Rotary International - District 7120

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November 2025

Jim Crane, District Governor

Issue 5



Thanksgiving Greetings

As we embrace the beauty and warmth of the fall season, we want to extend our heartfelt wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to our entire Rotary family. This is a special time to pause, reflect, and share gratitude for the connections and friendships we cherish within our organization.

Visiting with, All our active Rotary Clubs during this season reminds us of the extraordinary dedication and spirit that Unite us. Together,

we make a meaningful difference in our communities, and each gathering reinforces the values of service above self, fellowship, and compassion that define Rotary.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with joy, laughter, and memorable moments among family, friends, and fellow Rotarians. We are grateful for your commitment and enthusiasm, and we look forward to continuing our impactful journey together.

Foundation Information

As you are aware, November is Rotary Foundation Month when Rotarians around the world come together to support the impactful work of the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation transforms contributions into projects that change lives both close to home and around the globe. This month is an opportunity to renew our commitment and participate in meaningful ways. One of those opportunities is making a donation to the Disaster Response Fund.

The potential that disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires have to devastate entire communities in an instant highlights the need to be prepared and able to respond swiftly. Fortunately, Rotary has more than 1.2 million people of action worldwide who are ready to help communities recover when disaster strikes.

By making a donation now to The Rotary Foundation's Disaster Response Fund, you make it possible for members to take quick and effective action whenever it's needed and bring hope to people whose lives have been affected. Your gift makes funding available so Rotary districts in these areas can apply for disaster response grants to provide items such as water, food, medicine, and clothing.

As Hurricane Melissa made landfall in the Caribbean as one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes ever, communities have braced for a destructive impact. Rotary members across the region are preparing to respond, but they need your help now to be able to provide essential supplies in the days and weeks ahead. Right now, the Disaster Response Fund resources are almost depleted. Without your immediate support, our ability to respond to this and other disasters will be limited.

When you donate to the Disaster Response Fund, The Rotary Foundation has the financial resources to

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help communities through immediate response, short-term assistance, and long-term rebuilding efforts.

By donating to the Disaster Response Fund, you empower Rotary members to provide recovery assistance in their communities quickly so that, together, we can do even more good in the world.

"Update" 2028 - 2029 District Governor

As we progress through our Rotary year, the time has arrived for an important milestone: District 7120 Nominating Committee's has interviewed and selection of our next District Governor for 2028 -2029 This process is more than a tradition it is a pivotal moment that shapes the direction and strength of our district for years to come.

The District Governor is an essential leader within our Rotary community. Charged with supporting local clubs, guiding district-wide initiatives, and representing our region on the international stage, the District Governor serves as a catalyst for innovation, collaboration, and service. Through their leadership, the District Governor ensures our district continues to thrive and uphold the values that define Rotary—fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership

Our District Nominating Committee is dedicated to identifying eligible and passionate Rotarians who embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." The committee has chosen my Friend and Rochester Club President Richard de Asis with a new Title: District Governor Nominee Designate.

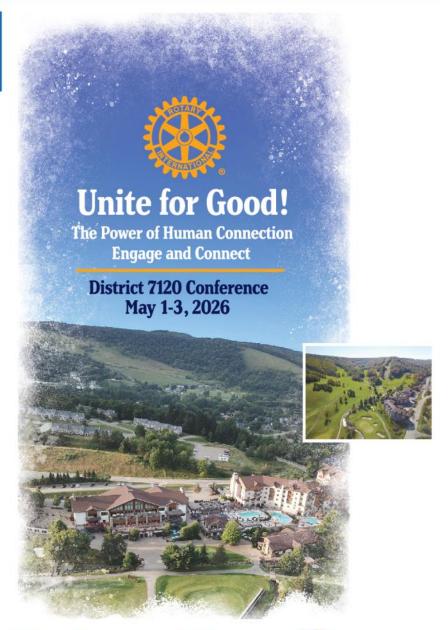
A Big Thank you to our District 7120 Nominating Committee for their hard work and to all Rotarians who dedicate themselves to leadership and service. Together, we ensure Rotary's legacy of "Service Above Self" endures and flourishes.

Happy Thanksgiving!

With appreciation and best wishes,

Jim & Nancy

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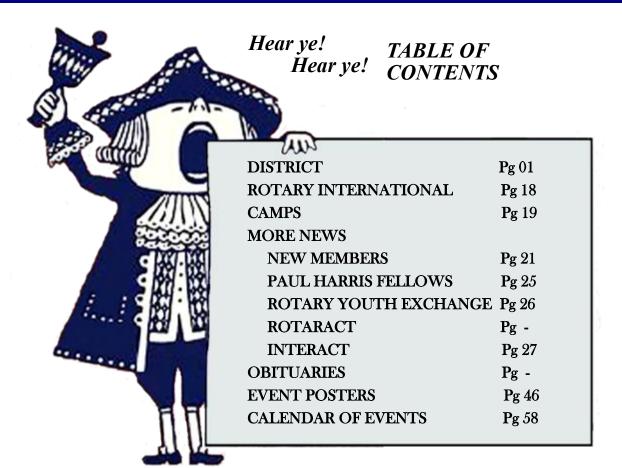


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Rotary District 7120 Foundation Brunch

The Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor was the site of the 2025 District 7120 Rotary Foundation Bruch. The guest speaker was Johrita Solari, who received the Rotary International Service Award for a Polio Free World at Rotary's 2025 Convention in Calgary, Canada, She currently serves as the Chair of the U.S. Polio Eradication Advocation Task Force. Johrita and her husband, Bruce, are members of the Rotary club of Anaheim, CA, D-5320. Their daughter, Gianna, is a Past District Governor for Rotary District Rotary District 5320.

Johrita has been a Rotarian for thirty-two years. She was hosted during her visit by AG Mary Green of the Canandaigua Rotary Club. In her presentation to the attendees Johrita stressed the importance of all Rotarians in supporting Rotary's polo-radiation efforts. She noted that Rotary members have contributed \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer efforts to protect three billion children in 122 countries. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in encouraging governments around the world to donate \$10 billion to our joint effort. Her message to the attendees, and all Rotarians – "When Rotary acts, a child walks."



Johrita Solari addressing attendees

District 7120 Foundation Chair, Karen Parkhurst, a member of the Victor – Farmington Rotary club, was the emcee for the brunch. D-7120 Governor Jim Crane, PDG Janet Tenreiro (Canandaigua, Chair of the Polio District Plus Society) and PDG Dr. David Hannan (Newark) also participated in the awards presentations as well as stressing the importance of finishing the job of creating a world free of the scourge of polio.



L to R: DG Jim Crane, PDG Janet Tenreiro, Johrita Solari, Karen Parkhurst, Randy Wilson, PDG Dr. David Hannan







L to R - V-F Rotarian Victor Arsenault receiving Major Donor Award from DG Jim Crane

A delegation of Rotarians from Central NY – D-7180, led by Randy Wilson, Zone 32 End Polio Now Coordinator, traveled to the brunch to hear the presentation by Johrita.

A Major Donor award was presented to Victor Arsenault of the Rotary Club of Victor – Farmington by DG Jim Crane. Two weeks earlier, at the same podium, Victor received the club's Betty Powers Community Service Award for his long-time involvement with CAMP ONSEYAWA.

At the conclusion of the brunch, District Chair Karen thanked those in attendance for their contributions to the Foundation, noting that most Rotarians, herself included, at some time in their life have known someone impacted by polio.

Submitted by Foundation Chair Karen Parkhurst











Photos from District 7120 Facebook Page











NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, October 21st 7:30 pm EST Wednesday, January 21st 7:30 pm EST Thursday, April 23rd 7:30 pm EST

Open to all Rotary and Rotaract members — whether you've joined in the past year or just want a refresher!

Join us for a dynamic session on Rotary's story, values, and impact. Discover the many opportunities to get involved.







CONNECT, LEARN AND BE INSPIRED!

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Service-Leadership-FUN Rotary District 7120 Interact News November 2025

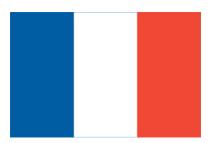
New Interact News:

- 1. **Requesting Interact Advisor Contact Information**: We are currently building a new list of both Rotary and School Interact Advisors. Community based clubs only have a Rotary advisor a School based clubs have both a Rotary and School Advisor. Please send Advisor contact information to andreww.ashley@gmail.com This is so we can keep you informed of information about Interact and send updates from Rotary International.
- 2. Rechartering Active, Terminated Interact Clubs with RI / Updating Active Interact Club Avisors with RI: Thank you for your progress in rechartering Active Interact Clubs that were Terminated for not updating their Interact Advisor yearly with RI. Once you are rechartered and with current Active Interact Clubs, please update your Interact Advisor yearly using this online form. https://my.rotary.org/en/report-your-interact-club-advisor
- 3. **World Interact Week:** Thank you Interact Clubs that participated in World Interact Week (Week of November 5th). Please consider advertising what your Interact Club did. All Interact Clubs please publicize the things your are doing for your community and Internationally. Great if it can get in the Grapevine.
- 4. **Interact Video Award Videos due December 1**st Consider participating to showcase what your Interact Club is doing. The theme this year is show how your club Unites for Good and Builds Peace in the World. https://www.rotary.org/en/interact-awards
- 5 Rotary Interact Advisor/ Rotary Club Role in Interact: If you have a Community Based Interact Club the Rotary Interact Advisors attends each Interact Club meeting. If School Based, a School Advisor attends Interact Club Meetings. Either way the Rotary Advisor attends all board meetings of the Interact club. The Rotary Club has Rotary Advisors at all Interact fundraisers or service projects that are off school grounds, to ensure Interactors Safety per the Rotary Youth Protection Policy. For more information for Interact Advisors/ Rotary Club Roles please see Advisor Interact Handbook https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-handbook-guide-for-sponsor-clubs-and-advisers. There is also an online training for both Rotary and School Interact Advisors in the Rotary Learning Center. You will need a My Rotary Account which non Rotarians can sign up for. Once there go to the learning center or use this link https://my.rotary.org/en/document/standard-interact-club-constitution and review the Interact Club's Bylaws.
- 6. Interact Student Learning Opportunities Rotary Learning Center: Service- Learning Manuals and Training for Interactors and Advisors are available. This gives Interactors a guide to learning about Service Projects and Service in their Communities and Worldwide. Students 16 and above can sign up for a My Rotary account (Their information is not saved by RI after registration if they are under 18). Once signed in Advisors and Interactors can go to this link for online training and handbooks. For Students: https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/courses/1306/youth-guide-to-service-learning-for-advisers/lessons Interactors also have their own version of the Interact Handbook https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-handbook-guide-for-interactors

Need Assistance: Please contact us with anything Interact: Michelle Bailey <u>michellebailey110@gmail.com</u> or Drew Ashley <u>andreww.ashley@gmail.com</u>. Please also see https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs/details







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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DISTRICT 7120 ROTARY

FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians and their families. This program aims to advance understanding among Rotarians around the world. It provides Rotarians with the opportunity to form personal contacts and make long-lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world.

There will be **OPPORTUNITIES** to join a district RFE team for a visit to District 1010 in **northern Scotland** in May of 2026. Another team will be travelling to District 1770 in **Paris, France** in the Fall of 2026. These programs typically are 12 to 14 days.

If you are interested in learning more and possibly becoming a member of one of the outgoing teams next year, please contact the District 7120 RFE Chair Cat Jensen at catwomyn19@gmail.com. You can also see the Rotary Friendship Exchange guidelines on the District 7120 website: https://bit.ly/3WnK4dt.

Participation on an outgoing exchange team is typically open for those who have previously hosted during an inbound exchange **OR pledge to do so in the near future.**

Submitted by PDG Scott MacDonell



Literacy Corner



The Literacy Seminar was held at the end of September with a theme on Adult Literacy. It was very informative for those who attended and were able to bring information back to their clubs. I want to thank our speakers, Liz Searle and Shelly Jentzen, for helping those in attendance with the difficulty of helping people who are illiterate. This was the last time using this theme. Next year's seminar will be dealing with Literacy/Finance.

In January we will be welcoming two new members to our Committee -Wade Norwood and Lillian Kang. They will bring new fresh ideas to our Committee and we are looking forward to what they will bring to us. Welcome aboard.

To all our District Clubs, please look at the Criteria Form for the Literacy Award. You only need five projects to qualify for the award. For example they could be packing school supplies for your local schools, reading to children at school, giving books to your local libraries as examples. You have plenty of time to do this as the award is given out at the District Conference in May. If you would like a member of our Committee to come to inform you about the Literacy Committee and the Criteria Form, please contact me at joannterry7@gmail.com or at 585-313-7553. Many of the members of the community are willing to come to your club. Let's see how many clubs will qualify for the 2026 Literacy Award.

Have a wonderful holiday season with your families.

JoAnn Terry Literacy Chair

Criteria for the 2025-2026 Literacy Recognition



Theme: Helping Adults to Teach Other Adults

Must Complete 5 Different Projects to Qualify

General Ideas and Suggestions:

- 1. Attend the Seminar in September
- 2. Show how your club observed Literacy Month in September; March is National Reading Month
- 3. Make Treasure Boxes, make a "Free Little Library"
- 4. Place books in a Food Cupboard, Community Center, Laundramat or Homeless Shelter
- 5. Award Scholarships
- 6. Give large print books and/or activity books to Senior Centers or Nursing Homes
- 7. Give to Books of the World
- 8. Provide School Supplies, Books and Snacks (Back Pack Program)
- 9. Read to children at a school or library
- 10. Consult best seller lists/NYT, Barnes & Noble, Washington Post, Book Page, etc. 11. Any other projects or events that your club accomplished or participated in.

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Form must be submitted by April 20, 2026.

Send to: JoAnn Terry, 100 McAuley Drive, Apt. 150, Rochester. NY 14610, or

email to JoAnn @ joannterry7@gmail.com

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

MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS TIP:

If you are having a tough day...

Write the letters A to Z and find a word for

each letter that is something you are

Thankful for.

It's amazing how your day will change when

you focus on Gratitude!

Happy Thanksgiving

From The Mental Health Wellness Committee

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



new generations service exchange

Exciting News for Our District!

Let's Talk About the Future of Rotary — and How We Can Bridge the Gap.

I'm thrilled to share a powerful initiative that's close to my heart:

New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) — a dynamic Rotary program that creates global opportunities for young adults ages 18–30 through cultural exchange, professional development, and service.

As the district liaison for NGSE — and now the newly elected Director of North America (covering the USA, Canada, and Mexico) — I've seen firsthand how this program transforms lives and strengthens Rotary's impact around the world

NGSE isn't a standalone program. It's a natural bridge between the youth services we already offer — Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange — and long-term engagement in Rotary.

Too often, we lose touch with young people after high school. NGSE is our chance to keep them connected, engaged, and inspired during that critical 18–30 age window.

I've created a presentation that explains NGSE, shows how it connects to existing youth programs in our District, and outlines real ways it can grow both connections and membership.

I'd be honored to present this at your club — to start the conversation, inspire new energy, and create opportunities for young leaders who are eager to serve.

Let's invest in the future of Rotary by nurturing those who already know our values and just need the right door to walk through.

Julie Carney juliecarney7120@gmail.com

https://www.ngse.net/



District 7120 Club Bulletin/Newsletter Contest

Club Bulletin Award Evaluation Criteria

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

Entries are due on or before April 1, 2026. To: Marilyn Lyon, 7120news@rochester.rr.com

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

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

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE: COVID-19, INFLUENZA, RSV, and POLIO September 10, 2025 PDG DAVID HANNAN

IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR UPDATED 2025-2026 COVID-19 and INFLUENZA VACCINES, EVEN IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY VACCINATED and EVEN IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY SICK WITH THESE VIRUSES! THEY CAN BE GIVEN SIMULTANEOUSLY.

INFLUENZA: The New York State Department of Health recommends that everyone aged 6 months or older get a seasonal flu vaccine. (The seasonal influenza virus is not approved for use in children younger than 6 months old, but their risk of flu complications is higher than for any other child age group. The best way to protect children younger than 6 months against seasonal influenza is to make sure members of their household and their caregivers are vaccinated. The same can be said for households in which anyone has a chronic disease, especially lung disease such as asthma or emphysema. Get vaccinated to protect yourself and your loved ones! See Flu (Influenza) for more information.

COVID-19: COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. The governor has issued an executive order to assure the vaccine is available. Everyone over age 65 and anyone else who has chronic disease should get this vaccine. Others may benefit as well by reducing their risk of illness during the winter months. See Governor Kathy Hochul for more information.

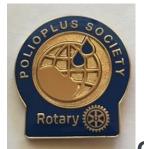
RSV (RESPIRATORY SYNCITIAL VIRUS): RSV is a highly contagious virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms but can be serious, especially in infants and older adults. In adults it can cause pneumonia, infections of the bronchioles (bronchiolitis), and can exacerbate underlying chronic lung disease. RSV Vaccination is recommended for adults age 60 and older and for pregnant women. Each year in the U.S., RSV leads to approximately 60,000-120,000 hospitalizations and 6,000-10,000 deaths among adults 65 years of age and older. The governor's executive order also applies to the RSV Vaccine. RSV does NOT need a second vaccine. See Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Infection for more information.

To protect against respiratory viruses, the Department of Health recommends commonsense precautions, including:

- Staying up to date on all vaccines, including the RSV vaccine (if eligible).
- Washing hands often with soap and hot water for least 20 seconds.
- Not coughing or sneezing into hands.
- Staying home when sick or symptomatic.
- Those wishing to further protect themselves from respiratory viruses such as RSV disease may consider wearing a well-fitting, high-quality mask when in public indoor spaces.

POLIO:

- 1. A resident of Rockland County, who had not traveled overseas, contracted Polio in 2022 and the Polio Virus has been detected in sewage samples in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Nassau Counties, and in New York City. Fortunately, there have been no other cases in the US.
- 2. Polio is a paralyzing and potentially deadly disease. The IPV (Salk) Polio Vaccine is safe and effective. It has been used for decades, is required for school entry in NY, and is available to anyone over 2 months old. Protect yourselves and your family. If you had the full Polio Vaccine series as a child, you do not need a booster at this time.
- 3. There were 99 cases of Wild Polio Virus Type 1 worldwide in 2024, 25 in Afghanistan and 74 in Pakistan. To date, there have been 28 cases of WPV1 in 2025, 4 in Afghanistan and 24 in Pakistan.
- 4. There were 463 cases in 21 countries of circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Viruses (cVDPV) worldwide in 2024. To date in 2025, there have been 142 cases in 16 countries of cVDPV.
- 5. I am available to provide club programs on Rotary's PolioPlus Campaign, as well as other programs on The Rotary Foundation.





Our wish is to have at least

one member of the PolioPlus Society from every club.

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

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

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

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

By the numbers:

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

\$100 million cost to conduct polio surveillance worldwide

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





The Polio Plus Society

As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, **Rotary's Number One Priority**, I wish to participate in the Countdown to History as a member of the

PolioPlus Society of District 7120



I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation as follows (select one):

- one):

 \$100 USD per year (minimum amount to become a society member)
- A contribution of \$_____ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)

I pledge to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the above amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated because ...

Until the world is polio-free, every child is at risk.

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin. Your contribution qualifies for Paul Harris Recognition and Major Donor credit. *PLEASE DO NOT MAIL YOUR CHECK TO ME. SEE BELOW!*

To make your tax-deductible donation go to my.rotary.org/donate and click on "Polio Fund". You can choose a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice (We suggest \$10/month as the "easy way" to become a PolioPlus Society member.) OR, you can mail your check to: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, USA along with the Contribution form that you can download here: https://rotary7750.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Rotary Foundation contribution form.pdf (YOU WILL NEED YOUR ROTARY ID NUMBER.)

Name (please print)		Date			
Email Address	_				
Club Name		District #			

Please email just this form (not your check) to <u>janettenreiro@gmail.com</u> or mail to Janet Tenreiro, 4069 Whitetail Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424. Your PolioPlus Society pin will be presented at a club meeting to make sure you are recognized for your commitment to polio eradication.

Sign up today!





15 December 2025: Last day for early-registration discount 31 March 2026: Last day for preregistration discount

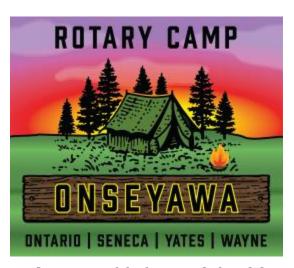


August 10-15th 2025



HERE IS LOVE

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



"PLANNING FOR THE 70" ONSEYAWA CAMPING SEASON"





The recent Annual Dinner held at Geneva Club 86 was a wonderful celebration reviewing the 2025 summer camp season while setting the stage for another summer camp full of adventure.

Board President Robin Mark led the way with an exciting evening program sharing all the work that goes on behind the scenes. It is no easy task to deliver a summer camp season to over 70 youth with disabilities for two weeks.

The group of over 75 in attendance created a joyful camping story and fundraising atmosphere. The highlight of the evening was hearing from Rotarian and camp staff member Brad Dates from the Red Creek Rotary Club who shared his summer camp two-week staff experience. We also heard from Aquatics Director Marie Fessler from the Pal-Mac Rotary Club about her staff experiences. They both left the stage leaving everyone thankful and appreciative. The Big Raffle, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle and dinner proceeds raised over \$10,000. President Robin Mark also accepted a major gift of \$2,500 from the Waterloo Rotary Club to support the annual budget. What a wonderful success!

A few other noteworthy accomplishments in 2025 saw the board securing the needed budget and at the same time finding the funds to complete a number of vital capital improvement projects. We recognize and thank the following clubs for sponsoring four new campsite wash stations through the Rotary Foundation District Grants program: Waterloo, Bloomfield, Naples, and the Victor/Farmington Clubs. We thank the Naples Rotary Club for renovating the old woodshed into a quality ceramic art center and thank Whitman Ranger Ray Willis for hooking the new electricity.

"GOLF CARTS NEEDED FOR 2026 CAMPING SEASON"

The Onseyawa Board recently reviewed, updated, and approved a golf cart plan to support the staff and campers. The current old fleet of carts have been around for a very long time. They have served the camp well by supporting the nurses and EMTs, senior counselors, program staff, and most of all, by safely bringing campers to program areas.

Four carts must be retired due to their age and condition. These carts were out of order this past summer more than in service. We work all year to bring this camp to life for two weeks. We must get it right for these youth. Renting has not been an option due to the cost and the rugged camp environment. The model needs to be Yamaha (gas) in order to keep parts available and interchangeable. The need is clear: two 6-seaters and two 4-seaters. New is not required but newer than older is best. This need can be solved with either purchasing or accepting the donation of a cart. The project goal is \$30,000. To launch this effort, a Rotarian who attended the dinner made a major gift to purchase one.

For cart questions, please call Mark Wyse 585-739-4486. For financial donation questions, please call Robin Mark at 585-370-2389. Rotary Camp Onseyawa, PO Box 723, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Submitted by Victor Arsenault 585-919-4186



Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club inducted Jamie Farr, the Superintendent of Canandaigua City School District. The Rotary Club now has Corporate Memberships that allow corporations and businesses to join the Club, while sending alternates to Rotary activities as needed.



Pictured are 1st Vice President Dr Paul Harvey, Judi Gorenflo, Jamie Farr, Matt Schrage, Sarah Callahan, Matt Fitch, and Donna Cator:

Submitted by Jack Kellogg



Geneva Rotary Club

Eric Lewis (left) was inducted into the Geneva Rotary Club at a recent club meeting. Participating in the induction ceremony were President Kerry Lippincott and John Oughterson, who introduced Eric to the club members. Born and raised in Geneva, Eric graduated from St. John Fisher College and was a teacher in Lyons for 24 years before becoming a History and English teacher for sixth graders this year in Watkins Glen.



His dad, Fred Lewis, was a club member and his three sisters were RI exchange students.

Submitted by Philip G. Beckley



Dundee Rotary

Dundee Rotary recently inducted two new members.

Jack Young was born and raised in New Jersey until 1967, then moved to Horseheads. Jack graduated from Corning Community College with a degree in Business Management, prior to serving in the US Army Reserves for 6 years. Jack owned an automotive parts company in Elmira until 1988, then worked for corporate Subaru for 30 years. He also became Owner/President of Keuka Automotive Business Solutions for several years, finally moving to Dundee. Currently, during the warm months, Jack is a staff member of the Lakeside Country Club in Penn Yan, and volunteers with the Dundee Food Pantry, The Dundee Merchants Association, an now the Dundee Rotary Club.

Dusty Baker has been a Dundee resident for 9 years this January. He is currently the Director of the Dundee Library. Previously, he worked as an elementary school teacher for 11 years in 3 local school districts. Dusty's biggest hobby and passion is working with the Penn Yan Theatre Company (PYTCo) and their efforts to revitalize the historic Sampson Theatre, where he serves as the President of their Board of Directors. Dusty has always enjoyed a life of service and helping the community. Dusty looks forward to being able to continue his community service through his involvement with Rotary.



Pictured (L to R) are John Frederick (Jack's sponsor), Jack Young, Deb Simon who inducted the new members, Dusty Baker, and Caryl Sutterby (Dusty's sponsor).

Submitted by Lauren Snyder





Perry Rotary Club

Perry Rotarian Jeff Fitch presided at the induction of the club's newest member, Todd Campbell, of Perry on Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025. Campbell is currently superintendent at Letchworth Central School District, one of four public school districts that also receive enrichment grants. Perry High just equipped a new podcast booth.

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm







Corning Rotary Club

Club President Jen Batzing (right) and Membership Committee member Bill Boland (left) recently welcomed Yannick Basabakwinshi (center) into the club.

Yannick is a distinguished professional with degrees in Computer Science, Mathematics, and a master's from Cornell University. He is an entrepreneur and IT consultant who founded a software company with over 80 solutions, contributes to U.S. government projects under security clearance, and co-owns an Al platform with significant market potential. In addition, he has built an extensive real estate portfolio over 18 years, strategically investing in residential and commercial properties with a focus on long-term, high-quality tenants.

Submitted by Jan Harvey







Newark Rotary Club

The Newark Rotary Club is pleased to welcome its newest member, Rich Martin. Rich currently serves as Police Chief for the Village of Newark and brings a distinguished background in public service. He holds a Ph.D. from Keuka College and has served both in the U.S. Army and with several law enforcement agencies throughout his career.

Rich was sponsored by Jean Bendix, with Bob Bendix serving as his Rotary mentor. The club looks forward to his leadership and community spirit!

Submitted by Marc Kreuser







Dansville Rotary Club

This year Dansville Rotary celebrated Foundation Month in a special way. In this picture, President Joyce Davies presents Past President Peter Vogt with a 2-sapphire level pin as a multiple Paul Harris recipient. P.P. Peter spoke to the Club about the importance of giving to the Rotary Foundation. He presented a history of its creation and summarized the difference these funds make around the world. He also illustrated how a portion of Foundation funds returns to individual clubs to help fund grants in our communities.



The timing of this award takes on special significance for Past President Peter as he currently serves as District Governor Nominee for 2024-2025.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club

The club was honored when District Governor Jim Crane came for a visit to present Jackie Stevens with her Paul Harris +3!! Jackie is instrumental to the club on all community projects and is a whirlwind of energy. She exemplifies Rotary's motto "Service above Self" and we are proud to have her as a club Rotarian. Well done, Jackie!

Submitted by Kelly Comfort







Pal-Mac Rotary Club

At a recent meeting our Rotary Exchange Student, Alise, helped us get to know more about her home country, Latvia. Check out the screens to see details regarding placement, size, and history.

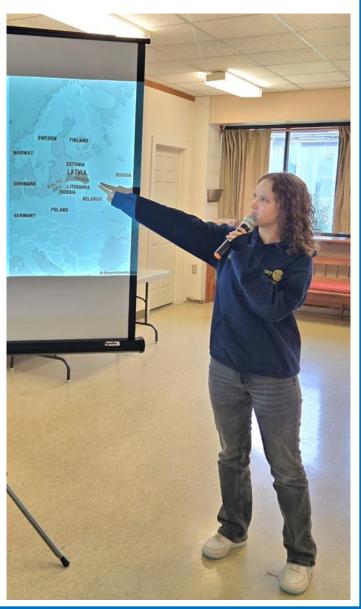
Among them you will be able to locate Latvia among the Baltic States. You will also see the its population is 1.9 million people, and it is about the size of West Virginia.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford













Spencerport Rotary Interact Club

The Spencerport Rotary Interact Club is incredibly busy again this school year, with community service projects and fundraisers, at the school as well as in the community. The group is sponsored by the Spencerport Rotary Club and led by Service Advisors Katie Welch, Laura Kazmierski and Frank Cafarella. There are 120 members in grades 6-8.



This year's club officers include Paige Buckner (Co-President), Gracyn Wheeler (Co-President), Mateo Marin (Treasurer), Bennett Miller (Vice President).

Submitted by Colleen Farley





Geneva Rotary Club

The Geneva Rotary Club was honored recently with the 2024-2025 Rotary Club Excellence Award. The award, which is given to clubs that demonstrate a commitment to the Rotary mission, growth and collaboration, was presented to 2024-2025 Past President Jason Haag by Past District Governor Dave DeMers at the club's Oct. 22 meeting. The certificate was signed by Rotary International President Stephanie



Urchick and Mark Maloney, Chair of The Rotary Foundation, and commended the club for "fostering a positive experience for its members and reflecting the values of Rotary." DeMers noted that only 8 of 65 clubs in Rotary District 7120 were recognized. Clubs set annual goals in such areas as membership, funds raised and funds distributed and the excellence award goes to clubs that achieve more than 50 percent of their annual goals. This is the sixth consecutive year that Geneva Rotary has received the award. Current Club President Kerry Lippincott said the local club is honored to be recognized by Rotary International and she praised the club members for their dedication.

Geneva Rotarian Carol Chester high-fived her husband and fellow Rotarian Mike Rusinko at the Geneva Club's meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 5, when she picked the winning card in the club's weekly Heart of Rotary contest.

Submitted by Philip G. Beckley





Bath Rotary Club

On September 12, Bath Rotarians joined other Rotarians from clubs throughout Rotary District 7120 and their family members and/or friends in the Annual Rotary District 7120 Golf Tournament on the greens of the Reservoir Creek Golf Club in Naples, rated one of the top five public courses throughout District 7120. The Bath Rotary would like to thank Jack Fredericks, member of the Naples Rotary Club, for serving as Chair of this event in support of District 7120 Governor Jim Crane's 2025 – 2026 initiatives, including PolioPlus.

The Bath Rotary Club sponsored two teams. The women's team, composed of Bath Rotarians Brandi Graham, Nancy Latour, and Cheryl Muller as well as Gloria Hare, a friend of the Rotarians won first place in the Ladies' Division and also won a bottle of wine in the putting contest.



Picture #2: The Bath Rotary Club also sponsored a Mixed Team at the 2025 Rotary District Golf Tournament held September 12 at the Reservoir Creek Golf Course. Standing left to right are Kelli Okoniewski, Mike Okoniewski, Woody Latour, and Jay Maslyn.



The Bath Rotary Club's Ladies' Team placed first in its division at the 2025 Rotary District 7120 Golf Tournament held September 12 on the greens of Reservoir Creek Golf Course in Naples and also won a bottle of wine at the putting contest. Standing left to right are Brandi Graham, Nancy Latour, Cheryl Muller, and Gloria Hare.

Participating in the mixed team event were Bath Rotarian Jay Maslyn; Woody Latour, husband of Bath Rotarian Nancy Latour and himself a Paul Harris Fellow; Kelli Okoniewski and Mike Okoniewski, friends of Nancy and Woody Latour.

Those participating in the tournament enjoyed not only a fun-filled afternoon of golf but also fellowship with other district Rotarians, family members, and friends. In addition to the 18 holes of golf, the participants enjoyed lunch, a buffet dinner, awards, and raffle items, provided by the clubs in District 7120.

Written by Elaine Tears Pictures by Jay Maslyn





Webster Rotary Club

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, THE WEBSTER CLUB HOSTED ITS 3RD ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT WEBSTER HOPE. THE CLUB HELPED RAISE OVER 650 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR THIS WORTHY AND IMPORTANT CAUSE! EVEN THE DREARY AND COOL DAY DIDN'T STOP THE TEAM FROM HAVING A GREAT TIME WHILE COLLECTING FOOD AND SUPPLIES FOR THOSE IN NEED.

Submitted by Joe Corona



Bath Rotary Club



Standing left to right in front of the freezer, purchased with funds from the local Bath Rotary Club, a Rotary District 7120 Grant, and the Bath Central School District itself, are: Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President; Kelly Houck, Bath Rotarian and Bath Central School District Superintendent; Tess McKinley, Bath Rotary Club Volunteer Chair and Strategic Planning Chair as well as a member of the Bath Central School Board of Education.

The Bath Rotary Club recently provided funds, including funds from a Rotary District 7120 Grant for the purchase of a freezer in the Ram-Mart of the Bath Central School District. The school itself paid for the remaining cost of the freezer. Tess McKinley, Bath Rotarian, serving as the club's Volunteer Chair and Strategic Planning Committee Chair, who is also a member of the Bath Central School District Board of Education, wrote the grant and worked with Kelly Houck, Superintendent of the Bath Central School District, who is herself a Bath Rotarian, in the purchase of the freezer. "This project was a great partnership and indeed provided a most well-needed appliance," stated McKinley.

The Ram-Mart, a School Food Center, for the Bath Central School District, provides nutritious and accessible food options completely free to the district, team members, students, and families. It is stocked with essential food items, including: fresh produce, canned goods, cereal, milk, margarine, meat, and other nutritious options. Not only can groceries be sent home with students, but students can also

access snacks or other ready-to-eat items throughout the day if they are hungry or are staying after school for some activity.

"Providing access to healthy, nourishing food year-round is a priority for the Bath Central School District, and the Ram-Mart remains a vital part of that mission," stated Superintendent Houck. "We are so grateful to the Bath Rotary Club and Rotary District 7120 for its generosity. The donation made has made it possible for us to purchase a much-needed additional freezer for the Ram-Mart, helping us to continue to serve our students and the community."

McKinley and Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President, recently took a brief tour of the new Bath Central School District's Capital Projects, led by Houck, and were able to view the freezer at that time.

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Tess McKinley

Victor – Farmington Rotary Club

The V-F Rotary Club recently held a special lunch at the Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor to honor the 2025 recipients of the Betty Powers Community Service Award and the Jordan Pappas Vocational Service Award.



L TO R - PRES JOHN SUMMERS, DG JIM CRANE

Dominick Dardano, the owner of the Fire on Main bistro in Victor was honored as the 2025 Jordan Pappas Vocational Service Award. He was honored for the many community projects he has supported, often in a quiet manner and without public recognition.

Special guests at the event were the supervisors of the towns of Victor and Farmington, the mayor of Victor, and the club's 2025-2026 YEX student, Yume Morino (Japan).

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

Victor Arsenault, a long-time member of the club, who serves as treasurer of Camp ONSEYAWA, was honored for his many years of service to the camp. Victor has been a driving force in rallying club support for camp fundraising and camp projects.



Rotarian Victor Arsenault speaks to club.



L TO R - V-F YEX STUDENT YUME MORINO, PRES JOHN SUMMERS, DOMINICK DARDANO, BOBBIE DARDANO (spouse). DG JIM CRANE

Newark Rotary Club

Newark Rotary's October 30 meeting was held in conjunction with the annual Service Above Self Award Dinner and presentation.

The tenth annual award presentation was emceed by Newark Rotarian and former District Governor Dr. David Hannan who introduced the recipients Jan Hence and Mary Jo Fenyn.

Jan Hence, a Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor and die hard Yankees fan was honored for her organizational skills and heading up Rotary Service projects and fundraising expertise. This included Chicken BBQ's, Hill Cumorah Concessions, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Holiday Food Bags and many other important efforts.

Mary Jo Fenyn, Wheelock College/Boston University graduate and retired teacher of 1sat Grade and Kindergarten in Newark. A Paul Harris Fellow, Mary Jo has worked tirelessly at the Newark Food Closet, served as a club board member, Sgt. At Arms, and the Club's Community Service Committee.

Photo: Jan Hence and Mary Jo Fenyn holding their awards, presented by Dr. Hannan and District 7120 Governor Jim Crane.

Submitted by John Zornow



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Geneseo Rotary Club

StoveTeam Challenge Update

Stove Team Challenge Continues

Each Club in the district has an opportunity to provide a Cook Stove to a Central American family for a donation of just \$250. The stoves are safe, reduce carbon emissions, and help save the rain forests so crucial to the global environment. In addition, the stoves immeasurably improve the quality of life for the families involved.

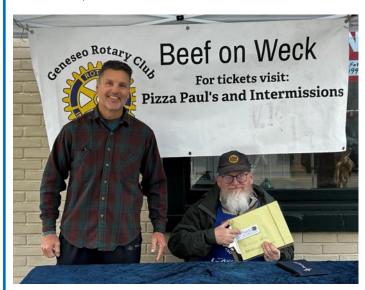
Clubs wishing to donate should makes checks payable to Stove Team International and send them to our Treasurer Bonnie Swanson. PO Box 216, Geneseo NY 14445-0216. The challenge ends November 30th.

Submitted by Gary Anderson gwa1948@aol.com



Geneseo Rotary Club

October 25, 2025







Photos Submitted by Julie Carney

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club

On Wednesday, October 8 members of the club met at Latitude 42 Taphouse for its second annual Give Polio the (Purple) Finger! With the help from four different basket raffles, a 50/50, the sale of crocus bulbs and gracious donations from the community, the club was able to raise \$500 to help eradicate polio. Well done!

Submitted by Kelly Comfort







Pal-Mac Rotary Club

An ongoing Fall involvement for our Palmyra-Macedon Rotary Club is gleaning at BEJO Seeds near Geneva, NY. On Saturdays, volunteers harvest produce for local food pantries, like the pantries at Macedon Center and Palmyra.

BEJO develops seeds for use around the world. It plants these seeds on its farm and then invites gleaners to come and help themselves to the crops that are grown.

Pictured are some of the crew who place service above self.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Bev harvests Beets.



Ellie Rouland, Maurina Schmidt, and Beverly Crawford picking Carrots.



Jeanna Skinner (Ellie's mom), Ellie, and Maurina with boxes of veggies ready to be delivered to pantries.



Horseheads Rotary Club

Every month the Horseheads Rotary Club hosts a euchre tournament. Proceeds will help fund a joint community project with the Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club and the Horseheads Kiwanis Club in Horseheads. Tournament style play brings in more than 30 players! Next month the date is November 22. The tournament is held at the Masonic Lodge in Horseheads each month.

Submitted by Kelly Comfort





Spencerport Rotary Club

The recent Rotary Golf Tournament was very successful and the funds raised helped allow Spencerport Rotary to make a donation to the Ogden Police Department. Ogden Police Chief Travis Gray commented, "The Ogden Police Department extends our sincere appreciation to the Spencerport Rotary Club for their recent donation to purchase much needed equipment for our officers. Rotary's generosity reflects a strong commitment to supporting public safety in our community, and we are truly grateful for their ongoing

partnership with our department!"

Submitted by Colleen Farley

Pictured L-R: Town Supervisor Mike Zale, Ogden Police Chief Travis Gray, Spencerport Rotary President Kathy Magin, Rotarian Sean McCabe, Town Board Member Steve Toms.





Spencerport Rotary Club

The recent Beef on Weck dinner proved to be a successful fundraiser for Spencerport Rotary again this year as well as a fun day!

Submitted by Colleen Farley







Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Rotary 7120 District Governor for 2025-2026, Jim Crane, visits the Canandaigua Club yet once again. But this time he brought two Rotary Themed flags Unite for Good. The first one was for RI President Mario Cesar and the second was for Francesco Arezzo

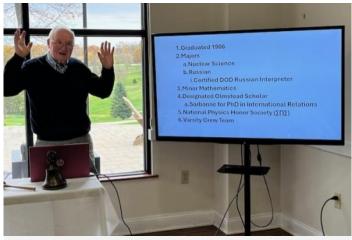
Pictured are District Governor Jim Crane and Club President Kent Giles.:

Submitted by Jack.Kellogg



Victor – Farmington Rotary Club

Stimulating presentations for a club meeting on a weekly basis are often difficult to find. The Victor – Farmington club recently stayed within Rotary to find such a program when a retired US Navy officer, who happens to be a member of the Naples Rotary club, took the club back fifty years in the past to recount his experience as a combat officer in the Cold War and the Vietnam War.



FRANK DUSERICK presenting to V-F Rotarians

During his presentation Frank continuously spoke of the closeness of the crews he served with. They were family. He described the crew onboard his submarine duty as "My 150 closest friends." He had the same feeling and respect for the crews on the much smaller combat river patrol boats on the Mekong River. After his duty in combat zones Frank would go on to be an instructor at the Naval Academy. In his closing remarks he stated, "I matured in the US Navy." Frank now resides in Naples, NY.

At the conclusion of the meeting, "Thank you for your service" was a common phrase from the Rotarians who had the privilege of being present for Frank's presentation.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler

Frank Duserick, a native of Boston and graduate of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, with majors in Nuclear Science and Russian language, as well as a minor in Mathematics, was a newly minted Midshipman in 1966 when he began his military career. Frank spoke of his career that involved duty as a submariner during the cold war and combat duty in Vietnam on the Mekong River Delta. From 1968-69 he served in what was unofficially known as the Brown Water Navy, US Navy patrol boats on the Mekong River. This was extremely hazardous duty and Frank noted that 50% of his crews received the Purple Heart.



Frank Duserick with V-F Rotarian Richard Mabelis, US Navy veteran



Lima Rotary Club

Hello All! Lots of fun and exciting things happening in Lima!



Lima Rotary is proud to announce Kruk & Campbell as our October Business of the Month.



November we chose John H Bailey Custom Furniture

Both have been in business for over 30 years. We are happy and honored to have them still here today.

Honoring Service Above Self



The Lima Rotary Club is proud to introduce a new tradition—recognizing individuals in our community who exemplify the Rotary Four-Way Test through their everyday actions and service.

Today, we're honored to present our inaugural Honorary Rotarian Award to Meghann Riley Rose, whose integrity, dedication, and commitment to others reflect the very spirit of Rotary.

Please join us in congratulating Meg and celebrating their outstanding example of "Service Above Self."

Saturday November 8th, We worked with the Lima Golden Agers to put on a full Thanksgiving Dinner for the local senior citizens. It was truly a Thankful Event.

At the End of the Month we will hold our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and this year we have added events to last throughout the day!

Submitted by Lisajo Keeler



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

The Honeoye Lake Rotary Club is continuing its recognition of Honeoye Central School middle school and high school students by awarding our Student of the Month certificates to an eighth grader and eleventh grader. These students are selected by their teachers and are invited, along with family members, to a club dinner meeting. Awards are presented and students then share a little bit about themselves. For the month of September, we welcomed Breana Guck, an eleventh grader, and Camden Peterson, an eighth grader, to our October 16th meeting. It was fun hearing from Breana and Camden about their activities at school and their community service involvement.

We also congratulated their parents who have done a remarkable job making sure their children are role models for their peers.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele







Perry Rotary Club

A Giving Fall Season for Perry Rotary
Perry Rotary Club President Maureen Orban
presented a \$10,000 donation to the Citizen Led
Environmental Action Network (CLEAN@Silver Lake).
The club first learned of it through Rotarian Lee
Loomis of Pittsford and Silver Lake who volunteers for
CLEAN's many projects. CLEAN's mission is to
protect the health and vitality of Silver Lake. It is
currently investigating the use of MPC Buoys to help
combat Harmful Algae Blooms. In addition to annual
native species plantings in the watershed to control
nutrients running into lake tributaries, CLEAN
volunteers are working to control Japanese Knotweed,



an invasive weed found along some lake roads and beyond. CLEAN supports equipment for the Perry Central marine biology students' samplings and analyses of Silver Lake's waters. Pictured at the Oct. 30 club lunch meeting, from left, Michelle Hess, Rob Ritz, and Dr. Frank Bright of CLEAN and club president Orban. Rotary's gift was made possible through a private donation from Rotarians who earmarked it use for water quality.

Thanks to an endowment of a former Perry Rotarian, the late Warren Heilbronner, a prominent Rochester philanthropist and attorney, the club will present a \$2,500 grant to Suzanne's Comfort Care hospice house at 67 N. Main Street during this week's annual variety show. The dream of former Perryite and PCS alum,



Suzanne Schuster, proved to be much needed and is used by families from the 7120 District. The show, Cruisin' with Rotary, a major fundraiser, is at 7 PM, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 10 and 11, in the high school auditorium. Tickets, \$10, will be available at the door and promise two hours of good music and very funny skits.

Perry Rotary donated \$1,000 to the Arts Council for Wyoming County for the artists and musicians of its new Art Walks, a downtown tour featuring many talented local people. New Rotarian and ACWC ED Krysta Aina (pronounced eye-nah) accepted the grant. Also new and timely this month of November is ACWC's Veterans Art Therapy programs focusing on mental well-being through hands-on creative activities.

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

ANNUAL QUAD CITIES DINNER NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Four Rotary clubs gather annually to celebrate their working together to establish clubs in their locality. Honeoye-Falls-Mendon, Honeoye Lake, Lima and Rush-Henrietta have upheld this tradition gathering for many years to recognize what their work means to each club.





This year we gathered at Lima Country Club for dinner and fellowship. Our guest speaker was Lima Rotarian Jericho Banker who shared many details about "sleep".

Each of the four clubs shared their accomplishments over the past year. We were also able to welcome Rush-Henrieta Rotary Club's exchange student to share in this event.

Thanks to these four clubs who worked hard to establish the Quad Cities group.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Dansville Rotary Club

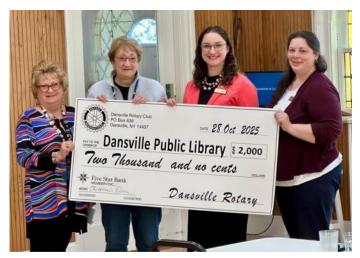
The regular meeting of Dansville Rotary Club on October 14th included a gift of \$900 from the Tuscarora First Presbyterian Church to assist with the cost of food for the annual community Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner is free to any person. The only requirement is for individuals to fill out and return an application currently available in the Dansville Wayland Pennysaver. Every year meals are delivered by a faithful group of volunteers.

In the photo (left), the check is presented to current Rotary President Joyce Davies by a representative from the Tuscarora Church, Gene Moffat.

Dansville Public Library Director, Margo Prak, attended the Dansville Rotary Club meeting on October 28th to receive a \$2,000 donation for the library's Children's Room to enhance literacy efforts at home. These materials, housed in the Enrichment Room, are specifically aimed to support home schoolers but can be borrowed by any library user.

Pictured left to right are President Joyce
Davies, Past President Amy Pollard, Margo Prak, and
Youth Services Coordinator, Megan Clement.

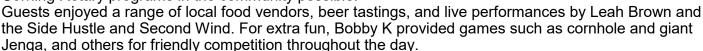
Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Corning Rotary Club

Corning Rotary's inaugural **Crystal City OktoberfeAst** was held on **Saturday**, **October 11**, **2025**, on the skating rink and surrounding plaza at Corning's Nasser Civic Center. The event offered a lively mix of food, music, and fellowship on a crisp fall day.

More than 48 volunteers from the Corning Club and the community helped make this first-time major fundraiser for Corning Rotary programs in the community possible.





Submitted by Jan Harvey



A highlight of the event was the appearance of Michael Joseph II, representing Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Claude B. Govan Chapter. He presented Faithful Pursuit II, a striking chrome-wrapped 2015 ROUSH Ford Mustang modeled after the famed P-51 Red Tail Fighters of the 332nd Fighter Group. The car, unveiled earlier this year at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, attracted steady attention and conversation. Michael spoke individually with visitors about the Tuskegee Airmen's extraordinary history and postwar accomplishments.

OktoberfeAst 2025 marked a strong beginning for what is planned to become an annual Rotary tradition—bringing people together in community while supporting local service initiatives.





Corning Rotary Club

October 30, 2025, members and guests of the **Rotary Club of Corning** gathered at the **Mud Creek Bison Ranch** for a lively evening of fellowship, food, and fun — all in support of **Rotary's End Polio Now campaign**.

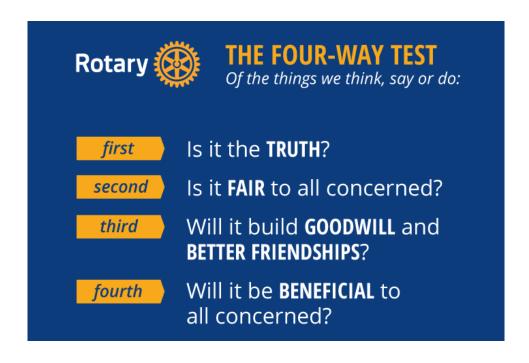
Despite the rainy weather, the event drew several guests and potential new members as well as Rotarians who all joined in the camaraderie.

The **Membership** and **Rotary Foundation Committees** teamed up to host the social. Great conversations, laughter, and the kind of Rotary spirit that makes it hard to leave made this a convivial evening. It was an evening that perfectly captured Rotary fellowship — good food, good company, and support for a great cause. Many thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to Rotary's ongoing effort to **End Polio Now**.

Submitted by Jan Harvey







Rotary E-Club of District 7120

We are excited to announce that our most recent collaborative service project took place on Saturday, October 11th at the Lewis Street YMCA in downtown Rochester. Thanks to the leadership and vision of President Richard de Asis (Rochester Rotary Club), Tom Mitchell and David Powe of Rochester Rotary's DEI Committee, the E-Club of District 7120(Ebo & Maame Ocran) "rolled up our sleeves once again—this time doing cleaning, and yard work with other Rotarians at a playground next to the facility". The executive director of the YMCA, Joseph Carter, generously provided us with a guided tour of the building.

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Rochester Rotary Club Members, E-Club of District
7120 Members, Executive Director of YMCA

Submitted by Ebo Ocran & Martina Ocran









Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Guest Presenters, Re-induction Ceremony, District 7120 Foundation Brunch Support

ZOOM MEETINGS – Dr. James C. Smith, President of Nazareth Preparatory Academy, Mr. Anthony Akil Manning, Senior Business Associate, ROCEDC (Guest Presenters)

Dr. Latoya Scott (Re-Induction Ceremony)

BRICK & MORTAR- Rotary District 7120 Foundation Brunch with D.G. Jim Crane







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Rotary E-Club of District 7120 Leadership, Rotary E-Club of D7120 Guest Presenters, Rotary District 7120 Leadership- Foundation Brunch Support

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DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

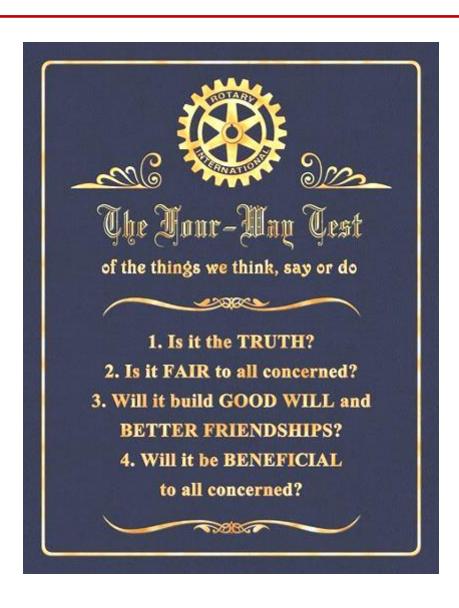
There are two ways to get your club event onto the District Calendar.

1) If your club <u>does not use</u> Club Runner, go to the **District Calendar Submission Page:** 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, <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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Is your club looking for a dynamic speaker?

If you were at the recent District Conference, you may have heard about the Build-A-Chair Initiative. If not, here is what you need to know!

- The Build-A-Chair Initiative is sponsored by the Rotary Club of International Service, Impacting Women & Children in our district 7120.
- Since 2020, the project has provided over 200 locally-made, custom-fit wheelchairs to children and adults with disabilities in Tanzania, Africa.
- This is a grassroots Rotary project run by Rotarians: A Rotarian based in Tanzania, Shedrack Domingo, tailors each wheelchair to the needs of every individual, and Rotarians around the world spread the word and raise funds for this critical work.

We would love to share more about this life-changing initiative with your club. Please reach out to the Rotarians below if you'd like a member of the Build-A-Chair team to come speak to your club.

Michelle Bailey: michellebailey110@gmail.com Mark Wyse: mwyse@rochester.rr.com

We also invite you to visit <u>Build-A-Chair.org</u> to learn more about this project, and <u>rotary-7120.com</u> to learn more about our club!





Rochester Deaf Rotary DINGO Charity Event







Doors Open 2:00 pm Dingo Game 2:30 pm Henrietta Moose Family Center 5375 W. Henrietta Rd. West Henrietta, NY 14586

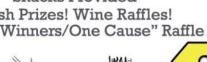
Food Available for Purchase -Snacks Provided Cash Prizes! Wine Raffles! "Three Winners/One Cause" Raffle













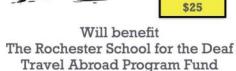
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^{*} Check (made payable to Rochester Deaf Rotary) postmarked by November 8th. Rochester Deaf Rotary, Dingo, P.O. Box 18465, Rochester, NY 14618



Ontario-Walworth Rotary Lake Ontario Trail Through The Woods Wine Tasting Fundraiser





November 16, 2025 1-4pm

The Lodge At Shadow Hill, Ontario



Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of fine wines, delightful company, and a journey through the <u>rich</u> <u>flavors</u> of select vintages from vineyards along the Lake Ontario Wine Trail

Wine Tasting

Tickets are \$60 Per Person Email Or Venmo For Tickets OntarioNYRotary@gmail.com







9th Annual Rotarian Raffle

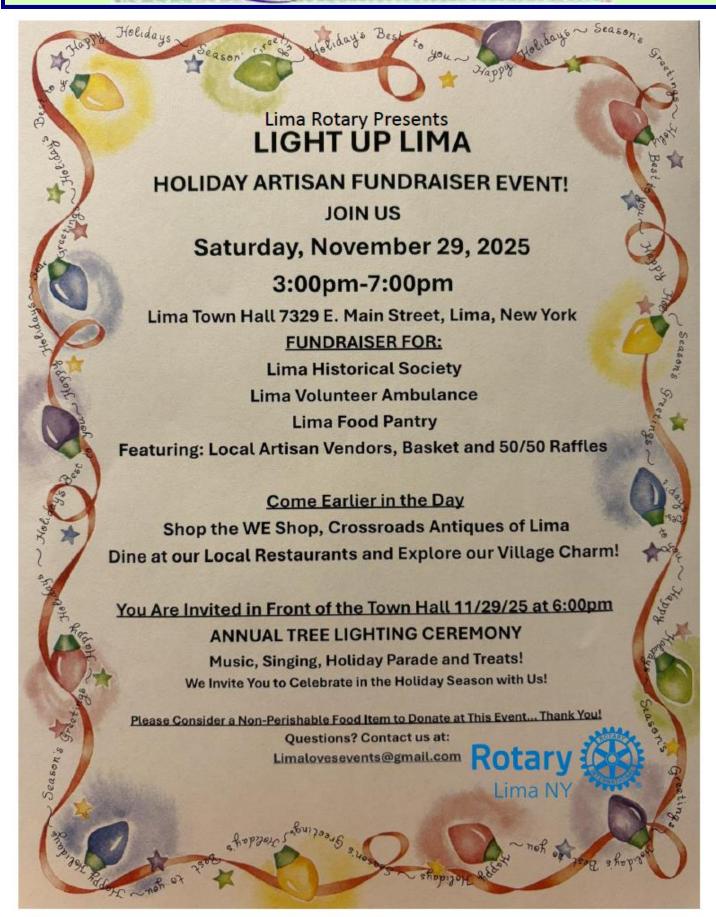


1st \$500.00 2nd \$150.00 3rd \$50.00 DONATION: \$5 ea 5 for \$20

Contact any Lima Rotary member to purchase tickets.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH 2025

DRAWING FOLLOWING TREE LIGHTING





Rochester Deaf Rotary Club presents

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2025 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

@ CARMEN CLARK LODGE, 777 WESTFALL ROAD, ROCHESTER, NY



Signing SANTA will be there!

\$10 per person in advance \$12 per person at the door (Under 10 years old FREE)

(Checks accepted: payable to Rochester Deaf Rotary Club postmarked by 12/3/2025 & must be received by 12/5/2025)



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Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Juice & Coffee



CRAFTS, BAKED FOOD SALE & HOLIDAY FUN FOR ALL!

Treats for Kiddies of all ages!

Proceeds will support local charities, including Rochester School for the Deaf



For more info: Contact KAREN BEITER kjbdnp@rit.edu





www.deafrotary.org

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November 27, 2025



Check the District Calendar for additions and changes

"Click" on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

District 7120 Conference

May 1 - 3, 2026 Holiday Valley Ellicottville, NY 14731

Upcoming CLUB Events

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club Coupon Book Sale

Rotary Club of International Service Build-A-Chair Project

Gananda Rotary Club Bike Rack Fundraiser

November 15 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club Dingo Event

November 16 Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club Wine Tasting

November 29 Lima Rotary Club Rotarian Raffle

November 29 Lima Rotary Club Light up Lima

December 6 Geneva Rotary Club Santa Train Express Cinema

December 6 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club Breakfast with Santa

December 13 Naples Rotary Club Light up Naples



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