



September 2025

Jim Crane, District Governor

Issue 3



Dear Fellow Rotarians.

As we turn the page to September, I am reminded of all the Good we do in the world, Rotary observes Basic Education and Literacy Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness, fostering global action, and celebrating Rotary's unwavering commitment to literacy and education. During this month, Rotarians worldwide Unite for Good, focusing their energies on projects that promote learning, improve schools, and ensure that children and adults alike can unlock their full potential through education.

Rotary International Basic Education and Literacy Month

Rotary International has identified basic education and literacy as one of its seven areas of focus. Rotarians believe that by investing in education, they lay the groundwork for lasting change. Rotary's efforts span a wide array of initiatives, from building schools and libraries to training teachers and providing educational materials.

Across District 7120, Rotary clubs initiate a multitude of impactful projects not only during Basic Education and Literacy Month but throughout the year. Some notable examples include:

- **Dictionary Distribution:** Clubs provide dictionaries and reference books to students, enhancing their vocabulary and reading comprehension.
- **Mobile Libraries:** In rural or remote areas, Rotary Clubs support mobile library initiatives that bring books to children who might otherwise have no access to reading material.
- **Technology in Education:** Recognizing the importance of digital literacy, Rotary provides computers, tablets, and internet access to underserved schools, bridging the digital divide.
- **Building Infrastructure:** Rotary clubs frequently partner with local governments to construct and renovate schools, ensuring that children have access to safe, stimulating learning environments.
- **Scholarships and Educational Materials:** In regions where poverty restricts opportunities, Rotary provides scholarships, books, computers, and other resources, enabling students to continue their education and access modern tools for learning.
- **Adult Literacy Programs:** Recognizing that education does not stop in childhood, Rotarians organize adult literacy classes, empowering individuals with reading, writing, and numeracy skills.

For more information, please join us Saturday, September 27th for our District Literacy Seminar from 9 am to 12pm at Clifton Springs Hospital - Rotary room 2 Coulter Rd Clifton Springs NY.

Interact Clubs

*Education and Literacy month reminds us of the Role of Interact Clubs in shaping youth through Education and Service. At this time let me introduce our District 7120 Interact Committee, Chair Andrew Ashley & Michelle Bailey. They are working hard to update Clubs on the status of their Interact Clubs.

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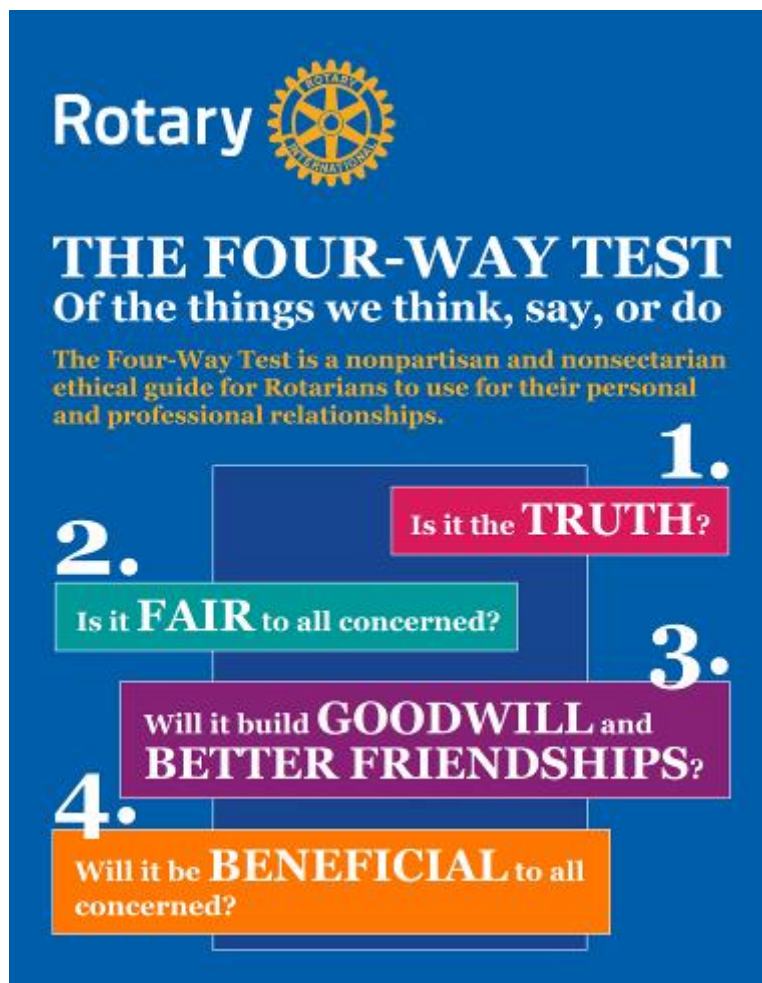
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One of the important requirements is to update your Interact Advisor at least every 2 years your Interact clubs charter could be pulled and the Interact club would show termination with RI. Please see their Article in the Grapevine below. Please feel free to contact them if you have questions.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

As well, Under the guidance of dedicated Rotarians, Our RYLA team has fostered the development of countless future leaders, equipping them with the tools, confidence, and vision needed to drive change both locally and globally. In this spirit of growth and innovation, our new RYLA Chair, Carrie Grove, has undertaken the task of building the next Rotary Youth Leadership Award program with unwavering energy and commitment. She and her team are working hard building our next Rotary Youth Leadership Award program. For more information go to our District Website under Youth Services - RYLA

Yours in Rotary
Jim Crane
District 7120
Governor 2025-2026



Nominations are Now Being Accepted for 2028-29 District Governor

The District 7120 Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for District Governor for the Rotary Year 2028 – 2029. Are you an experienced Rotarian, with interests in getting deeper into the operation of our district? Do you have leadership skills, perhaps underutilized, that need to be exercised? Can you assemble and lead a team of like-minded, enthusiastic people?

If so, please consider submitting an application. Also, look around your club, your Rotary area and our Rotary district. Whom have you noticed with the skills needed to lead our district? Who would you like to see leading District 7120 in a few years?

Reach out and ask a few questions. Some people, very qualified people, only need a little “push” to consider accepting the rewarding challenge of helping lead a Rotary district to discover and demonstrate its potential for Service Above Self.

To assist you in your effort, here is the **Procedure and List of Requirements** for a Rotary District Governor:

A candidate should NOT contact any member of the Nominating Committee, as this would be construed as electioneering, which is forbidden. If prospective candidates have any questions, they should contact District Governor Jim Crane at jpsarchery@gmail.com, District Governor Elect Lisa Norwood at lnorwood@gmail.com or District Governor – Nominee Peter Vogt at WalkingPete1947@gmail.com

Important information for prospective candidates:

A Nominee for District Governor must complete an application for consideration as District Governor and meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Must have served a full term as a club president and been a Rotarian for seven years;
- Must be physically fit and able to withstand at least two rigorous years;
- Must be willing to devote the required time and be able to perform as hereinafter set forth;
- Should have at least one year working at the district level in a leadership position;
- Should have a good working knowledge of Rotary;
- Must not be a member of the sitting Nominating Committee;
- Must have the support of his/her club.
- The application must be signed by the candidate and the secretary of the Rotarian’s club.
- The application must be returned to the Chair of the District Nominating Committee by the due date on the Application **(October 14, 2025)**.

After receiving a complete application, the chair of the District Nominating Committee will contact the candidate to schedule a personal interview.

- The candidate will be contacted for an interview time.
- The spouse or partner of the candidate is strongly encouraged to attend this interview.

District 7120 Nominating Committee 2025-2026*

Vern Hecker, (Chair) Ann Bastine, Tom Rogers PDG*

Wendy Winnett Nancy Stelnyk Mike Slovak PDG*

Kelsey Holland, Gary Reilly David Hannan PDG*

David DeMers IPDG*

Ex-Officio: Jim Crane DG, Lisa Norwood DGE Observer: Peter Vogt DGN

The District 7120 Governor Candidate Application can be obtained from the District Governor or District Governor Elect, any assistant governor, club president or past district governor (except those currently serving on the Nominating Committee*). The deadline for submitting an application is Tuesday, October 14, 2025. At this time please submitted applications to Nominating Committee District Governor Jim Crane jpsarchery@gmail.com or 1380 County Rd 28, Shortsville, New York 14548.

Interviews are scheduled to be conducted on November 2nd, 2025



Service-Leadership-FUN

Rotary District 7120 Interact News September 2025

Lots going on with District Interact this year and some really important news for Rotary Clubs sponsoring Interact Clubs:

1. Please get your New Interact Advisor information to RI using this link <https://my.rotary.org/en/report-your-interact-club-advisor> Failure to do this in a two year period will result in your Interact Club's Termination with Rotary International . Then will require you to recharter your Interact Club. You will need your Interact club number which you can get from the Interact Club Status report link below and you will need to use your ClubRunner member login to access the report for contact information privacy reasons.
2. If your club is one of the many Interact Clubs in the District that has been terminated with RI (see <https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/interact> and go to the left side of the and scroll down until in files until you see "7120 Interact Club Status" and click on it and you will have to use your ClubRunner member login to open the file. It will show the status of your Interact Club. If your Interact Club shows terminated then we suggest you use the new online form to recharter your Interact Club with Rotary International https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Q-C0Z_0K-0qLIL-WNWyOfwns9ja2i05EuzNcd9XjG5UM1pXVlo5MtIQIBPODVVUVk3UDg5UUwxNSQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl You may need your My Rotary login at the RI website to access this online rechartering form. You will need the District Governors email address as well as your Rotary Club Presidents email and finally contact information for the Interact Advisor.
3. New Interact Student Council: We would like to bring back the Interact Student Council which is comprised of students and advisors from existing clubs. They will in cooperation with the District Interact Co-Chairs Drew Ashley andereww.ashley@gmail.com and Michelle Bailey to support Interact Clubs throughout District 7120 as well as planning and implementing and managing District 7120 led service projects. They also would take lead on keeping current the District Interact 7120 Facebook Page and Instagram page. Our goal is to have one Interact student from each of the 14 District Areas. They would in turn keep their Interact clubs in the Area up to date with current information. If you know students that might be interested in joining the council please contact us at the above email address.
4. Interact Advisor training in the Rotary Learning Center: Training for School and Rotary Advisors in the RI Learning Center. All Interact Advisors including non-Rotary School Interact Advisors can set up a log in and access the Rotary International Learning Center. Great program is the Interact Advisor Essentials <https://learn.rotary.org/.../659/interact-adviser-essentials> This series is great and will give lots of great insight and information on being a Rotary or School Interact Advisor. To set up a login go to <https://my.rotary.org/> choose Register and follow the directions and once in scroll down until you hit the learning center or use the top link to go directly to Interact Advisor Essentials. I have taken this training and as District Interact Co-Advisor I highly recommend it whether you are a new Interact Advisor and even ones that have been Advisors for a while. Let us know if you have any problems getting in.
5. Interact Students Can access the Rotary International Learning Center: Interact Students 16 and over can access the Rotary Learning center by setting up a log in at <https://my.rotary.org/> Choose the under 18 option and none of your information will be saved except your login per Rotary International. Once logged in you scroll down and choose the Rotary Learning Center then type in Interact in the search box and a number of things will come up including some for Interact Students. Lots of good information here and most training modules are 15 minutes or so and if longer you can always go back to where you left off. Upon completion you can download a certificate showing you have completed training. Suggestions for students will be coming soon as we review them.



Hear ye!
Hear ye! **TABLE OF
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ROCHESTER PRIDE PARADE ~ 7/19/25
Photos from 7120 Facebook





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



Rotary
District 7120



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Where: Reservoir Creek Golf Course, Naples, NY... rated one of the top 5 public courses throughout our district located in the geographic center of district 7120.

When: Friday, September 12, 2025; registration/lunch 11:00-11:45 am; Tee-off 12 noon; buffet dinner 5:45 pm; awards 6:30pm.

Format: 4-person scramble.

Cost: \$95 per person, cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes.
\$35 per person dinner only option.

Scan here to register:



Pre-registration is required. All teams registered and paid by Friday, August 22nd will be entered into a raffle for a foursome at Reservoir Creek (retail value up to \$300)!

Deadline for all registrations is August 31.





Literacy Corner

Save The Date

September 27, 2025

District Literacy Seminar

9 AM – 12 AM

Clifton Springs Hospital – Rotary Room

2 Coulter Rd.

Clifton Springs, N.Y. 14432

**Join us to learn more about adult literacy from our 2
experienced speakers.**

As always, refreshments will be served.

See you then

Submitted by Tracy Wooden



SAVE THE DATE FOR RLI!

**District 7120 Rotary Leadership Institute will be held on
Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Victor Central Schools.**

Attendees learn

- **How to lead**
- **Where the money goes**
- **What to do to create effective committees**
- **How to work with volunteers**

AND come back motivated, energized and inspired.

Come join us for a day of learning more about Rotary!

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/>

MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS

**September is SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH. The following is information about:
SUICIDE PREVENTION WITH OLDER ADULTS**

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) reported in 2022 that among people who attempt suicide, one in four older adults will succeed, compared to 1 in 200 youths.

Older adults tend to plan suicide more carefully and are more likely to use lethal methods. White men over 75 have the highest suicide rate.

Many older adults, age 70 and over, live alone, have experienced the loss of a spouse or close family member and have few social connections. Many have medical problems and pain and have many prescription medications and other medications in their home. Some have lost self-sufficiency in ability to drive, read, dress and care for themselves or lead an active, independent life. Some are starting to have symptoms of dementia. Others are living on a fixed income and may struggle paying bills. Many of these issues also lead to symptoms of depression, and anxiety.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP::

WATCH, LISTEN AND OFFER SUPPORT

Warning signs/Risk Factors of Suicide in Older Adults:

- * Loss of interest in activities they used to enjoy
- * Giving away beloved items
- * Less ability to care for self and neglecting self care and grooming
- * Less concern for personal safety
- * Preoccupation with death and dying, increased focus on wills and final arrangements
- * Increase depression, anxiety, alcohol or other substance use
- * Expressing loss of sense of purpose
- * Increased pain and medical problems that cause less independence

Ways to help and prevent suicide or lessen suicidal thought:

- * Be there face to face or via phone or video to ease feelings of isolation and loneliness to provide a sense of caring and connectiveness.
- * Ask directly if a person is thinking about harm to themselves and acknowledge their pain but offer support and help.
- * Remove any weapons or extra pills from the home if possible.
- * Help them connect to a support system. Talk to them about contacting 988 or Lifeline to talk to someone. Connect them to a church or others who can talk to them.
- * Be sure to follow up after a concerning conversation to check in and see if their thoughts are more hopeful.
- * Encourage them to talk with their primary physician about changes in their mood and physical abilities.
- * Send a text message or even a card. Reach out and show you care.
- * Offer hope it helping them recognize what they can do and how they are important to you and to others.

Most important, Do not ignore any signs and symptoms of possible thoughts of self harm. Get involved, share your concerns and help the older adult to get connected for help.

Submitted by Christine Casaceli LCSW

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 Hochul Signs Executive Order Expanding Access to Vaccines Amid Uncertainty in Washington | Governor Kathy Hochul](#) for more information.

RSV (RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL 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.

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.

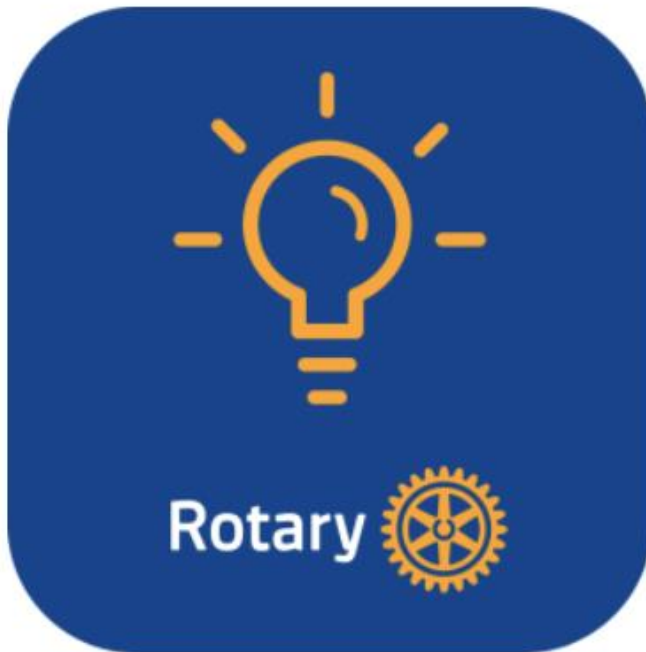
For more information or to schedule a workshop for your Rotary Club, contact ...

PDG Bill Gormont or PDG Scott MacDonell



LEARNING IN ACTION

DEVELOPING ROTARY LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD

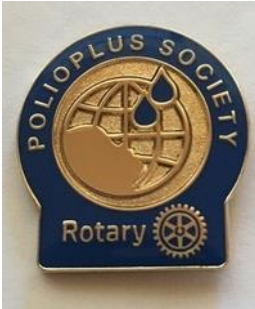


A new and improved Rotary Learning Center app

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

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

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



**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.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



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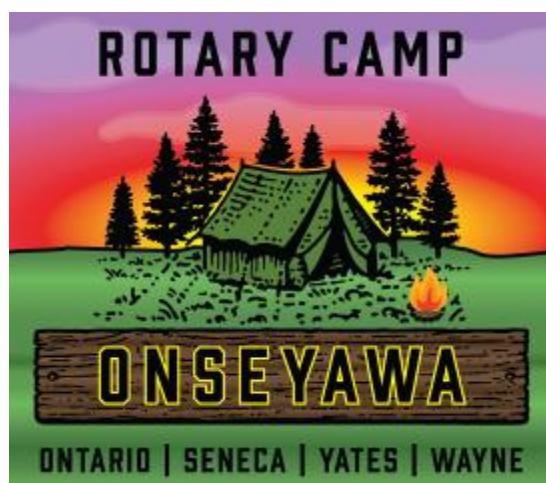


August 10-15th 2025



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**

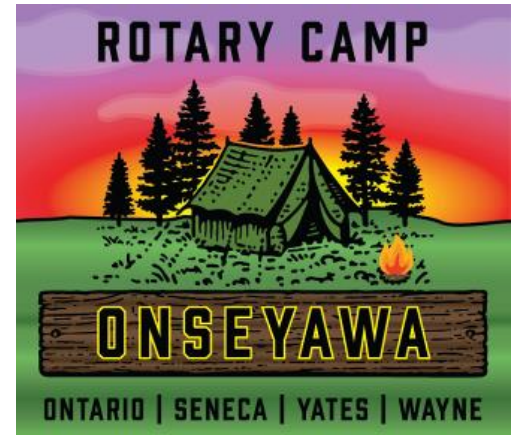


**July 28 - Aug 1: Youth Week - Ages
7 to 18 years old
August 4 - 8: Adult Week - Ages
19 to 30 years old**

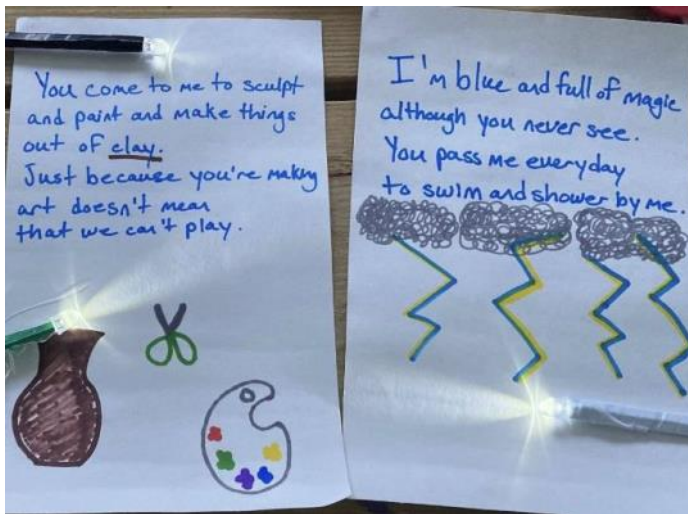
Highlights from Camp Onseyawa, 2025

We welcomed over 60 young people to Camp Onseyawa this year. Our theme was "The Wondering, Wizarding World of Camp". The theme was based on the Harry Potter series, and our campers were thrilled to take part in an actual Quidditch game. We had a mysterious scavenger hunt that had everyone receiving a wand. We even had our mail delivered by our own "house" owl. Our week kicked off with a surprise visit from Dumbledore himself – yes, I said Dumbledore.

It was a great week, and I hope many can join us at our Annual Camp Onseyawa Dinner on October 24. (details in the Dinner flyer)



Submitted by Marie Fessler, Palmyra-Macedon Rotary and member of Camp Onseyawa Board & camp staff



READY FOR 70th Anniversary Season !

The 2025 summer camp season at Camp Onseyawa was a heart-warming success with 62 campers having the time of their life for two weeks.

What happens when a dedicated staff plans all year and comes together as an impressive team – you get a great program while creating great camp memories.

The Board of Directors along with 19 Rotary Clubs have continued their commitment and dedication to this very special mission for these special campers for 69 years. This project has certainly stood the test of time.

This year has seen many more improvements to the Camp Whitman facilities that are specifically used by Camp Onseyawa. To name a few: renovated ceramic lodge; establishment of a new camp office; electric and lights to 8 campsite shelters; 5 new campsite washstands; and many other important facility projects. This has been possible due to the following Rotary clubs who chose to sponsor a washstand as their district grant Rotary foundation project: Naples, Waterloo, Bloomfield, and Victor/Farmington Rotary Clubs. Many, many thanks to them for going above and beyond.



The Dundee Rotary Club organized a club meeting at Camp Onseyawa on August 20. 23 members and guests enjoyed a tour of camp. Lunch took place in the dining hall with great camp food: tomato soup and griddled cheese sandwiches. Dundee Rotary visit to Camp Onseyawa.

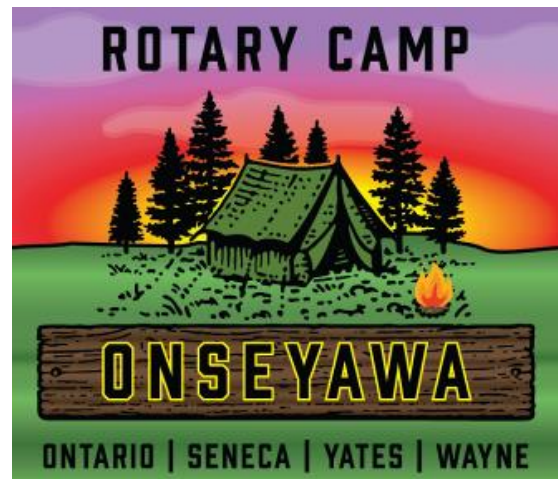
(L to R) Polly Kimball Eslinger (Tripp Foundation), Lynda Kimball (Dundee Rotary President), Hank Kimball (Tripp Foundation), Nancy Fulkerson (Tripp Foundation and Dundee Rotary member, Kate Ring (Dundee Rotary rep to Onseyawa Board), and Robin Mark, Camp Director.

The budget is once again on track to balance for 2025, a remarkable achievement while also raising \$ 34,000 for capital improvements. Foundation support has reached an all-time-high and the finance committee is planning on more proposals for 2026. Another noteworthy accomplishment was raising program sponsorship funds. It generated \$6,000 to support specific program needs such as photography, ceramics, health lodge, camper and staff tea shirts, bounce castle, etc. We thank the following clubs for this type of support: Seneca Falls, Honeoye Lake, Red Jacket, Clifton Springs, Victor/Farmington, Canandaigua, and Penn Yan. As we plan for 2026, our major effort will be to start replacing our aging golf cart fleet.

The Annual Big Raffle has begun and tickets are now for sale from your club director. The Annual Camp Dinner is scheduled for October 24 at Club 86, Geneva. Please also see your club director for details and reservations.

Our 2026 camping season should be an exciting summer camp with our 70th anniversary celebration.

By Victor Arsenault, Board Member



Here Is Love: 62 Years at GVRC

From August 11–17, Camp Sam Wood came alive once again as 95 campers from Allegany, Livingston, Steuben, and Wyoming counties arrived for a week they'll never forget.

Now in its 62nd year, the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC) delivered yet another Camp Week filled with adventure, friendship, and personal growth — but as anyone involved will tell you, this isn't just any summer camp.

A community service project sponsored by 14 local Rotary Clubs, GVRC's mission is to provide a life-changing, outdoor camping experience for children and young adults (ages 8–21) with disabilities.

Thanks to the dedication of the camp staff, volunteers, and Rotary Clubs, this experience is offered completely free of charge to campers and their families.

"We have an incredibly dedicated and talented group of individuals, many of whom volunteer their time, on our staff roster," said Camp Director Brian Bartalo. "It makes a huge difference in how successful the week goes for our campers."

One of the core mottos of GVRC is "Everyone Has Potential," and the staff work tirelessly to create an environment where that belief shines through every day.

"I hope our campers return to their schools and homes feeling more confident in their abilities and strengths," added Assistant Camp Director Sarah Warner.



A Week of Wonder: The Enchanted Forest

Each year, GVRC celebrates with a themed Camp Week. This year's theme was "Enchanted Forest," inspiring an imaginative lineup of activities, songs, and skits. Campers took part in a wide range of programs, including archery, fishing, crafts, swimming, drama, hiking, sports, riflery, and more.

"It was an incredible week filled with joy, perseverance, friendship, love, and plenty of sunshine," said Warner. Plenty of sunshine is right. Despite temperatures peaking over 90 degrees, smiles and laughter were in no short supply.

"The Camp Week was hot and dry, so all efforts were made to keep campers well hydrated and rested. Everyone had fun and in the safest way possible. The pool was a popular spot," said Bartalo. "Our incredible kitchen staff once again provided delicious and nutritious meals, accounting for all individuals' dietary needs and restrictions."

Highlights of Camp Week

The week was packed with special events:

- Sunday – Opening Ceremony: Staff skits, camp songs, and introductions of new "Rookie" staff
- Monday – Guest performance by children's entertainer Glenn Colton
- Tuesday – Magic show by Joel Greenwich from Rochester
- Wednesday – Carnival Day, with a bounce house and games hosted by the Dansville Rotary and camp staff
- Thursday – Skit Night, where both campers and staff performed
- Friday – The Dance, featuring DJ Jake Warner

A particularly memorable milestone this year was a field trip by the Rotary "Special" site campers— a first in recent camp history. They visited the Autism Nature Trail at Letchworth State Park, where campers enjoyed sensory-based activities; enjoying music, flowers, building stations, and more.

But the campers at the Special site were not the only ones celebrating this year. Last March, Ramsey Constructors of Lakeville, NY, made a generous donation to GVRC which greatly improved the accessibility for campers at the Rotary "Special" campsite, much to the benefit of GVRC's staff. Owner Chris Ramsey donated materials and equipment, and employees Gary Slate and Zach van Norman spent a week at Camp Sam Wood pouring concrete and widening paths in the Special site. Their generosity and hard work helped to improve the accessibility of the campsite and ease the burden on GVRC staff who transport campers with limited mobility.

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Recognizing Service, Honoring Legacy

On August 13, GVRC's Board of Directors, composed of members from the 14 supporting Rotary Clubs, held their annual meeting at Camp. Since 2015, the Board has honored long-serving staff with Paul Harris Fellowships, which signify a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation in the recipient's name (this year, those donations came from the Cal-Mum Rotary Club).

This year's honorees were: • **Howard R. Green** • **Julie Sullivan** • **Carolyn Tidd** • **Sarah Warner**

"For many, Camp Week has long been a source of rejuvenation," Warner reflected. "Since 1999, for me, it has been a reminder of the boundless potential within each camper. Their accomplishments add to the spirit of confidence and joy that GVRC works to foster."

The Board also recognized the passing of Donald Bartalo, a longtime Dansville Rotarian and former President of the GVRC Board who served from 1974–1992. His legacy lives on through his son, Brian Bartalo, current Camp Director, and a multi-generational family of GVRC staff members.

The recognition of Donald highlighted a powerful theme: GVRC is a family. Brian Bartalo was joined at Camp by his wife, Marcia; sons, Jakob and Nathan; and daughter-in-law, Audrey, who all currently serve on GVRC's staff. Donald's wife, Denise, and daughter, Kris Rapp, who both previously served on the Camp's staff, were also in attendance.

"I've been working at GVRC since 1981 and visited it prior to that with my father," said Bartalo. "It's an annual ritual for me that I not only look forward to, but need. It's truly the highlight of my year. GVRC is a special place and I can't imagine a summer without it."

The spirit of "Here Is Love" at the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC) doesn't end when the week is over. Campers and staff carry the life-changing experience they had at Camp Sam Wood with them throughout the year.

Submitted by CT Hayes
Secretary for the Board of Directors



Bartalo Family



Paul Harris Fellows



Campers



Mr. Steve is having too much fun fishing with everyone this week!!



Geneseo Rotarians PDG Julie Carney, Mariann George , Steve Wiener

[Photos / Captions from GVRC Instagram page.](#)

Submitted by Marilyn Lyon

What a Summer at Camp Haccamo!

This season has been incredibly fun for both our board team and the campers. We can't thank Dolly and the entire staff enough for their compassion and support.



We've had an amazing summer and we are fortunate to have hosted a number of clubs and special visits. During the first week of camp, we presented Rotary District 7120 Governor Jim Crane with a special commemorative plaque as a symbol of our gratitude for his visit and his commitment to building awareness for the five camps in our district serving individuals with special needs. Thank you! (see photo right)

We are grateful for the incredible support from the Penfield, Brighton, E-Club, Pittsford, Fairport, Rochester Southwest, Spencerport, Greece, Irondequoit, Honeoye Falls/Mendon, and Rush Henrietta Rotary Clubs. Please visit our Facebook page for more club photos and shoutouts!

Thank you for being a vital part of the Camp Haccamo family and for helping us create these life-changing experiences.

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Submitted by Neal Gorman



Clifton Springs Rotary Club

The Clifton Springs Rotary was pleased to induct the Phelps Community Center as its newest Corporate Member on Tuesday, August 19. Pictured are: Clifton Springs Rotary President-Elect Don Shaw, PCC associate member Holly Carmel, PCC associate member Nikole Ventura, PCC associate member Alyssa Bedient, PCC primary member Janie Burgess, CS Rotary President Mary dePorter, and CS Rotary membership chair and PDG Scott MacDonell. We are excited to welcome them to the Clifton Springs Rotary and look forward to working with the Phelps Community Center on many community projects and initiatives.



Submitted by PDG Scott MacDonell



Bath Rotary Club

Recently Susan M. Jackson was inducted into the Bath Rotary Club by Nancy Latour, Past President of the local club, who also serves as Jackson's sponsor and mentor. Several other club members participated in the club's formal induction ceremony.

Jackson graduated from Savona Central School during which time she attended BOCES at Coopers Plains for Office Management. She also received education from various schools for media sales and New York State Certification in Accident and Hospital Indemnity. She is currently schooling for life insurance.

Currently Jackson works as an Independent Agent for Aflac Insurance. Previously she was employed as Head Cook/Kitchen Supervisor at Avoca Central School; Office Manager, Sales Manager, and Circulation Assistant at the Steuben Courier-Advocate; Publisher for the Horseheads Shopper/Gatehouse Media; Owner and Operator of a domestic home cleaning business. She also noted that as a single mom she always had two to three jobs in addition to her main source of income, including: part-time Deputy Clerk for the Village of Hammondsport; Co-Owner of Bath Full House of Music and Bud's Taxi; Event Coordinator at Bath Party House; Private Caterer; Employee of P & C and Agway.

In addition to her vast employment experiences, Jackson has managed her time well enough in order to be active in the Greater Area Bath Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees of Bath, Kiwanis Club, Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce, Christian Music Worship Team, and Mrs. Claus in Bath for fifteen years.

She has proudly received many awards, including: twenty Top Ad Net Sales Awards for Gatehouse Media; Founder's Award; Fireball Award and Super Fireball Award from Aflac; 10th place highest AP from Aflac Northeast/NH Division for the second quarter of 2025.

Karaoke, billiards, cooking, crocheting, art, and having fun occupy her limited spare time as well as family time with her adult children Charles Hoad III, Shauna Stratton, Shonda Sprague, Charlene Hoad and their spouses/families, including ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren from blended families.

"I strive to serve the communities in which I work. I believe we must give back to foster the betterment of all," stated Jackson. "I have always admired the Bath Rotary Club and its commitment to community service and hope that I can be a valuable member of this dedicated organization."



Standing left to right are: Nancy Latour, Past President of the Bath Rotary Club and Jackson's sponsor and mentor; Jackson; Bill White, Bath Rotary Club Membership Chair.

Written by Elaine Tears
Picture by Brandi Graham

Dundee Rotary Club

Dundee Rotary has inducted its first new member of the '25-'26 Rotary year. Nancy Fulkerson was welcomed into the Club by member Walter Verdi at the August 6th regular meeting. Nancy is a resident of Dundee, although she spends a fair amount of time in Hawaii. Nancy studied Early Childhood Education in college and subsequently taught Nursery School for six years. Then, in 1979 they bought the Jensen Juice plant and by 1988 turned it into the Fulkerson Winery and Juice Plant. Nancy retired from the business in 2010 and began to pursue her passion for Marine Biology. She now volunteers as a first responder for the Hawaiian Monk Seal. Nancy also teaches about the Humpback Whales on the Big Island of Hawaii. She also serves a site leader for the annual whale count on the Big Island every last Saturday of Jan, Feb, March. Nancy states that she "loves everything ocean!"

Pictured are L to R, Walt Verdi, President-Elect Brittany Gibson, Nancy's sponsor Kevin Oliver, and inductee Nancy Fulkerson.



Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Corning Rotary Club

Membership Chair Stacy Ward (left) recently introduced the club's latest new member, Rachel Goyette (right), to the club. Rachel found the club through the club's social Meet and Greet held every calendar quarter.

Rachel Goyette recently relocated to Corning, NY, where she is establishing a real estate business with Howard Hanna in Horseheads and overseeing the renovation of the former Rosewood Inn into short-term rentals. With a background in event marketing for a global bicycle brand, Rachel brings strong organizational and communication skills to the Corning club and looks forward to supporting its event planning and outreach efforts.

She is also an endurance sports coach, helping athletes reach competitive goals in marathon and triathlon events. In her spare time, Rachel enjoys baking and staying active with her rescue dogs.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Geneva Rotary Club



Geneva Rotary Club inducted two new members at recent meetings. Taking part in the Induction Ceremony for Peter Einset were (left to right) President Kerry Lippincott, Einset, sponsor Dave Cook, Susie Flick, former Assistant District Governor Jim Dickson, Kathy Fuchs and Rich Kasulke. Einset is a Geneva attorney. Also inducted was Troy Quigley, shown with his sponsor John Oughterson. Quigley worked in auto sales for 18 years before going into the real estate business with Howard Hanna Real Estate Services in Canandaigua.

Submitted by Philip Beckley



Welcome
New Members

Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently inducted new member John Reyes-Guerra, and was sponsored by Club President Kent Gilges. Mr. Reyes-Guerra grew up in the New York City area and attended Elmira College. He met his wife at college who convinced him they should live in Canandaigua and raise their three children. His profession is in medical sales equipment.

Pictured are Club President Kent Gilges, John Reyes-Guerra, Judi Gorenflo, and Mark Sheppard:



Submitted by Jack Kellogg

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club

At our last meeting of August, the club presented a Paul Harris to Sandy Jessup. We gathered to celebrate and remember that Service above Self, compassion and dedication are the tenets of Rotary. When we follow those blue and yellow Rotary ribbons, the Rotary "work" is not work at all. In the short time that Sandy has been with Rotary, she has been the club secretary, club liaison with Meals on Wheels, and is instrumental in the club's biggest fundraiser (and community service project) every year. Sandy continues to promote Rotary's lights in our little corner of the world.

Submitted by Kelly Comfort



Geneva Rotary Club

Geneva Rotary Club members and guests enjoyed the club's annual picnic on Aug. 20 at the Seneca Yacht Club and, as is tradition, posed for a group photo. Also at the picnic, Rotarian Bruce Tuxill (right) was presented with his Paul Harris Award by Past District Governor Scott MacDonald. Tuxill joined the United States Air Force in 1968 and retired in 2008 as Major General.

Submitted by Philip Beckley



Geneva Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club is proud to announce that Rotary member Jodi Kaufman was honored recently with her Paul Harris +3 Fellowship. A Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community. Recipients are Rotarians or community professionals in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary by placing Service Above Self. Recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow is an opportunity to show appreciation for a person, either Rotarian or non-Rotarian, who shares these values.

Pictured are Rotary Club President Kent Gilges and Jodi Kaufman:



Submitted by Jack Kellogg



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

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

fourth

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

Naples Rotary Club

In August, we had the pleasure of hearing from three of our Rotary Youth Exchange students as they shared their experiences abroad and planning for their time away.

Eliza **(Right)** recently returned from a year in Brazil. She stayed with four families, including the home of a Brazilian Youth Exchange student, Giovana, who stayed with her family the previous year. She treated them to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Her Naples family visited to celebrate Christmas and traveled to Rio De Janeiro for New Years.



Lyra **(Left)** just returned from her Exchange experience in Phuket, Thailand. Coming from a small town of Naples, Phuket was a big change but she enjoyed the beautiful beaches of the tourist area. Her school was a vocational school mainly geared towards tourism and hospitality careers. She learned that she loves international travel and the variety of food.



Emma **(Right)** left soon after her presentation to go to France for her Exchange year. She shared information about the Youth Exchange application process which included giving a speech in French as part of the interview. We hope her experience will be a great one and look forward to hearing all about it next summer.

Submitted by Cindy Scoda





The Bloomfield Rotary Club



DG Jim Crane visited the Bloomfield Rotary Club on August 11. During his visit we inducted our latest new member, Paul Zelter, owner of Saxby's Collision and Mechanical. We welcomed this year's exchange student, Bruna from France, on August 13th. Meeting her at the airport were 4 Rotarians (one of which is her host mom), two former exchange students, and two former host sisters.

Submitted by Pat Overmoyer



Victor – Farmington Rotary Club

From 1976 through 2021 Hang Around Victor Day was a popular attraction for many residents and families in the Victor – Farmington community. Located in the center of the village, service clubs, kids' activities, games, music, and food attracted visitors with booths and vendors that combined to make a great family day to mark the end of summer. For a multiplicity of reasons, the event was not held in the past few years but has been resurrected in 2025 with a theme of honoring individuals and service clubs that through their volunteer efforts make a difference in the local community.

The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club was an original participant in the 1976 HAVD and every year thereafter. The club once again was present at the 2025 event that was held – because of rain – indoors at the Pinnacle Athletic Campus & Events Center in Victor. The club provided children at the event with the opportunity to search for candy in a wading pool covered with corn kernels.



V-F YEX student Yume Morino helping children find candy

There was also informational material concerning the club and club activities available for attendees who stopped by the club table. Club president John Summers presented certificates of appreciation to community leaders Sue Stehling and Randy Shea who were instrumental in reviving the event. The club's Rotary Youth Exchange student, Yume Morino, who only recently arrived from Japan, enjoyed her first opportunity to participate in a club event.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Mom helping children search for candy



Club president John Summers presenting awards to HAVD organizers Sue Stehling and Randy Shea



Pittsford Rotary Club

It's been a busy summer for Pittsford Rotarians at Camp Haccamo on the Sunshine Campus. In May, the club created and constructed an enchanting fairy garden beside the camp's train track. The campers have been enjoying the magic while riding through the woods on the train. And in July about a dozen club members helped make the annual Carnival Night a huge success by serving goodies and operating numerous Funland activities.

Submitted by David Irwin



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Bath Rotary Club

Camp STAR, located on the scenic and rural setting of The Y at Watson Woods in Painted Post, was bustling with 65 campers, ages 6 to 12, and 26 skillful counselors and staff, including a nurse, who lived and slept in the retreat's cabins and were available to the campers around the clock, from August 10 – 15.

The camp provided its week-long program, complete with overnight accommodations, daily meals, group athletics, hiking, crafts, nature study, and field trips, including a day in Watkins Glen and swimming at the YMCA in Corning, for children who have a physical or developmental disability that usually precludes them from enjoying the camping experience. The program, started in 1963, is carefully designed to provide needed recreation that is compatible with a wide range of therapies the special-needs' campers may be undergoing. Particular emphasis is placed on developing initiative and self-reliance of campers.

The camp was named Camp STAR since it represents the clubs in the Southern Tier Area Rotary. Since several Rotary clubs in the Southern Tier area fund the camp, no camper is charged to enjoy this special place. Those Rotary clubs which also provided meals, snacks, ice cream, etc. throughout the week included: Bath, Chemung Sunrise, Corning, Elmira, Elmira Heights, Horseheads, Prattsburgh, and Watkins Glen.

Marianne Kalec, Chair of Camp STAR, also noted that the Camp STAR golf tournament, held on July 21, raised \$28,500.00 toward the cost of the camp and that Tioga Downs had donated \$11,484.00 toward the cost of the camp. She exclaimed, "How amazing and generous our communities are!"

On Thursday, August 14, the Bath Rotarians provided the campers, counselors, and staff a picnic of hotdogs, hamburgers, condiments, chips, fruit cups or applesauce, vanilla or chocolate ice cream with sprinkles, fruit juice, and bottled water. Those participating from the Bath Rotary Club included Nancy Latour, Chair of the Camp STAR Board of Directors; Brandi Graham; Sue Jackson; Jay Maslyn; Cheryl Muller and her partner, Matt Feola, an Honorary Member of the Auburn Rotary Club in District 7180; Elaine Tears; Bill White.

"Camp STAR is a wonderful week which gives families the opportunity for respite, knowing that the staff will be there for their children," said Latour, who is also the Secretary of the Bath Rotary Club. "Campers are given an opportunity to be kids without any stigma. The counselors are dedicated and enjoy the week as much as the campers do."

The participation in the Camp STAR experience allowed the Bath Rotarians to continue their involvement in community service projects and to display dedication to their motto of "Service Above Self".

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Cheryl Muller



Bath Rotarians provided the campers and staff at Camp STAR a picnic on August 14. Standing left to right in front are: Cheryl Muller, Matt Feola, Elaine Tears, Nancy Latour, Brandi Graham, and Sue Jackson. Standing left to right in the back are: Bill White and Jay Maslyn.



Sixty-five campers and twenty-six counselors or staff kept streaming through the door of the community room at Camp STAR to fill their plates with picnic food, provided by the Bath Rotary Club on the last night of the camp.



Bath Rotarians provided a picnic of hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, chips, fruit cups or applesauce, fruit juice, bottled water, and ice cream with sprinkles to the campers and staff at Camp STAR on August 14.

Corning Rotary Club

Monday, August 11th, was the Corning club's Pizza and Dance Night at Camp STAR, a week-long camp for children, ages 6 through 12, with a physical or developmental disability that might keep them from enjoying a typical camping experience.

Supported by eight Rotary clubs in the Southern Tier, the camp was held at the Y at Watson Woods, a 400-acre family event and retreat center a hop, skip and jump from Corning.

The various Rotary Clubs provide special entertainment and activities throughout the week.

Eight Rotarians from the Corning club served pizza, donated by Wegman's, and DJ Curtis, supplied by Bobby K Entertainment, provided the music. It is wonderful to see the number of returning campers and counselors. Never doubt how much Camp STAR means to the community and the campers!

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Gananda Rotary Club

At the annual Carnival at Camp Onseyawa, Gananda Rotary member Wanda Arnold helped show campers how to play the games that the club offered, and prizes were happily awarded to the campers.

Many clubs in the 7120 District participated in the fun and VERY hot day on beautiful Seneca Lake

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Victor – Farmington Rotary Club

A contingent of Victor – Farmington Rotarians were at Camp ONSEYAWEA on Sunday, August 17th, to participate in the annual camp carnival. They joined fellow V-F Rotarians, District Governor Jim Crane, and Camp ONSEYAWA Treasurer Victor Arsenault in hosting a board game that provided campers the opportunity to win a souvenir ONSEYAWA camp baseball cap. The game attracted many participants and they all left with a cap.

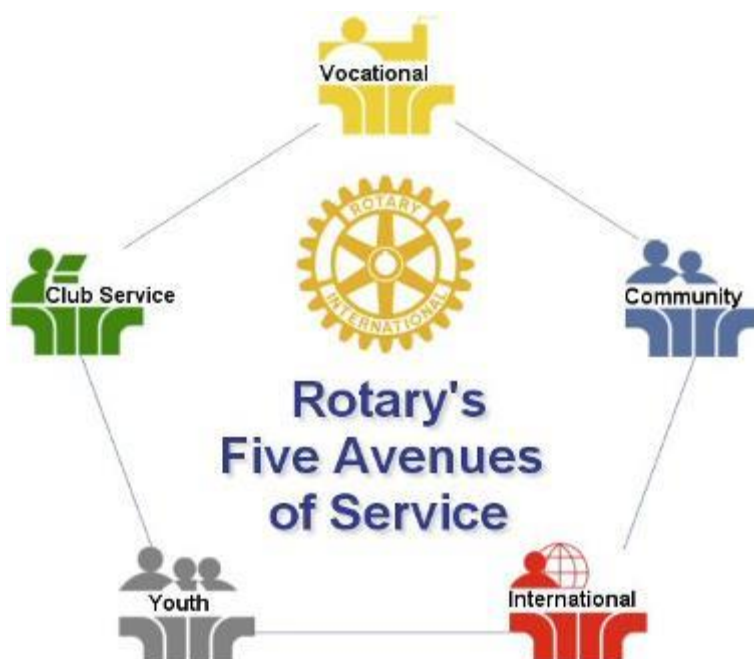
Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



board game



L TO R - Victor Arsenault, Kathy Arsenault, DG Jim Crane, Nancy Loughlin, Bev Rosbrook, Judy Luitweiler, Dave Luitweiler



UNITE FOR GOOD

News from Area 13 and Area 14.

Rochester Rotary working with the 7 other City of Rochester Rotary Clubs (Irondequoit, Downtown City Center, ROC City, Rochester Deaf, Rochester Latino, Rochester Northwest and Rochester Southwest) are pleased to announce a brand-new Citywide Service Initiative to benefit the City of Rochester. The following was published in Spoke 36, Rochester Rotary's weekly newsletter. Thank you to AG's Kimberly Miranda and Pat Stack for their wholehearted support of this collaborative initiative to Unite for Good!

Call to Action: Unite for Good—Launching Our Citywide Service Initiative!

As we begin an exciting new Rotary year, I'm thrilled to invite every member of our club—and indeed, every Rotarian across the City of Rochester—to ignite a spirit of unity and action as we embark on a bold, new citywide service project! This year, Rotary International challenges us to "Unite for Good." There's no better moment to answer that call, right here in our hometown.

Just imagine: Eight Rotary clubs, hundreds of caring hands, and one shared mission—serving Rochester with renewed purpose. When we come together as one Rotary community, we multiply our impact, inspire greater change, and send a powerful message about what "Service Above Self" truly means.

Throughout the year, we'll launch quarterly, large-scale service projects in partnership with agencies like Open Door Mission. Some opportunities are already on the table such as existing and ongoing service projects now done by respective Clubs, and many more will come as we mobilize our experience, expertise, and passion. Each club will rally volunteers, and together, we'll tackle urgent needs with enthusiasm and care.

This is our chance to connect more deeply with each other while building a lasting legacy for all Rochesterians. Whether you're a longtime member or brand new to Rotary, your spirit and skills are essential for the journey ahead.

Let's set the standard for what Rotarians can accomplish when we unite for good! Bring your ideas, invite friends and family, and make sure your club's voice is heard as we shape this important initiative. Our city needs us—and together, we're unstoppable.

Will you answer the call? Join us in making this year's motto, "Service Above Self," more powerful than ever—one city, one vision, United for Good!

Rich de Asis

President Rochester Rotary

See EVENT POSTER in the poster section.

Bath Rotary Club

On August 12th Bath Rotarian, Cheryl Muller, participated in a Brush with Kindness project as part of Habitat for Humanity. The participants in the event helped clean the lawns or complete other projects for seven to ten community members. They were provided breakfast, snacks, drinks, and all equipment needed. The group included forty-four incoming freshmen at Alfred University as well as local adults to act as supervisors. Muller was named a site supervisor for four students whose task was to paint the porch and rails of a local home. She noted that none of the students had any experience painting, but all had a good time, successfully completed the project, and really enjoyed the experience which allowed them to help a community member.



In the foreground is Cheryl Muller, Bath Rotarian, attending the welcoming speech and organization of nine teams as part of a Habitat for Humanity project, entitled Brush with Kindness, on the morning of August 12th.



Four Alfred University freshmen successfully painted the porch and rails of a local Bath home as part of a Brush with Kindness project. Absent from photo is Cheryl Muller, Bath Rotarian who supervised the students and took this picture.



Cheryl Muller, Bath Rotarian, standing at the far left, supervises four Alfred University freshmen in painting the porch and rails of a local Bath home as part of a Habitat for Humanity project.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Cheryl Muller

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club

On Thursday, August 7th, ten members of the Sunrise Rotary Club gave out hotdogs (with meat sauce if desired), chips and drinks to those present at the weekly summer concert series in Horseheads. The money raised will go towards a joint project (Unite for Good) to build a building to serve dinner from for these events, as well as having a permanent bathroom.



Homemade Meat Sauce by Melissa BBQ Grillers Extraordinaire Melissa Morse & Peter Wallin. Sandy Jessup taking care of the money while Al & Barb Preucil plate the dogs.

Submitted by Kelly Comfort

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club

On Saturday, August 23, members of the Chemung County Sunrise Rotary Club donned beekeeping apparel to learn about honeybees at HoneyBee Made in Big Flats, NY. This small business had participated in the club's Road Rally 2025 and we loved them so much we had to find out more about the production of honey! To sweeten the (honey) pot even more, the owners Anne and Burt Beebe were the guest speakers the following week at the club's monthly dinner meeting.

Submitted by Kelly Comfort



Gananda Rotary Club

Gananda Rotary helped to welcome students during Freshman Orientation at Ruben Cirillo High School at Gananda Central.

Students and their parents were made aware of community service opportunities through the Gananda Rotary Club projects.

Pictured are Bridget Meredith and Patti Holdraker

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Corning Rotary Club

The Corning club recently donated \$2,000 to CareFirstNY to support Good Grief Week using the 2025-2026 District Grant.

Good Grief Week is organized by CareFirstNY, located in Corning N.Y. and is in partnership with the Southeast Steuben County Library (Corning NY) and FLX Works (Watkins Glen, NY).

Good Grief Week is a week of activities to help children, teens and their loved ones navigate the process of grief.

CareFirstNY provides compassionate end of life care, grief counseling and mental health counseling. Rotary funding will help supply programming, art supplies, books, and marketing materials.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Check presented by Rotarians (l-r) Treasurer Jan Harvey, Club Foundation Chair Wendy Winnett, President-elect and Executive Director of Southeast Steuben County Library Pauline Emery and Past President Dale Wexell to Cindy Lewis, Director of Community Impact for CareFirst NY (center)

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Pal-Mac Rotary Club

It took many loving hands to prepare and serve the delicious food we are known for at the Wayne County Fair in early August. Captured here are members, family, and friends who helped bring a smile to many by satisfying their appetite and thirst.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Pal-Mac Rotary Club

We are a club that wants to find out how we can have more fun while we get even more things done!

At an evening meeting in August we completed the SWOT (Successes, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis based on surveys completed by 20 members. We were guided by facilitators and fellow Rotarians Scott MacDonell and Gerianne Puskus, and timekeeper extraordinaire, Bill Gormont.

This is a great opportunity to reinforce what we do really well as a club, as well as identify areas where we can improve.



Scott leading us in the analysis.



The End with appreciation!!



Gerianne gathering input with club member, Keisha Stokes serving as recorder.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford

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Victor – Farmington Rotary Club

Rotarians Hilary and Charles Richards, members of the Rotary Club of Monroeville, PA, and Joe and Edie Rogers, members of the Rotary Club of Conneaut, OH, Members of the International Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians (RVF) - making annual visit to Victor - Farmington Rotary Club while camping in the Finger Lakes region at KOA in Farmington. L TO R - Bev Rosbrook (VFR) Edie Rogers, Joe Rogers, Hilary Richards, Charles Richards, Galen Powers (VFR) and Judy Luitweiler (VFR)

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Webster Rotary Club

On August 7th, the Webster Rotary Club welcomed Bella's Bumbas to their meeting. Bella's Bumbas is the centerpiece of the club's district simplified grant application as they received the proceeds of the grant from the Webster club. Bella's Bumbas creates custom wheelchairs for children, toddlers and infants. As a volunteer organization, they have produced and shipped over 3,000 chairs to over 60 countries.



Submitted by Joseph Corona



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

RYLA STUDENT REPORTS

At our September 4th meeting, members of the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club were entertained by Kylie Merrick who was our RYLA representative for the session held this summer. Sharing the evening with us were Kylie's mom and aunt along with Carrie and Bill Grove. Carrie and Bill were highly involved with RYLA this summer as they coordinated everything and made sure all was super for the 15 students who attended the session at FLCC.

From July 13 to July 17, those 15 students spent their time together reviewing ways they could change/improve themselves as better leaders in their communities. This was a chance for the students to get to know each other but more so a chance to get to know themselves even better so they could decide what they could do to become stronger leaders in life.

Kylie had a great time and managed to determine what she needed and wanted to do to become a stronger individual for herself and for her peers. It was such a valuable time for her, she would like to do the program again and highly recommends it for others.

A variety of activities and speakers gave the participants the opportunity to explore many different ways to develop as a leader --- thanks to Carrie and Bill for making sure all was good to go for the RYLA candidates. This chance to grow as a leader was very positive and rewarding for all.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Seneca Falls Rotary Club

Seneca Falls Rotary experienced an eventful August. An enjoyable evening meeting was held at Simply Homemade in Waterloo, during which we welcomed our new Junior Rotarians for the year. This group consists of ten seniors from Mynderse Academy who will participate in our weekly meetings and assist with all club activities throughout the year. At the same meeting, two new members were inducted: Mark Reese, a retired engineer sponsored by Jim Schrey, and Mike Bellone, a retired first responder sponsored by his wife, Julie Bellone.



At the end of the month, we hosted our inaugural Back to School Bash, which received an enthusiastic response from the community. DG Jim Crane stopped by and had a picture taken with event chair Julie Bellone and President Lori Gnau.



Supported by grants, donations, and fellow Rotarians, we distributed new clothing, lunches, ice cream, school supplies, and additional items. Several community partners were present and provided information about their services. The children enjoyed amenities such as a bounce house and obstacle course. Due to the success of this event, we anticipate continuing it in the future!

Submitted by Liz Becht

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

FALL FUNDRAISING

As we enter the Fall season, the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club continues fundraising for future events. Our flamingo flocking runs through October 1st while our returnable bottles and cans project is ongoing. Flamingo flocking has been fun and has brought in over \$600 for our club. This is an easy and fun activity to add dollars to our treasury. Those who are flocking enjoy the pink creatures guarding their property and bringing attention to their homes.



Four members of the HLRC manage the recyclables by gathering them to take to a recycling center. They make sure the bottles and cans are clean and separated according to metal/plastic and glass. This is another "not too much work" project that brings a few dollars each week to the HLRC's treasury. We have chosen to dedicate this fundraiser's profit to our golf tournament so we can offer more raffle and silent

auction items. Anyone who wishes to donate their recyclable cans and bottles can drop them off at Hamele's or Hubble's or can have them picked up if needed.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

Spencerport Rotary

Spencerport Rotary was pleased to have sent a local student, Miranda Bridgeman, to RYLA this year. Miranda was our guest speaker at a recent dinner meeting to tell us about her experience. She was joined by Cory Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction,.

Her comments about RYLA were incredibly complimentary. Miranda stated the experience "changed me a lot", including improving her public speaking skills. She also made great connections in the tight knit group of students attending, including 2 attendees who have now become very close friends.

The activities she participated in resulted in lessons about team building and having trust in others. She also learned about the student exchange program, which was something she was not aware of prior to RYLA.

Spencerport Rotary was happy to have sponsored Miranda so she could attend RYLA and it was great to hear all the positive feedback from her. Our club is already looking to nominate another student for RYLA next year.



Pictured L-R: Club Literacy Chair Anne Forberg, Club President Kathy Magin, Miranda Bridgeman, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Cory Allen.



Submitted by Colleen Farley

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Rochester Deaf Rotary Fundraiser a Success!
Waving Hands!

Rochester Deaf Rotary hosted our second fundraiser at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 760 Jefferson Rd. on September 9. It's a great place to have a good time! We thank those family, friends, and Rotarians that came to support our event and our club. Thank you so much!

Photos and Article Submitted by Michele Randall,
RDR Club President



John Haynes & Sharon Haynes



Kenneth Kohl & PDG Linda Kohl



Karen Beiter, Charmaine Yarka & Alice Hochhausler

Fairport Rotary Club Joins Brighton Rotary Club

On August 25, members of the Fairport and Brighton Rotary Clubs gathered for a special offsite meeting at Community Bikes, Inc. on Hudson Avenue. Organized by Bob Hunt, the evening featured fellowship over pizza, snacks, and dessert generously provided by Community Bikes as a thank-you for Rotary's support. More than ten members from each club attended. The nonprofit used the opportunity to share their story, educate attendees about their mission, and encourage Rotarians to help spread the word about their important work. Earlier that day, 13 WHAM's Chris Lopez had also highlighted the organization with an on-site report and tour.

Community Bikes has been serving the Rochester area for 24 years, starting humbly with one repaired bike at a soup kitchen. Today, the all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charity has repaired more than 51,000 bicycles and given away over 45,000 since 2008. In 2024 alone, they repaired 4,200 bikes and donated 2,800, while also recycling parts and scrap to fund needed supplies and support local food programs. Their main Hudson Avenue headquarters is open year-round on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with five additional locations serving neighborhoods across the city. With thousands of bicycles discarded each year, Community Bikes continues to turn waste into opportunity—offering sustainable transportation, skills training, and hope for adults and children alike.

For more information visit their website: <https://www.rcommunitybikes.net/home>



Submitted by Dom Cecconi

Lima Rotary Club

Wow August kept us busy ! Lima held their 5 Annual Crossroads Festival and the Lima Rotary was busy selling hot dogs and drinks and we even sold some of our Raffle Tickets.



Our Business of the month was Superior Walls – Superior Walls has been a part of our community for 25 years they were this years Crossroads Festival Main Sponsor. Superior Walls produces and installs custom made precast concrete wall systems. They even made special concrete flower pots for each corner at the center of town.

Submitted by Lisajo Keeler



Rotary E-Club of District 7120

One Rotary Summit – " Rotary's Action Plan "

A District Learning Event- AVON High School

WHY did we attend?

Provided opportunities to

- Learn ways to increase club vibrancy and attractiveness;
- Hear and share ideas on new opportunities on member attraction and engagement; club flexibility, club impact; etc.
- Come together with fellow Rotarians and exchange ideas on how to expand your reach and make new connections; enhance Rotary experiences; become adaptable and become more impactful!

WHO attended this District Learning Event?

PDG's, DG Jim Crane, DGN Pete Vogt, District Leadership Team, Club chairs or champions on Membership, Community Service, Public Image, newer members, club leaders, potential club leaders, board members, enthusiastic members who care about the future of their clubs. etc.

Submitted: Rotary E-Club of District 7120



Left to right: Maame Ocran, (Secretary) Ebo Ocran, (Co-President) Norma Madayag-Reilly(PDG, District Learning Facilitator) Tassie Demps (Co-President)



Left to right: Ebo Ocran (Co-President), Pete Vogt (DGN)



Obituary

Paul Douglas Minor
September 2, 1947 – August 3, 2025

[Alvah Halloran & Son Funeral Home](#)

Paul Douglas Minor died peacefully in his sleep on August 3rd at Highland Hospital in Rochester, NY, surrounded by loved ones. He was 77.

Paul was a man of rare kindness, generosity, and empathy, and he will be dearly missed by his beloved wife, Judy Bennett; his son and daughter-in-law, Travis and Rebecca Minor; his brother David, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and by all who had the good fortune to know and love him.

Born on September 2, 1947 to Christine and David Minor, Paul grew up in Batavia, NY, alongside his brothers, David and James, and close cousins Peter, Steve, and Michael. He developed a lifelong love of the water during summers on Conesus Lake with his grandmother, Nellie Travis. There, he learned to scuba dive, discovered sailing, and began a lifelong relationship

with open water that culminated in many happy hours aboard his sailboat, Mariah.

Paul attended Syracuse University, where he earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree in architecture. It was there that he met his first wife, Susan Minor, to whom he would be married for 25 years. After moving to Concord, MA in the early 1970s, Paul developed a profound appreciation for music and theater. He pursued this passion as a member of the Concord Chorus and as a Producer for Concord Players' productions at 51 Walden, including a memorable production of *The Music Man*, which featured a live horse on stage. Paul made many dear friends during his years in Concord, where he was an active participant in many local organizations, including The First Parish Church, The Concord Community Chest, and The Jericho Road Project.

As an architect, Paul specialized in working with existing buildings, taking joy in solving complex design challenges. His thoughtful work can be seen in many well-known buildings in the Greater Boston area. Throughout his career, Paul gave generously of his time and expertise, and he is especially proud of his pro bono work with churches and nonprofit organizations. Notably, in 2006, he helped the United Teen Equality Center (UTEC) in Lowell, MA identify a suitable building for their new home, which later became the oldest Platinum LEED certified building in the country.

In 2008, Paul returned to Rochester, NY, where he met and fell in love with Judy Bennett, his partner in life and purpose for 17 happy years. Together, they championed social justice, access to affordable housing, LGBTQIA+ rights, and support for Rochester's refugee community. Paul continued to provide pro bono services for local nonprofit organizations, he served as President of the Rochester Northwest Rotary Club, and he was deeply involved in Peace Village and City Roots Community Land Trust, continuing the community-driven work that had always defined his life.

Paul lived with a profound sense of purpose and an unshakeable belief in the power of community. Even in his final days, he offered guidance and encouragement to his many visitors, inspiring them to continue the work he cared for so deeply. He faced the end of his life with grace, courage, and a comforting reminder to all who knew him: "Community is everything."

Raise a glass of wine at a porch party to remember Paul. Arrangements are entrusted to Alvah Halloran & Son Funeral Home in Rochester, NY. A celebration of Paul's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to City Roots Community Land Trust (<https://www.cityrootscft.org>), Person Center Housing Options (<https://pcho.org>) or to your local public radio station, in honor of Paul's lifelong commitment to community.

A Celebration of Life for Paul will be held on Sunday, September 28th from 3 to 6 pm at the Rose Room, 295 Gregory Street, Rochester, NY 14620

Submitted by Patrick Stack

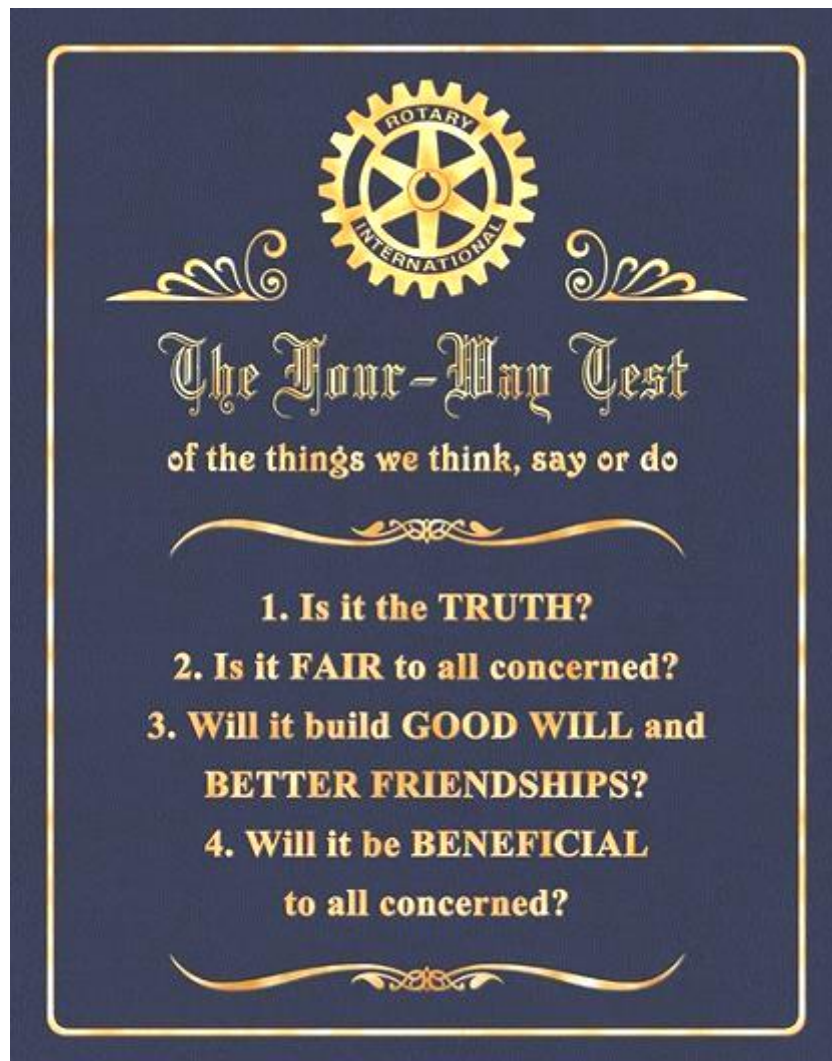
DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

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

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

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





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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! WAVING HANDS!
Rochester Deaf Rotary Club



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

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

5/10/25

Great Grape Derby

@ the Naples Creek



9/12/25

District 7120

Golf Tournament

@ Reservoir Creek



9/27/25 & 9/28/25

**Naples Grape
Festival**



10/24/25

**World Polio Day
At Brew & Brats**

**WORLD
POLIO DAY
24 OCTOBER**

12/6/25

**Light Up
Naples**



Please visit us online www.NaplesRotary.org
Facebook.com/NaplesNYRotary
[@NaplesRotary.org](https://Instagram.com/NaplesRotary.org)

It's a new Rotary year!

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 Build-A-Chair.org to learn more about this project, and rotary-7120.com to learn more about our club!





City of Rochester Rotary Clubs UNITE FOR GOOD



Open Door Mission Painting-Service project

Open Door Mission's facilities provide emergency services and a step forward to hundreds of Rochester's men and women each year. Please join fellow Rochester Rotarians from clubs throughout the city as we roll on a fresh coat of paint!

LOCATION:

156 North Plymouth Avenue, Rochester NY

**DATE: FRIDAY September 12th &/or
Saturday September 13th**

Friday 8AM-3PM Saturday 9AM-2PM

Sign up here or visit rochesterrotary.org

The first 30 Rotarians will receive a Rotarians at Work t-shirt



Pittsford Rotary Club Charity Golf Tournament is Sept. 14

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual "Service Above Self" Charity Golf Tournament is set for Sept. 14 at the Victor Hills Golf Club's South Course, 1450 Brace Rd. in Victor.

The event starts at noon with a pick-up lunch, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start with foursome scramble play. Dinner and awards start at 6 p.m. with awards going to team low score, closest to the rope, closest to the pin and putting contest.

"This tournament keeps growing in interest and appreciate everyone who supports this annual fundraising event," said Holly Garber, who co-chairs the tournament committee with her husband, Neal. "Even though we have lots of repeat players, we're always looking for more!"

Plentiful raffle prizes will be part of the event, including a terrific major prize: two tickets to the Buffalo Bills home game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Nov. 16.

Fees are \$150 per golfer with a cart (\$600 for a foursome with cart). Registration and sponsorship opportunities available through our website: PittsfordRotaryClub.org.



Come to our Annual Bingo Fundraiser for a night of fun and games!
Proceeds benefit Women and Children locally and globally!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

CASH PRIZES - BASKET RAFFLE - GOOD FOOD

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM

BINGO BEGINS AT 7PM

HIGHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER - BUTLER, PA

TICKETS: \$25.00 IN ADVANCE \$30.00 AT THE DOOR

FOR TIX OR SPONSORSHIP INFO:

MICHELLEBAILEY110@GMAIL.COM, 949.426.2244

Rotary 
Club of Spencerport

BEEF on WECK DINNER

*Beef on Kimmelweck Roll, Buttered Potatoes,
Coleslaw, Horseradish, AuJus, Sweet Treat*

Sunday, September 21st, Noon-4pm or Till Sold Out

Only \$15 Drive-Thru Take Out

Pickup at the Exempt's Club on the Fireman's Field on the Canal



Advance tickets encouraged! How to Order:

- Available from any Spencerport Rotarian
- Ticket outlets: The Unique Shop - 130 S. Union St.
and Spencerport Apothecary - 5017 W Ridge Rd.
(in plaza on W. Ridge, next to Dunkin' Donuts)
- Call or text 585-489-0333 or Order with QR Code:



Bloomfield
Rotary



2025

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OCTOBER 4, 2025

11AM-3PM

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REGISTER NOW!



PRIZES

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\$25.00

/ PERSON



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WHEN YOU RAISE A PINT TO
HELP ERADICATE POLIO IN
THE WORLD!

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM



Basket Raffles, 50/50, and purple crocuses!

Food truck will be on site. Don't worry about dinner!

Purple crocuses are a symbol of Rotary International's campaign to eradicate polio, known as "[End Polio Now](#)". The purple color is associated with the dye used to mark the fingers of children who have received the oral polio vaccine, ensuring they are not mistakenly vaccinated again.

Planting purple crocuses in communities helps raise awareness and support for the [End Polio Now campaign](#), according to Rotary International.

A Halloween-themed poster for a haunted hayride. The background is a dark, misty night sky with a large, bright full moon. Several black bat silhouettes are flying in front of the moon. In the foreground, there is a black silhouette of a wooden fence on the left and two glowing jack-o'-lanterns on the right. The text is in various colors and fonts, including yellow, white, and red.

**16th Annual - Gananda Rotary's
HAUNTED HAYRIDE
and Haunted Barn**

*October 10, 11, 17, 18 and 24, 2025
7-10 pm
(last ticket sold at 9:30 pm)*

**Tickets are \$10 at the door
Cash or Venmo
(reservations only needed for
Reserved full wagons)**

1485 Walworth-Penfield Road, Walworth

*All proceeds benefit the community
Sponsored by the Gananda Rotary Club
Questions? Call Patti at 585-739-9521*

Bath Rotary Club

California Dreaming! The Bath Rotary Club is partnering again this year with the Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach, FL to sell tickets to the 60th Edition of Pro Football's Biggest Game of the Year. Our club is able to keep 50% of our sales which will allow us to support many local service projects.

Details regarding the game and tickets are printed below:

Big Game - Sunday, February 8, 2026 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California

Grand Prize includes: 2 tickets to football's biggest game of the year, 4 nights lodging in the San Francisco area, and \$1000.00 in cash

2nd place prize: \$1000.00 in cash

3rd place prize: \$500.00 in cash

4th place prize: \$300.00 in cash

5th place prize: \$200.00 in cash

Drawing is on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. (Visit: www.indianrocksrotary.org to view the drawing and results)

You do not need to be present to win.

Cost of raffle tickets: \$5.00/ticket OR \$20.00 for 5 tickets

Please make checks payable to Bath Rotary Club.

Mail your check to: Elaine Tears, 211 East Washington Street, Bath, NY 14810 by **Saturday, October 11.**

You may also pay in cash.

Include the name of the person(s) and phone number which you want printed on the ticket stub(s).

Once I receive your payment, I will send you your portion of the raffle tickets.

Thank you for considering supporting the Bath Rotary Club and me in this fundraising endeavor.

If you have any questions, email me (ektears@gmail.com) or call me (607-776-4554).

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2025

10AM -6PM

SKATING RINK @ CORNING CIVIC CENTER



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Rising Storm Brewing Co.
Liquid Shoes
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Steph's Sweet Treats
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WIND

*Leah Brown
The Side Hustle*

GAMES

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the Corning Rotary Club's
service projects in the local community*

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Welcome to The Wizarding World of

Camp Onseyawa

and our Annual Fall Dinner

Friday, October 24, 2025

Club 86

86 Avenue E., Geneva, New York

5:30 - 6:00 PM - Registration & Basket Drop-off

6:00 - 6:40 PM - Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar

6:45 PM - Welcome, Invocation, & Buffet Dinner

This year's dinner will honor camp staff and get a perspective of what camp means to them

"From a Staff's Point of View"

\$50.00 per person - RSVP & payment due by
October 17th

There will be a Silent Auction and a 50/50 Drawing.
All proceeds from the evening benefit Camp Onseyawa!



Tear on the dotted line. Complete all info and return with payment by October 17th

Number attending: _____ Names: _____

Payment amount (\$50/person): _____

Cash: _____

Check #: _____

Venmo: @Marie-Fessler

Please complete the Reservation Information and Return with payment to your Club Representative or

Mail to: Gina Suffredini

64 Stark Street, Waterloo, NY 13165

Fairport Rotary Club's



Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Curbside/Takeout Dinner Only

Saturday, October 25, 2025

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

VFW Post 8495

300 Macedon Center Rd (Rt 31F)


**Proceeds to Benefit
Fairport Rotary Charities**

All Tickets - \$15.00

Donations welcomed too!

Tickets available at Fairport LNB Bank and
Fairportrotary.com or contact any Fairport
Rotarian to get tickets

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Lima, NY
Rotary
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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

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

District Golf Tournament September 12

Reservoir Creek Golf Club
Naples, N.Y.

District Literacy Seminar September 27, 2025

9 AM – 12 AM
Clifton Springs Hospital – Rotary Room
2 Coulter Rd.
Clifton Springs, N.Y.

Nominations are Now Being Accepted for 2028-29 District Governor

The application must be returned to the
Chair of the District Nominating
Committee by the due date on the
Application (**October 14, 2025**).
Interviews are scheduled to be
conducted on **November 2nd, 2025**

District 7120 Rotary Leadership Institute

Saturday, October 25, 2025
Victor Central Schools.

DISTRICT 7120 FOUNDATION BRUNCH

NOVEMBER 2, 2025
12 NOON

RAVENWOOD GOLF CLUB,
929 Lynaugh Rd Victor NY
COST: \$40 PER PERSON

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

September 12 & 13

Rochester Rotary Club
Open Door Mission Painting Service Project

September 13

Rochester Southwest Rotary Club,
Saturday, September 13 th ,
for our 4 th annual Roc River Ride

September 14 Pittsford Rotary Club Golf
Victor Hills Golf Club

September 19

Rotary Club of International Service
Rotary Bingo Night

September 21 Spencerport Rotary
Beef on Weck

October 4 Bloomfield Rotary
Euchre Tournament

October 8

Chemung County Sunrise Rotary
Polio Fundraiser

October 10,11,17,18,24 Gananda Rotary Club
Haunted Hay Ride

October 11 Corning Roary
Octoberfest

October 24 Camp Onseyawa
Fall Dinner

October 25 Fairport Rotary
Pasta Dinner

November 29 Lima Rotary Club
Rotarian Raffle



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