Day of Care is a community-wide event in which volunteers come together to assist local non-profits through hands-on projects. It is a one-day volunteer event in which organizations, businesses, and individuals work together to support non-profits in their community. The experience provides the volunteers the rewards of contributing and learning about community issues.

Stacy's Closet provides children's clothing at no charge to those community members in need of such. Sheila Wilson, Manager of Stacy's Closet, expressed her thanks to the Rotarians and presented each with a t-shirt, labeled Live United on the front and Are You a Game Changer? I am. United Way on the back. The t-shirts were provided by the United Way of Steuben County. At the Bath Rotary Club's Changeover Dinner on June 7, Wilson received the club's Citizen of the Year plaque for her dedicated service to the local community.

There is a similar site for adults, called Sarah's Closet, in the lower level of the First Presbyterian Church of Bath.



Sheila Wilson, Manager of Stacy's Closet at the Centenary United Methodist Church of Bath, was presented Bath Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year plaque by John Gould, 2024 – 2025 Bath Rotary Club President at the club's Changeover Dinner on June 7.



LeighAnn Rumsey, Bath Rotarian, takes a picture of Mike Slovak, Bath Rotarian, looking at all the bins of clean, donated children's clothing available at Stacy's Closet.



Bath Rotarians, Mike Slovak on the left and Bill White on the right, took part in United Way's Day of Care on June 6 by sorting clean, donated clothing for children at Stacy's Closet.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by LeighAnn Rumsey

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club

The club is hosting a Purse Bingo to raise funds for a joint project with the Horseheads Rotary Club and the Horseheads Kiwanis. We are building a permanent structure, complete with handicapped bathrooms, for the summer concert series that is held each summer at Teal Park in Horseheads. The building will have running water and electricity, and a place inside to serve food for the summer meals. Currently the concert goers only have Ed's Heads. The volunteer groups serving the meals each week have to bring tables and chairs and set everything up, including the grills. This project is still in the planning stages and the hope is that the building will be in use by sometime next summer 2026. Tickets for the Purse Bingo will be \$30 each and there will be eleven bingo games, meaning eleven chances for participants to win a brand new designer purse! Light refreshments will also be served, as well as basket raffles to further your chance to win something, as well as door prizes!

Submitted by Kelly Comfort

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club

Recently the Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club honored twelve organizations in our community. The club met at Ma's Cheesy Dreams and Other Things (was a small business site in a previous Road Rally) and we had a delicious dinner before President Melissa presented checks to them. All in all, our club has donated almost \$8,000 to local community projects. Melissa is very talented and wrote a poem for each organization comparing their relationship in the community to the growth of a flower. All twelve groups have been guest speakers at the club and have informed club members of what their group does for the community. From helping babies who have their tongues tied, to assisting families when they lose someone to suicide, to feeding or housing the disadvantaged every week, to something as simple as sitting peacefully at the bedside of someone who is passing, these organizations touch so many in our communities. We met an eleven year old boy who makes community bags for law enforcement, and another group helps seniors get their shopping done and get to their doctor appointments, as well as another group that gives out micro loans to those that need it. Afterwards each group as well as each Rotarian was able make their own floral bouquet to take home as a memento of the evening.

Submitted by Kelly Comfort



Bath Rotary Club

The Bath Rotary Club held its Annual Changeover Dinner/Ceremony on June 7, 2025 at the Charles E. Westcott Post 173 American Legion in Bath at which time the 2025 – 2026 Bath Rotary Club President and Board of Directors were installed, and several club members were honored. It was noted that the local club has not repeated a President since it was chartered in May 1923.

Eddie VanStine was installed as the 2025 – 2026 Bath Rotary Club President by Julie Carney from Avon, the 2023 – 2024 Rotary District 7120 Governor. VanStine then swore in the rest of the 2025 – 2026 Board of Directors: Nancy Latour, Secretary and Fundraising and Events Chair; Jay Maslyn, Treasurer; John Gould, Past President; Amanda Cronin, Foundation Chair and Planning Chair; Tess McKinley, Service Projects Chair and Newsletter Editor; Cheryl Muller, Youth Services Chair; Bill White, Membership Chair; Elaine Tears, Public Relations Chair and Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc. Chair; Jane Russell, Finance Chair; Angela Mattoon, Webmaster. Also serving on the Board of Directors will be LeighAnn Rumsey and Bob Cole, Sergeants-at Arms, who were unable to attend the dinner.

John Gould, 2024 – 2025 Bath Rotary Club President, welcomed all the attendees and delivered an inspirational invocation. Russell led all in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Muller led all in the singing of "God Bless America".

Next, Carney read a message from Dave DeMers from Spencerport, the 2024 – 2025 Rotary District 7120 Governor, who was unable to attend. Mike Slovak, Bath Rotarian and 2018 – 2019 Rotary District 7120 Governor, serving as emcee for the evening's ceremony, delivered Reflections from the club's past year and introduced some special guests including: Bill Gormont from Greece, 2015 – 2016 Rotary District 7120 Governor; David Hannan from Newark, 2019 – 2020 Rotary District 7120 Governor; Jim Crane from Victor-Farmington, 2024 – 2025 Rotary District 7120 Governor-Elect.

Those Bath Rotary Club Past Presidents in attendance were also recognized: Mike Slovak, 2007 – 2008; Benita Nesbitt, 2014 – 2015; Elaine Tears, 2016 – 2017; Nancy Latour, 2017 – 2018; Jane Russell, 2019 – 2020; Amanda Cronin, 2021 – 2022; Tess McKinley, 2022 – 2023; Brandi Graham, 2023 – 2024.

After dinner, prepared by members of the American Legion, recognitions and awards were presented by Slovak to those local Rotarians who have strived to achieve the ideal of humanitarian service and high ethical standards under the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". Receiving plaques were: Amanda Cronin, Rotarian of the Year; Jami Long, Rookie of the Year; Sheila Wilson, Manager of Stacy's Closet at the Centenary United Methodist Church of Bath, Citizen of the Year. Members of the club's 2023 – 2025 Strategic Planning Committee, who were presented framed certificates, included: Tess McKinley (Chair), Amanda Cronin, John Gould, Brandi Graham, Nancy Latour, Benita Nesbitt, and Jane Russell. Also receiving framed certificates from the local club were Bill Gormont for helping the Bath Rotary Club with its Strategic Plan and David Hannan for his dedication to District 7120's Foundation.

Several club members were recognized by Bill White, Membership Chair, for their weekly attendance at Rotary luncheon meetings and a willingness to dedicate many additional hours carrying out Rotary's goals in other meetings, projects, events, fundraisers, etc. These members and the number of years, for which they were recognized, were asked to stand: Jami Long (1); Eddie VanStine (2); Lillian Fazi (2); Brandi Graham (3); Amanda Cronin (5); Jay Maslyn (5); Terry Bilancio (6); Tess McKinley (6); Cheryl Muller (8); John Gould (9); Jane Russell (9); Nancy Latour (10); Benita Nesbitt (12); Elaine Tears (15); Bill White (19); Mike Slovak (21).

The Bath Rotary Club supported many activities/projects during its 2024 – 2025 year, including: Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup, Agricultural Literacy Week, Camp STAR, Downtown Bath Beautification, PolioPlus Campaign, Red Door Community Kitchen, Scholarships (Nine valued at \$8500.00), Spelling Bee Sponsor with Corning Rotary Club, Sponsorship of Bath-Haverling Central School's Interact Club, Stacy's Closet, The Rotary Foundation, Turning Point Food Pantry, Tyrtle Beach Cleanup, Wineglass Marathon, and United Way Day of Caring.

Written by Elaine Tears

Pictures by Benita Nesbitt



At the Bath Rotary Club's Annual Changeover Dinner/Ceremony, Eddie VanStine was inducted as the 2025 – 2026 Bath Rotary Club President. Standing left to right are: Julie Carney, 2023 – 2024 Rotary District 7120 Governor, who swore in VanStine; Susan VanStine, Eddie's mother; Eddie VanStine.



Eddie VanStine, 2025 – 2026 Bath Rotary Club President, swore in the rest of the 2025 – 2026 Board of Directors. Standing left to right are: John Gould, Nancy Latour, Jay Maslyn, Benita Nesbitt, Jane Russell, Elaine Tears, Amanda Cronin, Bill White, Tess McKinley, and Cheryl Muller.



Members of the Bath Rotary Club's Strategic Planning Committee received Certificates of Appreciation at the club's recent Changeover Dinner/Ceremony. Standing left to right are: John Gould, Benita Nesbitt, Brandi Graham, Amanda Cronin, Nancy Latour, Jane Russell, and Tess McKinley (Chair).

Pal-Mac Rotary News

On Thursday, June 12, a Peace Pole was unveiled in front of the Palmyra Library. The placing of these is a special project of our District Governor, Dave DeMers.

A number of elementary students were on hand to help with the celebration. DG Dave and his wife, Ann, both spoke.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford, Media



Pal-Mac Rotary News

A Magical Evening!

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration was perfectly magical! Many rotarians, family and friends gathered at the Palmyra VFW on June 6 to express gratitude for the opportunity to serve our communities over the years.

President Marie Fessler led this auspicious occasion, introducing the team that helped make it possible. The festivities included a look back by Eric Chapman, our longest serving member, remembering those who have gone before us, thoughts by our Rotary Exchange Student, Marcella Jorge Vaz, and highlights by each club member in attendance.

Music was provided by club member, Anne Morrel's son, Steve, and robust singing by attendees, led by Kim Clement.

The capstone was magic by Past District Governor, Bill Gormont. He was one of eight Past District Governors in attendance.

Photos by many!
Jeff Crawford, Media



Past DG Bill Gormont's magic!



A Memorial Display created by Kim Clement.



Club President Marie Fessler, and Exchange Student, Marcella Jorge Vaz.

Naples Rotary Club

Our Naples NY Rotary Club members attending the 2025 District 7120 Conference were proud to receive a number of awards this year! We were recognized for Literacy, Vocational Service, Youth Service, Community Service and International Service. Our poster also won an award, voted on by the conference attendees. Pictured here is the group of 17 members (including Rose, a recent transfer to Victor-Farmington Rotary) who represent about 30% of Naples membership! We shared some enjoyable fellowship before attending the Saturday evening banquet.



Also attending the conference were this year's Rotary Exchange Students, Anna and Uryu (who gave the student address Friday evening) and NHS future Exchange Students, Emma and Erica who will be heading outbound this summer.

Submitted by Cindy Scoda

Canandaigua Rotary Club

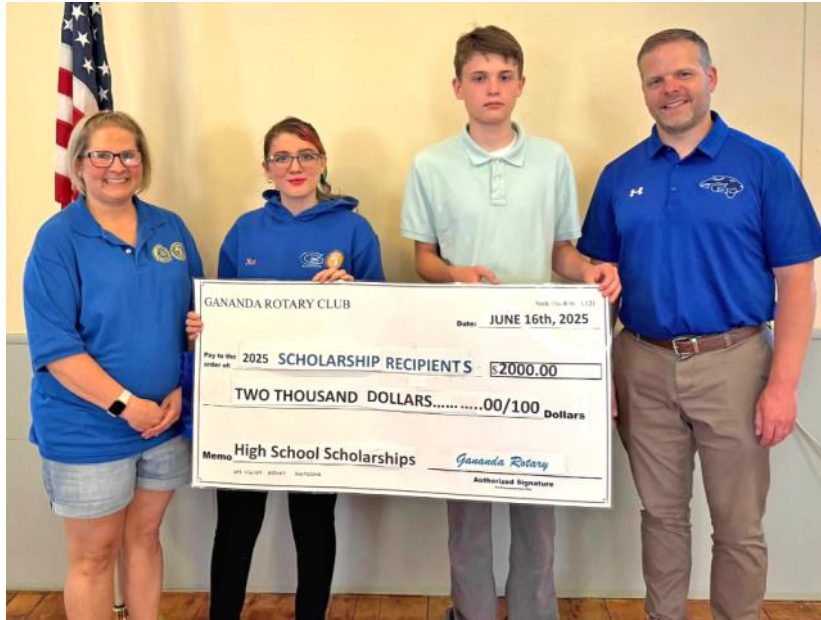
On a drizzly Saturday morning 16 Canandaigua Rotarians gathered to walk the trenches of Rt 5 & 20 to see what they could find. And find they did: numerous car parts, tire treads, beer cans, metal posts, a Stop Sign, and more, filling 18 bags. The drizzly day was made up by the camaraderie.

Pictured below are 15 of the hardy Rotarians and friends:



Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg

Gananda Rotary Club



The Gananda Rotary Club awarded \$2,000 to two Gananda High School senior for their continuing education. Pictured are left to right: Gananda Rotary President Jess Nichols, recipient Kat Logan, with Dr. Whipple, Gananda's Ruben Cirillo High School Principal.

Submitted by Patti Holdraker

Gananda Rotary Club

Gananda Rotary thanks the Gananda Community for their support for our 43rd Annual Gananda Garage Sales! Your support having a sale, buying from our food booth or just tolerating the extra people and traffic is much appreciated!

The income from this sale allows us to fund many projects, including graduating scholarships for Gananda students, the backpack program which provides meals for children over the holiday breaks for those in need, meals & gifts for families over the three main holidays and much more!

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club announced that its Student-of-the-Year at Canandaigua Academy is Aidan Talbot. Just this school year Aidan founded the CA Pickelball Club, organized the Community Chess Night. The Pickelball Club raised money for MS. Aidan is also an International Baccalaureate candidate. Aidan is President of the National Honor Society at Canandaigua Academy and mentors Ukrainian students. Aidan plans to attend Princeton College. At age 16 he is also involved in robotics and technology.



Pictured are Ellen Polimeni, Aidan Talbot, Kim Tenreiro Club President, and Mrs. Rounds from Canandaigua Academy:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg

Webster Rotary Club



On a recent trip to Europe, Past President Robyn Whittaker, attended a Rotary club meeting in Stockholm, Sweden. Visiting the Stockholm Vastra club reflected the camaraderie and friendships we develop as Rotarians around the world.

Submitted by Joseph Corona

The Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary club held their Installation Dinner at Ridgemont Country Club on June 6th.

Current Club President John Bansbach passing the gavel to the New Club President Ray Gangarossa



Club Foundation Chair Al Meilutis announced Gene Noga as Rotarian of the Year. Gene has worked tirelessly as Chair of the Golf Outing for the past 25 years, raising over \$150,000.00 for the Challenger Little League.

Rita Garretson announced Kelly Spurduto as Community Rotarian of the Year. Kelly works for the Greece Central School District as their Community Relations Dir. and directs the Greece Community Cares Initiative which helps the students and families in Greece that need assistance with their quality-of-life needs. Their needs include a home/living, car needs, clothing and food.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



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Geneva Rotary Club

The Geneva Rotary Club staged another successful golf tournament on Friday, June 13, at Big Oak Public Golf Course in Geneva. The winning golf foursome consisted of (left to right) Mike Rusinko, Joel Haley, Ashley Austin and Dick Austin. Club President Jason Haag presented the team members with their winning certificates.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



Geneva Rotary Club



The Geneva Rotary Club held its annual Changeover Meeting on Wednesday, June 25, at Dana's Time Out. With President Jason Haag (left) presiding, incoming President Kerry Lippincott and incoming President-Elect Gary Adamson took over for the new Rotary year. Kerry is the Executive Director of Historic Geneva and Gary operates the Paradise on the Lake BnB on Seneca Lake. President Kerry also welcomed new Board of Directors members (left to right) Santa Abraham, Kathy Fuchs, Ted Baker and Diana Perry.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



E-Club of District 7120

Camp Haccamo's 12th Annual Car, Truck, and Cycle Show was a resounding success, raising about \$30,000.00 to send deserving kids to camp for free. The event, held June 7th 2025 at Greece Ridge Mall, drew a sizable number of spectators and exhibitors. "A huge thanks to Chuck Krause and his talented team of volunteers for putting on another truly great event". Here are some fantastic photo highlights submitted by Ebo Ocran of the E-Club of District 7120.



From Left to Right: Camp Haccamo Board Chair Neal Gorman, Camp Haccamo Board member Ebo Ocran, Rotary District 7120 District Governor Nominee Lisa Norwood (Now DGE), Camp Haccamo Auto Show Chairman Chuck Krause



From Left to Right
Camp Haccamo Board member Ebo Ocran, President Tom Mizelle (Rotary E-Club District 7120)
Camp Haccamo Board member Carol Mizelle



From Left to Right
Camp Haccamo Director of Development Susan Perry and Ebo Ocran

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Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

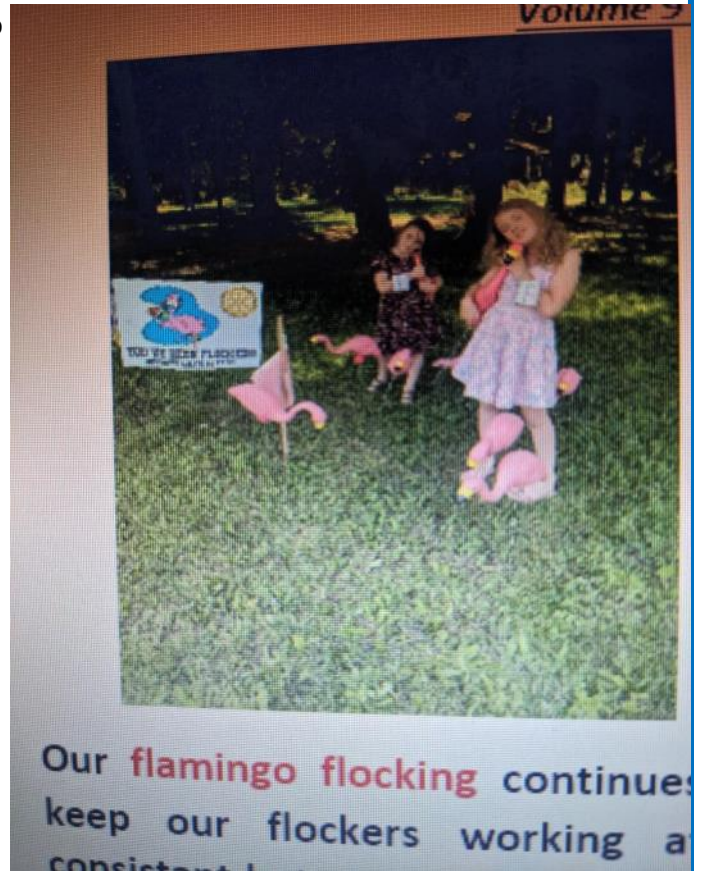
Once again, the HLRC has taken on the task of flamingo flocking in and around Honeoye. Members of our club sneak out to "plant" ten or more plastic birds in residents' or businesses' front lawns as a spring/summer fundraiser. Flamingos can be a surprise to their victims for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, family celebrations, graduations, showers, etc., or just for fun.

Our sneaky "planters" venture out after dark (usually after 9 o'clock) so they will not be caught. Birds, along with a HLRC sign, are stuck in the ground near the roadside so they can be seen by those driving by. If the "planters" do their job correctly, the flock is not noticed till morning hours --- the group of ten or more is very often a welcome surprise to the members of the flocked victims who enjoy the visitors for a few days.

It is hoped those flocked will request a flocking for a friend, neighbor or relative. This is where the major part of the FUNdraiser comes in. Charge is \$1 per bird planted or insurance can be purchased for \$10.

The HLRC enjoys this as does our community!

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Dundee Rotary Club

Dundee Rotary celebrated the beginning of a new Rotary year with another fun-filled gathering at member John Frederick's home on June 24th. A great time was had by all as the outgoing Co-Presidents Alan Giles and Joan Washburn thanked everyone for a great year and welcomed the new officers. Members enjoyed a delicious pot-luck picnic supper, a Trivia game, and a round of surprise gifts for all! Pictured are the new officers (L to R) Secretary Kate Ring, President Lynda Kimball, Treasurer Caryl Sutterby, and President-elect Brittany Gibson.



Submitted by Lauren Snyder

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

July 4th was the first concert at the gazebo for the 2025 season. This was a little scary for us. Being on the Fourth of July we were concerned with what our turnout would be plus weather was a factor to consider. We usually retreat to HCS auditorium if needed but would not be able to do that as the building was closed due to the holiday.

Worries were eliminated as the weather was kind to the HLRC and the crowd was definitely more than we expected. John Dady and Friends entertained us well as they do whenever they are on our agenda.

Thanks to Rotarians Jeanne and Dick Hamele, Gary and Sandy Hubble, Marilyn and Jerry Passer and Dave Richardson for being on hand to help out as needed.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



E-Club of District 7120

The E-Club of District 7120 gathered at Flahertys restaurant in Macedon, NY for the annual change over dinner. Two of the E-Club members, Dr. Jerome Atta-Fynn and Nana Esi Atta-Fynn joined via ZOOM from Windsor Mill, Maryland. Outgoing President Tom Mizelle and Martina Ocran pinned incoming Co-Presidents Tassie Demps and Ebo Ocran, in preparation for their tenure in office during the 2025-2026 Rotary Calendar Year. The E-Club was also happy to recognize Dr. Jerome Atta-Fynn, who will be taking on the role of Foundation chair and Nana Esi Atta-Fynn, in the role of International Service chair, 2025-2026. Carol Mizelle (returning treasurer) and Maame Esi Ocran (returning secretary) were all recognized and thanked for their stellar services to the E-Club. Bob Lyon received kudos for his selfless and continued dedication to the club.

Submitted by Ebo Ocran, Tassie Demps and Maame Esi Ocran



E-Club of District 7120 Members at Flahertys Restaurant



Rochester DEAF Rotary

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY FOR ROCHESTER DEAF KITCHEN

WAVING HANDS!

Rochester Deaf Rotary presented the "Little Free Library" to the Rochester Deaf Kitchen on Tuesday, July 1. RDR assembled the library, and included some books to get them started. They appreciated getting this to include at their site when people come for their food items. Rochester Deaf Kitchen is a food pantry and non-profit organization dedicated to addressing hunger and food insecurity within the Deaf community. Check out their website at : <http://s/www.rochesterdeafkitchen.com>.

Photo by Bob Green.

RDR members: Left side - (front) Bob Green, (L-R) Gary Morris, Karen Beiter RDK: Right side (L-R) Linzie Feuchtmann, Zach Ennis



DANSVILLE ROTARY CLUB

Dansville Rotary Club welcomed its incoming President, Joyce Davies, at the Changeover Dinner held at the Dansville American Legion Hall on July 8, 2025. Both leaders have served as Club President previously: Amy 2021 – 2022 and Joyce 2012-2013. The Dansville Club Board recently recommended that former Club Presidents return to the office over the next few years. This action permits the Club's many new members additional time to train for their future terms as Club President. Former President Barb Frazer is now President Elect, and she will serve her second term in July 2026.

Pictured are the newly elected President Joyce Davies, left, being sworn in by immediate Past President Amy Pollard.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Corning Rotary Club



It was the Year-End celebration of the Corning Club's Rotary Reads Literacy Program. A highly successful and appreciated program, Rotary Reads provides volunteers to read to either the kindergarten, first or second grade classes at two elementary schools in the Corning-Painted Post Area School District. Rotary has partnered with First Heritage Credit Union and First Presbyterian Church to cover all three classes. Each partner group follows the classes (called a cohort) through all three years.

Books are provided monthly to the classes so that by the end of the school year, students have accumulated quite a library all their own. These books promote student and family reading and align with the school curriculum.

Club members love volunteering for this program. Back in March, Rotarians Gil Sweet, Pauline Emery and Jennifer Batzing were the guest Rotary readers at Severn Elementary School. They read aloud and acted out the story, *The Most Wonderful Egg in the World* by Helme Heine. Following the read-aloud, all Kindergarten and 1st graders were provided with their monthly book.

Gil Sweet and Jen Batzing acting out as chickens during the read-aloud.



Rotarians Nora Smith, Pauline Emery and Ernie Danforth, Rotary Literacy Committee Members, attended Severn Elementary School's end of year carnival.

Members provided fun games and handed out books for the summer.

In a note from kindergarten teacher Angela Nichiporuk: "As the school year comes to a close, I just wanted to take a moment to thank you and everyone at Rotary for your continued support of our students. Your generosity and dedication never go unnoticed, you consistently go above and beyond, and we are truly grateful."

The students absolutely LOVED seeing you at the Fun Fair and were so excited to receive your books. It meant so much to them (and to us)! You all are

amazing—thank you again for everything!"

Submitted by Jan Harvey

Spencerport Rotary Club

The Tri-Club Dinner

This event is an annual dinner when the Spencerport, Brighton and Fairport Clubs meet for dinner and fellowship. Spencerport was the host club this year and President Colleen Farley lined up 2 speakers from the Rochester Philharmonic - Dorian Delfs, RPO Development Officer and Elizabeth Garijo-Garde, Institutional Partnerships Officer. Attending club members learned about the upcoming summer season and the 2025-2026 concert schedule.

There was a special moment with a story regarding Andreas Delfs, who is a world renowned conductor and currently the music director of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Delfs asked Dorian to tell us that he was able to come to the United States and attend Julliard as a student due to a Rotary scholarship!

Among the guest attending were DG David DeMers, DG, Andrew Spreter, Fairport Club President, Tony Conte, Brighton Club President, Jim Crane, DG Elect, Nancy Loughlin, Friendship Exchange Outreach Coordinator, Peter Vogt – DG Nominee-Designate.

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Bloomfield Rotary Club

Additionally, the Bloomfield Rotary Summer Concert Series kicked off with an unexpected twist. A surprise storm led to the postponement of the Student and Alumni Concert, which has been rescheduled for August 6th.

Submitted by Marce Chavez



**2025 Bloomfield 2025
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**
AT THE ELTON PARK GAZEBO
CORNER OF SOUTH AVE/5620

JULY 9	BCS STUDENTS AND ALUMNI	6:30- 8:30
6:30- 8:30	JULY 16	BLUES CIRCLE
JULY 23	LUCKY EVERHEART	6:30- 8:30
6:30- 8:30	JULY 30	WARREN PAUL

All concerts have been sponsored by Town of East Bloomfield and Village of Bloomfield.
Organized by Bloomfield Rotary

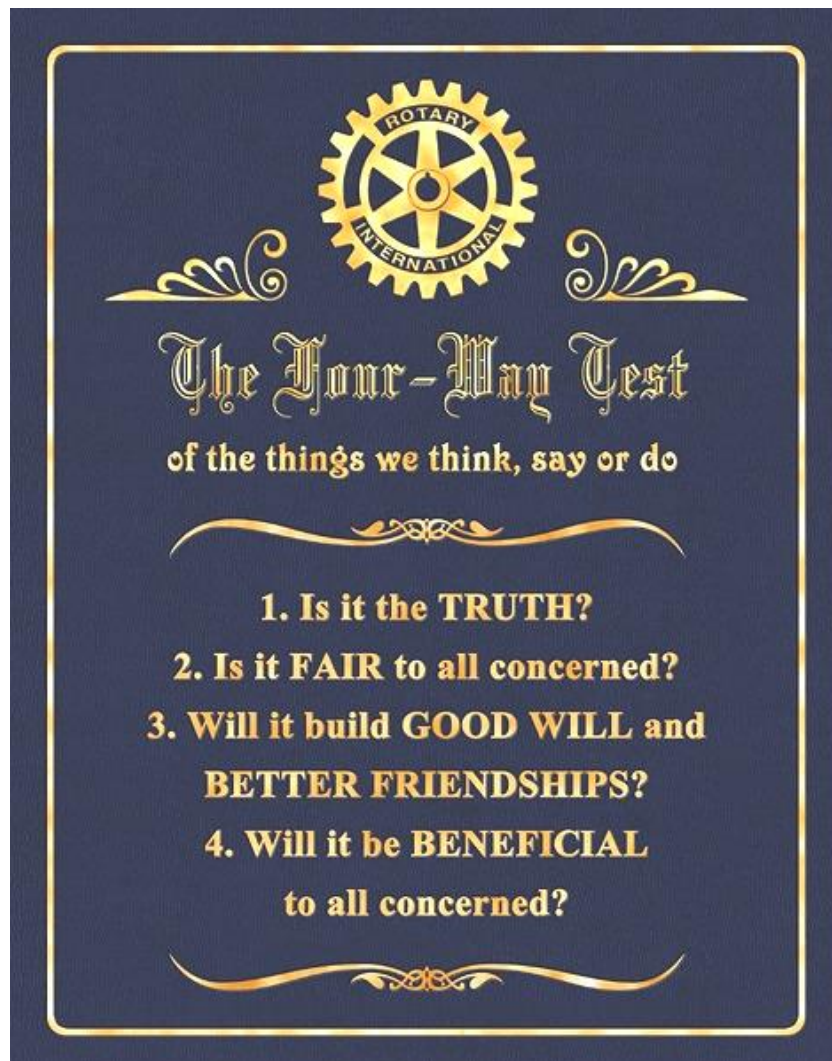
DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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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Rochester Deaf Rotary Club



Naples NY
Rotary
Club



PO Box 173, Naples NY 14512 * NaplesNYRotary@gmail.com

**** Save these dates & join us! ****

5/10/25

Great Grape Derby

@ the Naples Creek



9/12/25

District 7120

Golf Tournament

@ Reservoir Creek



9/27/25 & 9/28/25

**Naples Grape
Festival**



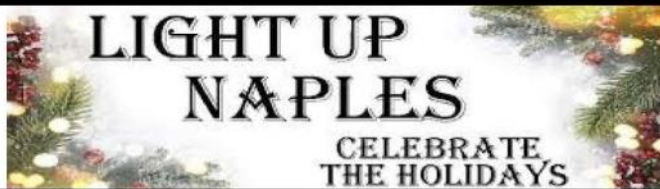
10/24/25

**World Polio Day
At Brew & Brats**

**WORLD
POLIO DAY**
24 OCTOBER

12/6/25

**Light Up
Naples**



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Facebook.com/NaplesNYRotary
[@NaplesRotary.org](https://Instagram.com/NaplesRotary.org)



FRIDAY, JULY 11th
SATURDAY, JULY 12th
VILLAGE PARK





Camp Star Golf Tournament
4 Person Scramble Indian Hills Golf Course
Monday July 21, 2025
Sign in at 11:00 Shotgun at 12:00
Player's Application

By playing in the Camp Star Golf Tournament, you are helping to send children with disabilities to a summer sleepover camp. An opportunity they would not have without the generous support of people like you.
Thanks for being a good neighbor!

A \$90.00 entrance fee for each player must accompany this application. Please write the check to Camp Star and mail to:
Marianne Kalec/Camp Star
PO Box 697
Horseheads, NY 14845

Additional information?
Campstargolf@stny.rr.com
607-738-2819

Fee includes golf, cart and dinner

- Golfer's Name: _____
Address: _____
Email _____ Phone: _____

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Spring 2025

Dear Sponsor,

The Camp Star Board is planning its Annual Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament will be held at the Indian Hills Golf Course on Monday July 21, 2025. Sponsorship, donations, and golfer entry fees will be used to support 60 special needs children for six days at camp.



Camp Star is a summer camp for special needs children between the ages of 6 and 12 years of age that otherwise cannot attend camp. This camp is held annually at the Y at Watson Homestead in August and the funds from this tournament will help to allow us to offer this camp at no cost to the camper. The cost is over \$700.00 per camper for an entire week of fun designed just for their special needs.

Depending on your level of Sponsorship (see enclosed flyer for Sponsorship levels), your business may receive valuable publicity such as:

1. Signage at the event
2. Product booth at the event
3. Recognition in printed materials
4. Advertising and links on our Camp Star Website

We also welcome donations for the raffle as well as special prizes for example longest drive, closest to pin, team prize winners and last place team, We hope that you can help us make this a great event!

Door prizes are always welcome!

Respectfully yours,

Marianne Kalec
Camp Star Golf Tournament Chairperson
PO Box 697
Horseheads, NY 14845
607-738-2819

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

(SPONSOR MUST BE REGISTERED BY JULY 15, 2025 TO BE LISTED ON THE GOLF BROCHURE)

- \$ 100.00 Friend of Camp Star Sponsorship (Name listed in Brochure)
- \$ 200.00 Tee and/or Green Sponsorship (Name in Brochure and sign on course)
- \$ 200.00 Closest to the Pin Sponsorship (Name in Brochure and sign on course)
- \$ 200.00 Straightest Drive Sponsorship (Name in Brochure and sign on course)
- \$ 350.00 Dessert Sponsorship (Name in Brochure and sign on tables)
- \$ 500.00 Beverage Cart Sponsorship (Name in Brochure and sign on cart)
- \$ 500.00 Lunch Sponsorship (Name in Brochure and sign on tables at lunch)
- \$ 750.00 Scorecard Sponsorship (Name in Brochure and Name on all the scorecards)
- \$ 1,200.00 Cart Sponsorship
 - Name in Brochure, Name on all Carts, One Team Entry Fee
- \$ 1,200.00 Awards/ Dinner Sponsorship
 - Name Banner on Display at Dinner, In Brochure, One Team Entry Fee

Donations: Monetary, raffle items, other. (Raffle items valued over \$100 may be used as Grand Prizes.)

Name as it is to be displayed: _____

Item Description: _____ Approx. \$ value: _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

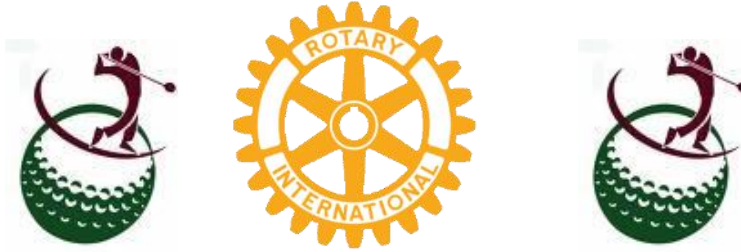
Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Tax ID 23-7063766

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Camp Star 501(c)3
PO Box 697
Horseheads, NY 14845
607-738-2819



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: _____



Lima Rotary Club

Rotary
Lima, NY



4 DAYS OF FOOD, FUN AND MUSIC
MAKE SURE YOU STOP BY THE LIMA
ROTARY "BIG DOG" STAND FOR A
GRILLED HOTDOG W/ BIG DOG MEAT
HOT SAUCE!!

Proceeds go to: Steve "Big Dawg" Robertson
Scholarship Fund.

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Featuring...

Kids zone
50/50 raffle
Delicious festival food
Souvenir T-shirts & hats
Corn-eating contest at noon
Over 100 arts & crafts vendors
Live music & entertainment all day

* *the*
Skycoasters *



Avon Rotary Beer Tent

Premium craft beverages from
Watershed Brewery

Avon Rotary Corn Booth

Famous corn fritters. Sweet corn and salt
potatoes from J&A Market.

Saturday August 9 10 am - 10:30 pm



avoncornfest.com

**42nd Annual Spencerport Rotary
Golf Tournament
Saturday, August 9th, 2025**

- Location:** Timber Ridge Golf Club
7061 W. Ridge Rd., Brockport
- When:** Saturday, August 9, 2025
11:30 AM Registration/lunch/putting contest
1:00 PM Shotgun Start
- Cost:** \$125* entry fee per player / \$500 per foursome

** Includes Gift Bag with 2 Beer Tickets (No outside alcohol allowed)
Automatic entry into 50/50 - \$15 value, basket raffle tickets - \$10 value
Extra 50/50 and basket raffle tickets available \$10 each*

Shotgun Start with Scramble Format
Awards for Men's, Ladies and Mixed Teams
Lunch at registration – hot dog or hamburger, chips, soft drink
Water and soda on course
Buffet Dinner

PUTTING CONTEST SPONSORED BY Spencerport Schools Robotics Team

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/42nd-annual-spencerport-rotary-golf-tournament>

Or mail registration form with check

Questions? Email Joe Marasco at joedovetree@yahoo.com



PARTIAL PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO SUPPORT THE OGDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Team Registration Form

Team Name _____

Address _____

City State & Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Email _____

Players

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Extra 50/50 Qty: _____ @ \$10 each = _____

Extra basket raffle: Qty: _____ @ \$10 each = _____

Dinner only: Qty: _____ @ \$25 each = _____

Mail with check to:

Spencerport Rotary

Golf Tournament

PO Box 274

Spencerport, NY 14559

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEWARK ROTARY FAMILY FEST

**SATURDAY
23RD AUGUST
11.00AM TO 7.00PM**

FREE ENTRY

**FIREMAN'S FIELD
100 BARKER PKWY
NEWARK**

**LIVE MUSIC
RUBY SHOOZ**

VENDORS

SILENT AUCTION

FOOD AND GAMES

Newark
Rotary
Club

Family Fest



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23,
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

ALL SCHOOL AGES WELCOME!!!

- ★ SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY
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- ★ GAMES + BOUNCE HOUSE
- ★ MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAE



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Save the Date!!

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

at Empire Sports of the Southern Tier

All proceeds go to community projects.

5pm doors open with the first game at 6pm.

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

District Golf Tournament

September 12 Reservoir Creek Golf Club
Naples, N.Y.

Upcoming CLUB Events

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Coupon Book Sale

Rotary Club of International Service

Build-A-Chair Project

July 11 & 12 Geneseo Rotary Club

Summer Festival

July 21 Camp Star

Golf Tournament

July 28 Honeoye Lake Rotary

40th Annual Golf Tournament

July 31 / 8/3 Lima Rotary Club Hot Dog Stand

@ Lima Festival

August 9 Spencerport Rotary Club

Golf

August 9 Avon Corn Festival

August 23 Newark Rotary Club

Family Festival - Firemen's Field, 100 Barker
Parkway, Newark

August 23 Seneca Falls Rotary

Back to School Bash

September 10 Chemung County Sunrise

Rotary - Purse Bingo



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