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Dave DeMers, District Governor

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The month of May moves us closer to the end of the Rotary year. This month's Rotary theme is Youth Service. Rotary District 7120 Youth Services recognizes the positive change can be implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

At the District Conference in Corning from May 2-4, 2025, the youth were highlighted on Friday evening. The parade of flags had Youth Exchange students highlight the countries that they are from (inbound students) and the countries students are heading to (outbound students).

Leadership is an essential aspect of Rotary—and we offer both clubs and programs to help emerging leaders develop their skills. Through these groups, participants strengthen their leadership skills, serve their communities, increase their world understanding, build friendships, and more.

Our programs are always striving to improve and develop with the help of our dedicated Rotarians, and Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange Alumni. If you need more information in the areas of Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Contests, and Camps, our experienced chairpersons are here to help.

Rotary Youth Service, one of Rotary International's Five Avenues of Service, focuses on empowering young people through leadership development, education, humanitarian service, and international understanding. It supports youth in building personal and professional skills, and in becoming responsible, engaged global citizens.

Here are the key components of Rotary Youth Service:

1. Rotaract

- For ages 18 and up (often university students or young professionals).
- Rotaract clubs organize service projects, develop leadership skills, and network with community and global leaders.
- Rotaractors often collaborate with local Rotary clubs but are independently run.

2. Interact

- For youth aged 12–18.
- Interact clubs are school- or community-based and focus on leadership development and community service.

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• Projects usually include one that benefits their school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

3. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

- A leadership training program for young people, typically aged 14–30.
- Events range from one-day seminars to week-long camps.
- Focus is on leadership, citizenship, and personal growth.

4. Youth Exchange

- Offers students aged 15–19 the chance to live and study abroad for a few weeks to a year.
- Participants gain cultural understanding and global perspective.
- Rotary handles placements and support, promoting peace and friendship.

5. New Generations Service Exchange

- Short-term, customizable exchanges for university students and young professionals (ages 18–30).
- Focuses on vocational or humanitarian service experiences.

Goals of Rotary Youth Service:

- Encourage and foster ethical leadership and service among youth.
- Create opportunities for youth to develop personally and professionally.
- Promote peace, cultural exchange, and international understanding.

DG Dave DeMers Rotary District 7120 District Governor 2024-2025



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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

Arae 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.



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

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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 <u>Statement of Intent</u> and <u>Club Compliance</u> 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 rosbrookp@gmail.com 585 709-6633

new generations service exchange

Rotary District 7120

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 <u>Julie Carney</u> 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!



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 $\sim 2 \frac{1}{2}$ 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 feet 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): <u>https://www.lowes.com/pd/Freedom-4-in-x-4-in-x-8-ft-White-Composite-Deck</u> -Post-Sleeve/5015285283
- 2. **Post Cap (\$4.48):** <u>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</u>

3. Fence Post (\$16.88): <u>https://www.lowes.com/pd/Severe-Weather-Common-4-in-x-4-in-x-10-ft-Actual-3-5-in-x-10-ft-2-Treated-Lumber/4222509-</u>

4. **Bag of Concrete (\$4.46):** <u>https://www.lowes.com/pd/Sakrete-High-Strength-60-lb-High-Strength-</u> Concrete-Mix/5015648043

5. **Peace Pole QR Code (\$10):** Contact Larry Strober at <u>Isstrober@gmail.com</u>. Provide the physical location of the pole to be added to the map.

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

Submitted by Ann DeMers

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Mental Health Awareness Month

The theme of mental health awareness month in 2025 is "**In Every Story, There's Strength**". Over the years, Mental Health Awareness Month has gained much popularity across the world. People are now talking about it and offering their support to increase awareness.

MHA

Mental Health America

What if someone talks to you about their mental health?

Listen. Let them finish their sentences and complete thoughts without interrupting. After they have finished you can respond. Let them know if you understand. If someone has just spilled their guts and and you've gone through something similar—tell them. It helps a lot for someone to know they aren't alone. Make sure you don't switch the topic of conversation to your struggles though; focus on their needs.

Avoid being judgmental. Don't tell them they are being weird or crazy; it's not helpful at all.

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Take them seriously. Try not to respond with statements that minimize how they are feeling or what they are going through, such as, "You're just having a bad week," or "I'm sure it's nothing." Make yourself available to talk again if needed. While it can be a big relief for someone to share something they have been keeping secret, mental health struggles usually aren't solved with one conversation. Let the person who has spoken with you know that they can reach out to you again if they are having a tough time. It's ok to let them know if there is a time of day or certain days of the week that you aren't available. For instance, "I'm here for you if you need to talk, but my parents don't let me use the phone after 9 on school nights, so call before then.

Don't turn what you've been told into gossip. If someone is talking to you about their mental health, it was probably tough for them to work up the nerve to say something in the first place and you shouldn't share what they tell you with other students at school. Let them share on their own terms.

If you don't understand, do some research and learn about what you've been told. Make sure that your information is coming from reliable sources like government agencies and health organizations. Submitted by Christine Casaceli, District 7120 Mental Health Chair christinecasaceli@hotmail.com

Submitted by Christine Casaceli



ROTARY 201: May 22, 2025 ZOOM Link: <u>Rotary201*</u>

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

MAY: YOUTH SERVICES MONTH Youth Exchange, RYLA, Interact

MAY: ROTARY Magazine, page 20 Community Assessment: The Real Opportunity

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

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.

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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

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

SPRING TRASH OLYMPICS UNDERWAY

So far this Spring we have three strong entries, and clubs such as Brockport and Clifton Springs have completed project and are preparing their entries. As a reminder, clubs should take a picture of their haul from various projects such as road adoptions, local clean-up projects, watershed maintenance, and can and bottle drive projects. Also please send a picture of the participants. Waste Management and the Fairport Club are sponsoring prizes.

Rule Clarifications. At the April meeting, the EAC clarified several questions over rules:

- A truckload of trash not bagged will count as ten bags

- Large electronic items will count as a bag, but must be collected as having been abandoned. Household items turned in to recycling centers do not count. However, all electronic items should be turned in to a authorized recycling center.

Clubs should send their entries to Lisa Norwood NLT 30 June at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11MAkFmcoKbiQVmgdQWVl8O7Y13y194HC3jGq_MlQGdE/ edit#response=ACYDBNgi_PzIbRnzp9EpGK0a3UZ4xl8rCjHNK8X-zWAyi5Ix82g80c3-qcZzg7HyLZaIy5c

Questions can be directed to Gary Anderson, EAC Chair at gwa1948@aol.com or (571) 212-0483.





PLEASE CONTACT CJ SCROGER WITH QUESTIONS AT CSCROGER@REDWINGSBASEBALL.COM



MARCH WITH ROTARY DISTRICT 7120 AT THE ROCHESTER PRIDE PARADE!





Where volunteers belong!

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

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KEY BENEFITS OF ADULT LITERACY



Economic Opportunities/Growth: Enables better job opportunities, higher earnings potential, advancement in careers. Opens doors to many professions or careers; leads to economic growth, development and stability. Drives a more thriving economy.

Health and Well-Being: Improves access to health information, better ability to understand medical diagnoses, medical instructions and practices, prescriptions, improved health care and outcomes, and higher quality of life. Everyone should significantly reduce all screen time.

Cognitive Development: Reading/writing and listening stimulate cognitive functions, improving memory, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills; helps individuals to better analyze information and make reasoned decisions. Reading for pleasure in older adults continues to stimulate the mind – "fiction" is the better reading choice as it "is a challenge to your working memory", because it has to follow plot and time lines, subterfuge and keep track of characters. (Your memory isn't as stimulated by nonfiction which is facts, data, history, and statistics, but continue reading it anyway)!

Educational Advancement: Literacy is the foundation for further education and life-long learning across all disciplines. It enables individuals to pursue higher education and acquire new skills throughout their lives. It fosters critical thinking, develops creativity and innovation, and advances discoveries in science and technology.

Family Benefits: Literate parents are better equipped to support their children's education. A mother's reading skills are the greatest determinant of her children's future academic success. Literate adults observed reading are strong role models for younger children and students.

Crime Rates: There is a strong correlation between low literacy levels and higher crime rates, as individuals with limited education/literacy may turn to illegal activities out of necessity or lack of opportunity.

Civic Engagement: Literate adults are better equipped to participate in civic life. They can understand and engage in democratic and political processes, vote responsibly and stay informed about societal issues, contributing to a more effective and informed citizenry.

Social Participation/Benefits: Literacy fosters greater engagement in community activities, civic duties, and contributions to societal development; strengthens social bonds promoting a more inclusive society generating a greater level of respect, tolerance and cooperation among the population.

Cultural Awareness: Allows individuals to access a wide range of cultural (art, music, sculpture and literature) and informational resources, broadening their conception and understanding of the world. Preserves and shares cultural heritages.

May is Asian Pacific Island Heritage Month

Select a book to read in May that features one of these cultures and countries!

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







Our wish is to have at least

one member of the PolioPlus Society from every club.

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

As a founding partner of the <u>Global Polio Eradication Initiative</u>, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

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

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

By the numbers:

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

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





MAGIC ALL AROUND

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#Rotary25



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

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All Aboard the Rotary Garden Express! Let's Beautify Camp Haccamo's Railway Gardens This Spring

Spring is chugging along, and our beloved Camp Haccamo team is full steam ahead. As you know, our Rotary Clubs have the honor of sponsoring the beautiful landscape gardens that line our iconic Haccamo Railway tracks. These gardens delight every child (and grown-up!) who takes a ride, but they're also in need of some TLC.





Imagine all the wide eyes and smiling faces that pass by these gardens each summer on the Haccamo Express. It's time to make them shine. We're calling on clubs to schedule a garden TLC day this season. Gather your fellow members, grab your tools, and let's transform these railway gardens into scenic wonderlands. <u>Come join us on Saturday, May 17</u> from 9 am – 12 pm. It's BYO, so bring your own tools and a sandwich or snack. We'll be there to help Rush Henreitta Rotary spruce up their landscape and we can help you too! [Pictured here is the Fairport Rotary last year.] These gardens are a great way to advertise to the world (and all those Camp Haccamo and Camp

Sunshine riders) the incredible impact our Rotary community has on this magical place! Call Neal at 212-203-3889 or Dolly at 585-455-5286 and we can help you schedule your club's Garden TLC Day. If your club does not have a garden yet we'll get you one!

Our Annual Car Show is an Event for All Area Clubs! The Camp Haccamo Auto show is just around the corner and it's the perfect chance to connect with fellow Rotarians, car enthusiasts, represent your club, become a valued sponsor, or proudly display your prized vehicle. Of course, you're also welcome to simply join us for a day of fun and fantastic cars! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we'd be thrilled if you could contribute. If you're able to lend a hand, donate a gift basket, raffle prize, or door prize, please reach out. Want to learn more about how you can get involved? Click here: https://www.camphaccamo.org. We Are Hiring Join us at Camp Haccamo this Summer! Registration for our 2025 overnight sessions is now open for both campers (ages 7-18: July 28 - August 1; ages 19-30: August 4-8) and individuals eager to make a difference as counselors. Register campers at https://www.camphaccamo.org and apply to be a compassionate and energetic counselor at https://www.camphaccamo.org.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently inducted new member Michael Bay-Borelli, who moved here from Custer, SD after retiring. He was a former Rotarian there and he and his wife wanted to move back to Canandaigua. Michael was a math teacher and school administrator.

Pictured are Club President Kim Tenreiro, Janet Tenreiro PDG, Michael Bay-Borelli, and Mark Sheppard:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg







Canandaigua Rotary Inducts New Member

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently inducted Ben Green who is an intern at Sonnenberg Gardens. He attended Keuka College and graduated from FLCC, loves music and dancing. Executive Director at Sonnenberg Gardens Dave Hutchings says he's a young person with a great attitude, and mentoring him is often the best part of Dave's work week.



Pictured above are Ed O'Connor, Janet Tenreiro PDG, Club President Kim Tenreiro, Ben Green, and Dave Hutchings, Sponsor.

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg







Geneva Rotary Club

The Geneva Rotary Club is proud to welcome Joe Hayes (right) as a club member. He was sponsored by long-time Rotarian Charles Bauder. Joe, a West Irondequoit native, is a financial adviser with Equitable Life and a former director of the Dove Block Project in Geneva.





Dansville Rotary Club

On May 6th Dansville Rotary inducted 3 new members to its Club. Perhaps this is the first 3-person induction ceremony in the history of the Dansville Club. Two new members are joined by one returning Rotarian who left the Club several years ago due to scheduling conflicts. Pictured here are Jenni Leuzzi, member sponsor; Ruth Boss (returning member); Jackie Council (Vincent House administrator); Rotary Pres & member sponsor. Amy Pollard; Traci Stillman Sciotti (Director of Marketing, PR, & Foundation at Noyes/UR Hospital); and Peter Vogt, (Chair of the Membership Committee, and Governor Nominee-Designate for District 7120).



Submitted by Teresa Dearing







The Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary Club on April 23 inducted former NY Legislator and Current Dir. of the Greece Chamber Joe Robach. Joe had been a Greece Rotary Honorary Member from his days in the legislature.

Joe helped the club while in the legislature in securing a \$75,000.00 matching grant for the Greece Rotary to build at the Greece Canal Park the First Handicapped Accessible Playground in Monroe County in 1999.

Joe's Sponsor was Two Time Greece Rotary President Mike Sofia.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon

Velcome









Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

2025 D-7120 CONFERENCE -YEX STUDENT JACOB LUNDGREN (SWEDEN) WITH V-F CLUB MEMBERS L TO R - PAM ROSBROOK-SCHLIERF, GALEN POWERS, YEX JACOB LUNDGREN, JUDY & DAVE LUITWEILER

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler





Bloomfield Rotary Club

PDG Ralph, Santiago, Marce, inbound student Jade from Finland, and outbound student Gia heading to Japan all attended the 2025 District Conference in Corning.

Submitted by Marce Chavez





I am so very proud of my little Rotaract Club of SUNY Geneseo. This academic year, we didn't start off strong, but we're wrapping up the year together with community & solidarity. On Monday evening some of us attended the Student Org Banquet, and recieved the Commitment to Service Award as a club. We were the only recipient of this award, and were among the total of 10 group awards given out. With over 180 student organizations on campus, I could not be any more honored than I already am. This amazing group has provided 227 collective hours of community service since September 2024. This does not include time volunteering outside of our club, which isn't uncommon with our awesome group members!

Thank you SUNY Geneseo Student Life for this award ♥

Submitted by Jillian Mitchell





Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club

Susan S. Takes the Polar Plunge!*

A big shoutout to Susan S. from the Ontario-Walworth Club for taking on the challenge at the District Rotaract 7120 First Annual Polar Plunge Fundraiser!

She braved the icy waters of Conesus Lake at a bone-chilling 40°F.

Not only did Susan dive right in, but she also got to meet the famous Polar Bear!

Amazing job, Susan—you're braver than most of us, and your courage inspires us all!

Susan raise \$265 through our club's support for Camp O!

This event was hosted by the Rotary Youth Exchange.

Christine Lo Destro

Pal-Mac Rotary Club

These two stretched the bounds of sanity to help raise money for our District Rotary Camps! They were heard to have exclaimed something like "SHIP!" upon exiting the frigid water... Congrats to Kim Clement and Marie Fessler for your participation in the District Rotaracts Polar Plunge!!

Submitted by Jeff Crawford







Bloomfield Rotary Club

Bloomfield Rotary hosted a successful Euchre tournament, raising around \$1,000 for Camp Onseyawa.





Santiago, a Rotex and Bloomfield Rotarian, took part in the First Annual Polar Plunge along with some grandchildren of one of his host families.

Submitted by Marce Chavez

Geneseo Rotary Club

Earth Day Clean-up event 4/12/25. Geneseo Rotary participants were Patti LaVigne, Debby Emerson, Nancy Cleveland and Steve Weiner. Jullian Mitchell was there from Rotaract. We partnered with Habitat for Humanity, Livingston, Cares, SUNY Geneseo and Geneseo School District. All totaled, there were 20-25 people there. By the end of the day we had completely filled up the town truck and had an additional pile that would not fit on it.

Submitted by Patti LaVigne









Geneseo Rotary Club

Student of the month, January - February



Jackson Willis (L photo) and Keenan Rowcliffe (R photo), also in photos are PP Heather Ferrero (L) and President Don Livingston.

Submitted by Heather Ferrero Photos by Howard Stewart

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary

In February the Southern Tier lost Talitha "Tali" Sutton at age 39 unexpectedly from a medical emergency. She served as the CEO of CareFirstNY that provides Hospice, Palliative Care and Grief support to Chemung, Steuben and Schuyler counties. Her dedication to others, her kindness and her spirit made her a beacon of light to others. Many people were devastated by her passing. Our club president, Melissa Morse, came up with the idea to hold a "Be Like Tali-Accelerate Action" fundraiser and asked people to write about the hero in their lives in conjunction with Women's Day on March 8th.and suggested a \$10.00 donation. We were overwhelmed by the number of nominations and donations! We raised a total of \$1.200.00! We held a "Pizza and Prosecco"(Tali's favorite meal) celebration and gave out several donated gift baskets as door prizes and presented \$600.00 each to CareFirstNY and the Fund for Women! Thank you Melissa for the heartwarming event!



Submitted by Sandra Jessup



Rochester Rotary Club

For Rotary year 2024-2025, Rochester Rotary was awarded \$2813 dollars for a District Simplified Grant by District 7120 towards a borehole water well project for the Magodes Primary School in the Tororo District in Uganda. The implementing NGO, Ugandan Water Project was able to complete the borehole project on time and on budget. The borehole project had a \$10,000 budget that was supported by funds from Rochester Rotary, the District Simplified Grant and four other Rotary Clubs in D7120; Dansville, Naples, Chemung Sunrise and ROC SouthWest Clubs. The borehole project now provides clean water to roughly 1,500 schoolchildren and individuals in this school district. See the full report from UWP here:



https://portal.mwater.co/#/dashboards/4aec56fc9dc54f1d8d4db18cc8edee70? share=a0d4114eb9bc4b87b38fafd943504abe

Submitted by Richard de Asis

Roc City Rotary

🏂 Roc City Rotary Fundraiser: Bags & Brews Cornhole Tournament 🏂

Join Roc City Rotary for a fun-filled afternoon at Three Heads Brewing for our Bags & Brews Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, June 21st from 1 PM to 5 PM!

- Y 1st Place Prize: \$150 + Drink Tokens!
- Enjoy craft beer selections and exciting raffles throughout the day!
- Proceeds benefit Roc City Rotary Club and Open Door Mission.
- P Location: Three Heads Brewing, 186 Atlantic Ave, Rochester, NY 14607
- Registration: \$50 per team | \$30 individual
- Register early space is limited! More info: bit.ly/RocCity2025

Come toss some bags, sip some brews, and support great local causes!

Submitted by Kelsey Holland





Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club



During the April 14, 2025 Town Board Meeting, the Town Supervisor, Ben Aman, and board proudly recognized Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow Dr. Norman Loomis and his wife Laura "Jinny" Loomis for their remarkable contributions to our community. Their dedication has left an indelible mark on the lives of Ontario residents, shaping a better and brighter future for all.

In appreciation of their impact, the Town Board has officially named the park on the east side of Bear Creek Harbor, north of Lake Road, Loomis Landing a tribute to their legacy of service, generosity, and commitment to the betterment of Ontario.

Congratulations to Doc and Jinny Loomis! Thank you for everything you have done for our town—we are forever grateful for your kindness and leadership.

Doc Loomis dedicated 42 years to medical practice, opening his office in the Town of Ontario in 1954, and retiring in 1997.

Doc has been a member of the Ontario-Walworth Club since 1978.

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WAYNE COUNTY'S "COMMUNITY OF GOOD NE.

MEMORANDUM: PR10-2025

TO: Town Supervisor, Ontario Town Board

FROM: William I. Riddell, Parks & Recreation Director DATE: April 8, 2025

RE: Naming of Eastside of Bear Creek Harbor: Loomis Landing

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO NAME LOOMIS LANDING IN HONOR OF DR. NORMAN LOOMIS AND MRS. LAURA "JINNY" LOOMIS

WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Loomis and Mrs. Laura "Jinny" Loomis are valued members of the Ontario community who made significant contributions to the betterment of our town and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Loomis dedicated 42 years to medical practice, opening his office in the Town of Ontario in 1954, and retiring in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Loomis played an integral role in the formation of the Ontario Volunteer Emergency Squad in the late 1960s and took care of tens of thousands of Wayne County individuals and families during his career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Loomis was one of the first family doctors to earn privileges at Strong Memorial Hospital, served as the Chief of the Department of Family Practice at Rochester General Hospital for many years, and was also a member of the hospital's board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Loomis served as the Town of Ontario's Health Director for over 20 years as was named the Town of Ontario's Citizen of the Year in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Laura "Jinny" Loomis was the first woman elected to the Ontario Town Board in the 1970s and was re-elected in the 1990s, making substantial contributions to the tow in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Loomis served on the Wayne Central School Board, worked for the Four Counties School Board, was a member of the Ontario Planning Board, and volunteered for the Heritage Square Museum, where she played a key role in relocating a train station to the museum; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Loomis was the liaison to multiple departments, including the Parks and Recreation Department, during her tenure as an Ontario Councilwoman; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Loomis received the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015 for her tireless service to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ontario Town Board to honor the lasting impact of Dr. Norman Loomis and Mrs. Laura "Jinny" Loomis on our town and its residents, in recognition of their accomplishments, but certainly not limited to those mentioned herein; and

WHEREAS, the parkland located on the east side of Bear Creek Harbor, north of Lake Road, is an ideal location to recognize the legacy of Dr. Norman Loomis and Mrs. Laura "Jinny" Loomis, providing a space for future generations to reflect upon and celebrate their contributions to our community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of Ontario, New York, that the park currently located on the east side of Bear Creek Harbor, north of Lake Road, shall be named Loomis Landing in honor of Dr. Norman Loomis and Mrs. Laura "Jinny" Loomis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall take the necessary actions to ensure this name change is recorded and communicated to all relevant parties.

Submitted by Christine Lodestro



Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club donated a \$10,000 portion of the Holden Memorial Award to the Canandaigua Lake Watershed association. It is to be used to purchase scientific and educational equipment to monitor and evaluate the health of Canandaigua Lake. The Holden Memorial Award was a generous gift by the Holden family to the Canandaigua Rotary Club in honor of the late James and Jane Holden. James Holden was a Past District Governor for Rotary and a dedicated member of the Canandaigua Rotary Club and traveled internationally on behalf of Rotary International.

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Pictured above are Doug Merrill, Club President Kim Tenreiro, Susan Martenson, Lindsey Ayers, and Mark Sheppard.

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg

Geneva Rotary Club

Ontario County Judge Kristina "Kitty" Karle addressed the Geneva Rotary Club recently and gave an inspirational talk on her becoming the first female county judge in Ontario County history and her battle with breast cancer after becoming a judge. Judge Karle, shown with Rotarian Ray Ciancaglini, is now a candidate for State Supreme Court Justice in the 7th Judicial District.

Submitted by Phil Beckley





The Greece Rotary Club

The Month of April was Law Enforcement Month at The Greece Rotary with Monroe County Sheriff and former Greece Rotary Member Todd Baxter, and current Greece Police Chief Mike Wood speaking to the club.

Both Todd and Mike were very informative on the state of law enforcement in our town and the county. Both were in the police academy together and have worked very closely on many policing challenges they are facing.

One of their main focuses for both agencies is on Police Technology. Whether it is the use of drones, or the new license plate readers (LPR) that the Greece Police has implemented with tremendous success.

Sheriff Baxter is trying to get the County Legislature's approval for the license plate readers as well.



Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter



Greece Police Chief Mike Wood

Submitted by Chuck Gannon

Geneva Rotary Club

Geneva Rotarians recently facilitated a three-day visit to Geneva by a group of Lithuanian dancers who performed their dances in a program at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Rotarian Dave Cook organized a dinner for the group where Rotarians got a chance to dance with the young people. The dancers also performed for Lyons school students at the Ohmann Theatre in Lyons and toured Geneva High School. They are on a several week tour performing in cities around the country. Geneva Rotary has previously hosted another group of Lithuanians and a group of dancers and musicians from Armenia.



Submitted by Phil Beckley



Pal-Mac Rotary News

Caring and Sharing would characterize our club's activities for April. Oh yeah, we also had fun while getting things done (our motto).

Following our two members participating in the Polar Plunge earlier in the month, we hosted guest speaker Debbie Lyon, who is the Program Director at the Saunders Finger Lakes Museum in Branchport for a late month lunch meeting. Our Rotary focus for the month of April was the Environment, and Debbie talked to us about the importance of saving and preserving our wetlands. The importance of wetlands is possibly something many of us may never have thought about. They are critical for not only flood control issues, but filtering and assuring our lakes are clean, to say nothing about providing a wonderful habitat for many animals and critters!! Debbie's presentation was not only informative, but she brought a lot of humor to her talk.





Club President, Marie Fessler, enjoying the presentation of an appreciation gift to Debbie.

Debbie Lyon emphasizing the importance of protecting wetlands!

Finally, on the last Friday of the month we gathered at Hooligan's in Macedon for our monthly Social. Fifteen of us had the opportunity to care for one another while making our club more visible in our communities.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford and Marie Fessler

Fifteen members and friends at Hooligans.



May 2025

BATH ROTARY CLUB

As part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project, the Bath Rotary Club recently participated in the cleanup of public access to Tyrtle Beach on the shore of Lake Salubria, located on the outskirts of the Village of Bath, in order to beautify the environment.

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The local project was spearheaded by Tess McKinley, 2022 – 2023 Bath Rotary Club President. She noted that the district encourages Rotary clubs to take on a Watershed Project around this time of year as a part of ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group). Those Bath Rotarians, who participated in the project at Tyrtle Beach, took pride in picking up many tree branches and twigs, raking even more leaves, and removing other tripping hazards.

For those who do not live in the Southern Tier, Tyrtle Beach is an annual grass roots fundraising campaign that is organized by Steuben Youth Services, Inc. to support youth programs in Central Steuben County. Over \$ 850,00.00 has been raised since it first started in 1992; 100% of the donated funds are distributed to approximately 80 youth programs in the area. The Bath Rotary Club proudly donated funds again this year to this fundraising campaign. Founders of the event named it Tyrtle Beach because it occurred when many local residents traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for spring break. The first jumper was Dave Taylor Smith, radio announcer at WVIN; he jumped for 6 more years before other local "celebrity" jumpers took over. A prominent community member is selected to jump in Lake Salubria, which is usually quite chilly at the end of April, while community members and organizations pledge money for the event. Several of the past jumpers have been Bath Rotarians.

Those Bath Rotary Club members participating in the cleanup included: Eddie VanStine, President-Elect; Leigh Ann Rumsey, Co-Sergeant-at-Arms; Elaine Tears, Public Relations Chair and Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc. Chair; Tess McKinley, Newsletter Editor; Jen Hutches, Interact Advisor; Joe Rumsey; Jami Long. McKinley's husband, Sean, and their children, Claire and Carter, also helped.

Written by Elaine Tears Pictures by Jami Long and Eddie VanStine



Bath Rotarians also cleaned up the shore of Lake Salubria itself, site of Tyrtle Beach. Standing left to right are: Jen Hutches, Carter McKinley, Tess McKinley, Sean McKinley, Claire McKinley, Leigh Ann Rumsey, Elaine Tears, Joe Rumsey, and Eddie VanStine. Absent from photo is Jami Long who took the picture.



Leaves, Leaves, and More Leaves! As part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project, Bath Rotarians cleaned up the property near Lake Salubria, site of the 2025 Tyrtle Beach Jump. Standing left to right are: Claire McKinley, Jen Hutches, Sean McKinley, Elaine Tears, Leigh Ann Rumsey, Joe Rumsey, Eddie VanStine, Tess McKinley, and Carter McKinley. Absent from photo is Jami Long who took the picture.



The 2025 Tyrtle Beach Jump occurred on April 25. The 2025 Jumper, standing in the middle, was Mike Jackson, Bath Village Police Investigator. Standing to his left in the picture is Dave Taylor Smith, the first jumper back in 1992 and to his right are two Bath Rotarians, who were previous jumpers, Kelly Fitzpatrick in 2021 and Joe Rumsey in 2012.





Chemung County Sunrise Rotary

We held our annual Easter flower fundraiser in April. We visited the GorillaBots, a local robotics club made up of high school students from local schools. We donated \$500.00 to the team to help with expenses for their competition. They finished 26th in the world and 14th in the First world championships! We are selling cookies to raise funds for Camp Star and some members have participated in Euchre tournaments that are raising funds for a joint project with the Horseheads club and the local Kiwanis club.to build public bathrooms in the village of Horseheads at Teal Park. Several club members attended the Night at the Races in March that is the annual fund raiser for Meals on Wheel of Chemung County. We attend this every year in honor of Darlene Ike, deceased, a fellow Rotarian and Director of Meals on Wheels.



Chemung Sunrise, Kevin Sullivan, his two sons and puppy, Elyse Bellinger and her daughters, Jackie Stevens, Beth Stranges and Melissa Morse,



Last weekend several club members participated in the I Love My Park days in Horseheads and helped clean Maple Grove cemetery.

Submitted by Sandra Jessup

VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB

The use of forensic science as a valuable tool in modern law enforcement investigations was the topic of a program recently presented to the V-F Rotary club by Investigator Jessica Kuzdal of the New York State Police. Investigator Kuzdal is a member of the Forensic Investigation Unit (FIU) that works out of the Forensic Science Building at Troop E Headquarters in Farmington.

Investigator Kuzdal is an eight-year member of the State Police with previous assignments that included two years in New York City, as well as upstate assignments. The FIU unit handles state police cases in the Troop E area (Rochester/Finger Lakes/Southern Tier) where their technical skills are needed. The unit will also respond to a request for assistance from local police agencies.

Her presentation included a step-by-step review of an actual violent case that was successfully managed and prosecuted. Upon the conclusion of her presentation, she responded to numerous questions from the assembled Rotarians.



Submitted by Dave Luitweiler





Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President-Elect, proudly and enthusiastically registers for the 2025 Rotary District 7120 Conference, held May 2 – 4 at the Hilton Hotel in Corning.

Brandi Graham, Nancy Latour, Jay Maslyn, Mike Slovak, and Eddie VanStine, members of the Bath Rotary Club, attended the Rotary District 7120 Conference, held at the Radisson Hotel in Corning on May 2 – 4. The local delegates enjoyed very much the receptions, banquets, entertainment, speakers, silent auction, breakout sessions, the Parade of Flags by the Youth Exchange Students, and all the other events. Three of those Bath Rotarians in attendance also played in the Conference Golf Tournament, held on the greens of Willowcreek Golf Course. The attendees would like to express their sincere thanks to the 2024 – 2025 Rotary District 7120 Governor, Dave DeMers, and his conference committee as well as Corning Rotarians and the staff at the Hilton for an informative and exciting conference.

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Written by Elaine Tears Pictures by Eddie VanStine



Three Bath Rotarians participated in the Golf Tournament, part of the Rotary District 7120 Conference. In order to make up a four-man team they were joined by Cory Walker from the Corning Rotary Club. Standing left to right are: Cory Walker, Brandi Graham, Eddie VanStine, and Nancy Latour.



Jay Maslyn, Bath Rotary Club Treasurer, and Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President-Elect, enjoyed events at the 2025 Rotary District 7120 Conference, held May 2 – 4 in Corning. They also enjoyed meeting many Fellow Rotarians from across Rotary District 7120.





Corning Rotary Club

Sakura Celebration at the Corning Rotary Cherry Blossom Trail



Recently on a perfect spring day, members of the community and the Corning Rotary Club gathered at Denison Park in Corning to celebrate the **Sakura** — the blooming of cherry trees along the Rotary Cherry Blossom Trail. In full blossom, the trees offered a quiet moment of beauty and reflection, honoring a cherished tradition observed each spring in Japan.

Rotarian and Corning Mayor Bill Boland warmly welcomed guests, inviting everyone to enjoy the simplicity of the occasion: a gentle walk, the scent of spring, and a celebration of renewal. The gathering was informal and open to all — a shared moment of appreciation and connection.

Attendees strolled the trail beneath the blossoms, eventually arriving at the Kakegawa Grove, dedicated in 2023 to commemorate Corning's sister city relationship with Kakegawa, Japan. Since 1989, that friend-

ship has flourished through cultural, student, and adult exchanges.

Originally planted in 2021 to mark Corning Rotary's 100th anniversary, the cherry trees now serve as a living legacy — a reminder of Rotary's commitment to community, beauty, and connection across cultures. As one visitor shared, "We hope this spring brings you the spirit of renewal." Submitted by Jan Harvey




VICTOR – FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB

The V-F Rotary club continued an annual tradition of assembling Easter Baskets for the children at the Wilson Commencement Park (WCP) in Rochester. The WCP strives to assist low-income, single-parent families' transition to financial independence and personal self-sufficiency. Club members devoted a recent meeting to assembling baskets with candies, artificial eggs, small stuffed animals, straw, etc. The baskets were then delivered to the WCP complex in the city. Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



L TO R - V-F ROTARIANS ROSE HOGAN, VICTOR ARSENAULT & BRUCE CHAPMAN FILLING BASKETS



V-F ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS WITH FINISHED PRODUCTS

Dansville Rotary Club

ROTARIANS DONATE AND SERVE MONTHLY "HOPE" LUNCHEON April 26th, Dansville Rotary was responsible for the monthly "Hope Community Luncheon" at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. These lunches provide quality meals and fellowship for anyone in the community who feels a need for companionship and sustenance.



Pictured on the serving line are Dansville Rotarians Clare Vandurme, Peter Vogt, John "Doc" Skillings, Ruth Boss, and Janet Martucio. Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Perry Rotary Club

Perry Rotary Club dedicated a Peace Pole in Memorial Park on South Main Street on Thursday, May 8, 2025. The public space downtown is a place of rest and contemplation. Its beautification and development received much Rotary support and is worth a drive to our "curiously hip" community to see it. Its message "May Peace be in our Hearts," backdrop mural is painted on Rotarian Mike and Anita Bellamy's building being transformed into a museum of Asian antiquities they have collected over years plus an outdoor recreation store.

Perry Rotary President Daryl McLaughlin read a message of peace written by Pope Francis, who passed on April 21, 2025. The dedication came on the heels of a talk earlier in the day by former member, child advocate/attorney Jane Monaghan. She was executor of the late Edwin Kitow, whose estate gave substantial behests to Perry Rotary, Genesee Valley Rotary Camp and Rotary International.



Peace Pole dedication. From left: past presidents Jeff and Mike Fitch and Eleanor Jacobs, who spearheaded the project, Dick Swanson, Samantha Marcy, Christina Slusser, Nancy Fitch, Denise Macaluso, Brandon Allers, Nancy Meissel and President Daryl McLaughlin.



Caption: Perry Rotary President Daryl McLaughlin, attorney Jane Monaghan, GVRC directors Betsy O'Mara of Geneseo Rotary/GVRC Treasurer and

Edwin was born in California in 1938 to a father who was Japanese born and a mother who was American born of Japanese parents. His father was a Rotarian, and after he passed, his mother remarried family friend/Rotarian Kiyoshi Togasaki. Both dads and his mother were active in Rotary, she receiving a Paul Harris award. Togasaki became the first Japanese president of Rotary International. Togasaki and Edwin, through Jane, gifted a Geisha doll that will be displayed in Bellamy's museum.

Edwin spoke at Perry Rotary over 15 years ago about his experiences in American internment camps. He was 4 when then-President Franklin Roosevelt ordered 100,000 Japanese Americans along the U.S. West Coast from their homes and possessions in 1942. As an adult, Edwin graduated college and had a long career in the U.S. Air Force. He once visited GVRC with Jane and though never a parent, he shared his love for children, especially those with special abilities.

The 2025 Rotary Peace Poles website explains that the monuments display the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth," (or variations) in the language of the host country and other languages meaningful to the host site. The affirmation of peace was originally authored by the late Masahisa Goi of Japan after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



Corning Rotary Club

Corning's Greenhouse Project at the Corning Food Pantry

This spring, Corning Rotary members completed a project that reflects our club's commitment to food security. Supported by a grant from both the club and a District 7120 Grant, the greenhouse will be completed by the end of May with the installation of electricity.

The new greenhouse will greatly expand access to fresh produce at the food pantry. It will actually extend the growing season to 10 months of the year! Already several hundred various seed starters are growing as well as lettuces, beets and carrots.

This project has been spearheaded by the Corning

Club using the District 7120 Grant. Collaborations were developed with Gridley Excavating, the First Presbyterian Church of Corning, and other garden volunteers.

Submitted by Jan Harvey





Fairport Rotary Club

Fairport Rotarian-extraordinaire, Becky Wilson, was warmly recognized for her outstanding contributions in creating and curating the Fairport Rotary newsletter, affectionately titled "The Liftbridge." Becky's bi-weekly editions have quickly become a cherished tradition among members, offering not only important Rotary news and updates but also a healthy dose of humor and personality. Each issue is thoughtfully crafted, featuring upcoming meeting schedules, event announcements, volunteer opportunities, and helpful reminders — all delivered in Becky's signature lighthearted and engaging style. Her efforts have turned "The Liftbridge" into much more than a newsletter; it's a unifying thread for our club, bringing smiles to our inboxes and keeping our Rotary spirit strong.

Submitted by Domenick Cecconi



Spencerport Rotary Club

The Spencerport Rotary Club had many events in April and early May to keep us busy. It started with a membership dinner with Don and Mary Alhart as our special guests. Don spoke to current club members and potential members about what it means to be a Rotarian.

Picture L-R: Ann DeMers, DG Dave DeMers, Don and Mary Alhart, Spencerport Club President Colleen Farley.

Submitted by Colleen Farley

Honeoye Rotary Club

May

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ENVIRONMENTAL EXERCISES

April always finds the Honeoye Rotary Club immersed in environmental exercises. The two most important to the club are our tree bagging fun and roadside cleanup tasks.



The tree bagging actually begins early in the year as we research the best way to acquire the 300 plus seedlings we need to ensure every elementary student at Honeoye Central School is able to take a seed-ling home to plant or give to a neighbor to plant. We try to include staff members as well as students in our C.O.R.A.L. group as they are our main baggers.

The fun always begins on Arbor Day or the Friday closest to that day. We meet at school with our supplies – the seedlings, the produce bags to put each tree in, labels stating the tree is a gift from HLRC, plastic grocery bags to put the classroom group trees in and labels for those classroom bags.

Bagging usually begins around 8 AM and is completed by 9AM ---it is great fun to share with the C.O.R.A.L. students and they love sharing their time with us. This tradition has taken place for well over twenty years and the HLRC hopes to continue it for many more.

Right around Earth Day the members of the HLRC take on the task of cleaning up the roadsides of County Rd. 37. Members walk the highway in their reflective vests and carrying their pick-up sticks to collect any and, hopefully, all the debris from the roadsides. When we drop off our collection of debris at the collection center, we have often been told we have collected the most!

These two community service projects help the HLRC members achieve goals related to supporting our environmental challenges.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

Dansville Rotary Club

DANSVILLE ROTARY DONATES FINAL PLEDGE PAYMENT TO HOSPITAL

Receiving the final pledge payment from Dansville Rotary Club toward the Noyes/UR Hospital Third Floor Renovation is CEO Chad Teeters. Pictured with him is Dansville Rotary President Amy Pollard. The five-year pledge was made in memory of Rotarian Jon Shay who passed away in 2021. Jon was a Dansville Rotarian for more than 40 years.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing







You're invited to our Ice Cream Social at the Rochester Presbyterian Home, this Thursday, May 15th at 5:00 pm. □

Prepare for a sweet way to connect with neighbors, friends, and community members. Only for a donation of \$5.00 per person, with a maximum of \$15.00 per family. This fundraising will support our bike ride, The Roc River Ride, and youth projects.

Come to enjoy a delightful evening filled with scoops of your favorite flavors, delicious toppings, and great company.

Find more information on Club Runner (<u>https://</u> <u>www.crsadmin.com/gen/EventPlanner/</u> <u>EventServices.aspx?aid=14431</u>) and Facebook (<u>https://</u> <u>www.facebook.com/share/16UWphyK5E/</u>).

See you there!

Submitted by Dayanara Vázquez Comas



Spencerport Rotary Club

Over 10 years ago, Rotary purchased a flag to be flown at the Fairview Cemetery in Spencerport in honor of veterans interred there. After a decade, it was not in the best shape. So DG Dave DeMers and Ann DeMers took it upon themselves to replace the flag, so it is again a beautiful, proud reminder that Rotarians honor our veterans. Thanks Dave and Ann for seeing the need for a new flag and replacing it.

Submitted by Colleen Farley





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Penfield Rotary Club

Making a difference, one well at a time in South Sudan:

The Penfield Rotary Club helped sponsor and support Water for South Sudan, who has now drilled more than 600 wells since 2005. We are thrilled to share that the well we sponsored has been drilled and a village in South Sudan now has access to clean water [pictured here]. The well is located in the village of Athieng in Warrap State, South Sudan. The village chief is Kuot Deng Kuot. The GPS coordinates of our well are 8.20409 28.44566. To view this location, copy and paste these numbers into a browser and



hit "Enter" on your keyboard, then click on the map. (You may need to zoom out to see the entire area.)

Join the Penfield Rotary Club at PENFEST:

Stop by our booth at Harris Whalen Park on Friday, May 30, starting at 4 PM for a great afternoon of community and connection. We'll be sharing updates on our latest projects and initiatives that are making a difference in the Penfield area. Plus, don't miss your chance to win big as we will offer a special drawing for a chance to win a large stack of Lottery scratch-off tickets. This is a free event, so bring friends, family, and a spirit of fun. We'd love to see you there!

Submitted by Neal Gorman

Penfield Rotary Club

Earth Day Success:

On Saturday, April 26, the Penfield Rotary Club participated in a special Earth Day cleanup at Harris Whalen Park. The team collected many bags of garbage and enjoyed delicious pizza from Mark's Pizzeria in Penfield. Penfield Rotary loves events like these because they help connect Rotary to so many other groups and teams in Penfield and you can really see our local impact.

Visit https://www.penfieldrotary.org/ to learn more and feel free join us. Let's work together on a project!



Save the date: on June 16, 2025, we'll be partnering with the Town of Penfield and the Kiwanis Club for **our annual Golf Tournament**, a fantastic opportunity to support our community while enjoying a day on the course. For more details on these and other events, please visit our website at <u>http://PenfieldRotary.org</u>.

Submitted by Neal Gorman

Øbituary

Dr. Ken Steadman



The Geneva Rotary Club is sad to announce the passing of Dr. Ken Steadman, a long-time Geneva Rotarian who was very active in the District 7120 Youth Exchange program and hosted many foreign exchange students at his home over the years. Dr. Steadman, who died May 1, practiced obstetrics and gynecology with the Geneva Medical Associates from 1970 to 1999. He was active in community service with the Geneva Rotary Club, The Presbyterian Church, the Ontario County Medical Society, the Geneva Medical Society, the Ontario County Public Health Advisory Committee, the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency, the Ontario County Community Services Board, the Geneva Boys and Girls Club and Geneva Little League.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



Øbítuary

Douglas W. Whitney, a beloved 55-year member of the Fairport Rotary Club and Paul Harris Fellow, passed away peacefully at home on April 23 at age 86. Known as the "Country Lawyer," Doug served the Fairport community for over five decades as an attorney, Village Justice, and civic leader. A Vietnam veteran and lifetime Fairport resident, Doug embodied Rotary's spirit of service, always greeting others with warmth, respect, and positivity. His enduring love for his community, family, and friends was matched by his passion for history, travel, and lifelong learning. In Doug's memory, he asked that we honor him by hugging someone we love.

Submitted by Domenick Cecconi

DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

1) If your club <u>does not use</u> Club Runner, go to the **District Calendar Submission Page**: <u>https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/club-calendar-submission-form</u> **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, <u>District Calendar Coordinator</u> at jim.koz65@gmail.com and mention the name and date of your event.

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





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Order Yours Today!

Please help us continue to support the Rochester Deaf Community, and many other worldwide projects, by purchasing the **2025 Rochester SaveAround Coupon Book, for only \$25!** There are many excellent coupons inside featuring restaurants, entertainment, services, recreation, and more!

You can purchase online at https://www.SAPayNow.com/17252 - Books can be shipped directly to you with no shipping cost (processing fee of 99 cents per book will be charged for online payment). Or hand delivered by RDR members.

Contact: deafrotary@gmail.com to order your books! You can begin to use your book(s) right away!

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Restaurant, Lounge & Bakery

We are proved to announce that Clifton Springs Rotary is partnering with the fabulous Warfield's Restaurant to offer a COMMUNITY DINNER

Thursday, May 15, 2025 Cash Bar 5:00 pm Three Course Dinner at 6:00 pm Cost: \$30 (does NOT include tax and tip) This is a fundraising event for the Clifton Springs Rotary Proceeds to benefit charitable and community service projects. 7 W Main St. Clifton Springs, NY 14432 Contact Lori Reals at: LoriReals@yahoo.com for information.

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BLOOMFIELD ROTARY'S 29th ANNUAL

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TasteFest 2025



Spring into Summer! Vendor Tastings, Farm Market, Silent and LIVE Auction! Door Prizes & Chance Raffle!



Saturday, May 17, 2025 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM Registration begins at 6:30 - Silent Auction closes at 8:30 Veterans Park, 6910 Rt.5&20, Bloomfield Suggested donation \$15

> Wines, Beers, Coffee & Teas Decadent Desserts & Tasty Treats Ice Cream Tasting Contest





Sponsored by the



FOOD & DRINKS, AVAILABLE AT THE Gananda Rotary booths HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS/ CHEESE BURGERS, POP AND WATER Porta potties, trash bins and street maps available at the booths (Located at Waterford and Pinewood and Waterford and Wildflower)

GREAT SALES!

200-300 homes participate Not just one address on a street NO OUTSIDE VENDORS This is just a large residential garage sale!



The Gananda Development is located in the Towns of Macedon and Walworth (Route 350 off Route 31, or off the Gananda Parkway (turn from Route 441)

> This year's dates are: Saturday, June 14 (9 am til 5 pm) Sunday, June 15, 2025 (9am til 2 pm) Rain or Shine

If using GPS to find us, use the Gananda Middle School address, 1500 Dayspring Ridge, Walworth NY 14568 (This will get you near the action!)







LUCKY FRIMI THE 13TH GOLF TOURNAMENT

\$90 Per Person

Register & pay by May 16, 2025

Friday June 13, 2025 Big Oak Golf Course



Register by email: secretary@genevarotaryclub.org



AGENDA

8:00 - 8:45 AM 9:00am Golf Registration Tee Time Lunch on course Putting Contest, Hole in One Contest Longest Drive, and Closest to the Hole Contests!

2:00 - 4:00pm

Dinner, Awards, Raffle Drawings

\$100 Per Person / \$400 Per Team

Hole In One Contest Win a Car!

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Call Andrew Urckfitz at (585) 340-8660 or email at urckfitz@penfield.org



ROC CITY ROTARY FUNDRAISER BAGS & BREWS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

GRAPEVINE

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

1PM - 5PM



CRAFT BEER SELECTIONS & RAFFLES! Proceeds will support Roc City Rotary Club & Open Door Mission.



186 Atlantic Ave, Rochester, NY 14607



Roc City Rotary

MORE INFORMATION bit.ly/RocCity2025



2025 Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival Crafter/Vendor Application Geneseo Village Park. Corner NYS Routes 20A & 39 Geneseo NY July 11 and 12

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

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Business Name Mailing Address Telephone	_email	
Primary Contact		
Please describe craft or proc	duct	
I Would like to rent	10X10 spaces at \$125 each	
I Would like to rent8	3ft tables at \$10 each	
Total E	inclosed	

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





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, Golfer's Name: 	cart and dinner
Address:	
	Phone:
Golfer's Name:	
Address:	
	Phone:
Golfer's Name:	
Address:	
Email	Phone:
Golfer's Name:	
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	Phone:





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		

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HONEOYE LAKE ROTARY 40th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT CONSIDERED THE BEST LTTLE TOURNAMENT FOR THE MONEY

<u>Monday, July 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM SHARP!</u> 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:	2 nd Person
Address:	3 rd Person
	4 th Person
Email address	
Check if you do NOT have a fo	oursome and would like us to assign you to one.
Make checks payable to: <u>Honeove</u>	
GOLF HOLE SPONSORSHIP	D. Box 674, Honeoye, NY 14471 by 7/21/2025
Associate – Eagle @ \$100. Affiliate – Birdie @ \$75.00 Friend – Par @ \$50.00 eag	5.00 each includes golf & dinner for 1 person .00 each 0 each ch
	Questions: Jeanne Hamele 585-729-9118 or <u>innhamele@aol.com</u>
Name to be used on sign:	

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

GRAPEVINE

- Location: Timber Ridge Golf Club 7061 W. Ridge Rd., Brockport
- When: <u>Saturday, August 9, 2025</u> 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		
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Extra 50/50	Qty:	@ \$10 each =
Extra basket raff	fle: Qty:	@ \$10 each =
Dinner only:	Qty:	@ \$25 each =
Mail with check	to:	
Spencerport Rot	ary	
Golf Tournamen	t	
PO Box 274		
Spencerport, NY	14559	





Check the District Calendar	Upcoming CLUB Events
for additions and changes	Rochester Deaf Rotary Club Coupon Book Sale
"Click" on the calendar	Rotary Club of International Service
	Build-A-Chair Project
Upcoming DISTRICT Events	May 15 Clifton Springs Rotary Club Community Dinner
District 7120 Changeover Dinner	May 17 Bloomfield Rotary Club TasteFest 2025
June 29 Ravenwood Golf Club	June 7 Penfield Rotary Club Camp Haccamo Auto Show
	June 13 Geneva Rotary Club Golf Tournament
	June 14 & 15 Gananda Rotary Club Garage Sale
	June 16 Penfield Rotary Club Golf Tournament with the Town of Penfield and Kiwanis Club
	June 21 Roc City Rotary Club Bags & Brews
	July 11 & 12 Geneseo Rotary Club Summer Festival Craft Application
	July 21 Camp Star Golf Tournament
	July 28 Honeoye Lake Rotary 40th Annual Golf Tournament
	August 9 Spencerport Rotary Club Golf
Marilyn Lyon - Newsletter Editor Geneseo, NY 14454	August 23 Newark Rotary Club Family Festival - Firemen's Field, 100 Barker Parkway, Newark
Email - <u>7120news@rochester.rr.com</u>	
The Grapevine deadline is the 10th of every month	