



April 2026

Jim Crane, District Governor

Issue 10



Rotarians & Retractors

This is a wonderful time of the year. With spring just around the corner, the days are growing longer, and the air feels fresh and full of possibilities. It's the perfect opportunity to get outside, soak up some sunshine, and enjoy all that nature has to offer. Get out and enjoy!

With spring it's time for the District Conference and time is running out and we would like to see you there, where we will celebrate our Rotary year 2025-2026. This is a special opportunity to come together, Unite for Good, and honor the spirit of Service Above Self. Let's join as a community to gather, grow, connect, celebrate, and inspire one another, recognizing our impact.

Enjoy great, golfing, mountain biking, hiking, kayaking a great nightlife, restaurants and more in Ellicottville, NY, please join us from May 1st to May 3rd.

Friday, May 1st

- 18-hole golf course will be open for attendees to enjoy, so be sure to register.
- Ellicottville is a charming Village known as a year-round destination. It features a historic downtown with shops and restaurants and a vibrant events schedule.
- In the evening, we will host the President Banquet, featuring a roll call of all clubs and recognition of all Club Presidents in attendance.
- Our Youth Exchange Students will participate in a Parade of Flags.
- Rotarian and Polio Survivor Ramesh Ferris will share his story in promoting a Polio free world.

Saturday, May 2nd

- We will host informative sessions and engaging Rotary activities throughout the day. Please check the program guide for details.
- Attendees are also encouraged to enjoy the scenic beauty of Ellicottville, explore Holiday Valley, or take part in nearby entertainment options.
- The keynote speaker at the banquet will be RI President's Representative Stephen Martin from Liverpool, UK. District 1180.
- Evening entertainment will feature music by the: Everhart Group from Victor NY.

At this time, we would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all the clubs in District 7120. Your dedication has made a meaningful difference in our communities, across the globe, and within ourselves.

Please Register NOW at Link: 7120dc.com or www.rotary7120.org


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April is Environmental Month one of Rotary Area of Focus Activities in the US and Worldwide

Rotary International has made environmental protection a central focus of its community service and global initiatives. In the United States, Rotary clubs organize projects such as tree planting, water conservation, recycling drives, and educational programs that raise awareness about sustainability. These efforts frequently involve partnerships with local organizations and government agencies to maximize impact and foster long-term stewardship of natural resources.

Globally, Rotary International supports large-scale projects addressing issues like deforestation, pollution, and climate change. Clubs around the world collaborate to restore habitats, support clean water access, and promote sustainable agriculture. Rotary's global grants and partnerships with environmental NGOs enable local communities to develop solutions tailored to their specific needs, empowering people to protect their environment and improve quality of life. Through these ongoing efforts, Rotary demonstrates its commitment to creating healthier, more sustainable communities for future generations.

Yours in Rotary
Jim and Nancy



Rotary

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

District 7120 Conference ★ Connect. Celebrate. Inspire.

LAST CHANCE!

2 WEEKS LEFT TO REGISTER!

Conference Date:
May 1-3, 2026



Conference Registration:
\$250 per person

SIGN UP TODAY!

www.rotary7120.org **OR** Link: 7120DC.com



SCAN ME!



6557 Holiday Valley Rd, Ellicottville, NY 14731

Holiday Valley "Tamarack Club" Room Charges:

\$188.30 per night

inclusive of taxes & fees per night on Friday/Saturday nights.



*The Inn at Holiday Valley within walking distance to the Conference Center room rates start at \$139.00 overnight plus taxes.



SCAN ME!

Lodging Information:

Rooms must be booked separately through Holiday Valley

Call Holiday Valley Reservations:

Visit: www.holidayvalley.com

Be sure to mention:

"Rotary District 7120 Conference"



Questions?

Contact - Mark Wyse

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Please call for more info. (716) 699-2345

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Host Club Victor-Farmington

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Jim Crane • District Governor 2025-2026



End Human Trafficking District Committee

The committee is looking for Rotarians or Rotaractors who have a passion to help end human trafficking. Human trafficking occurs worldwide but also in our neighborhoods. In June the committee will be working on a Rotary Action plan to help steer our committee in the direction we want to focus. All members of the committee will have input into establishing goals to help drive the committee. Past District Governor Dave DeMers chairs the committee. For more information or questions, please reach out to Dave at demers@gmail.com.

Assistant Governors Needed for the Following Areas

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

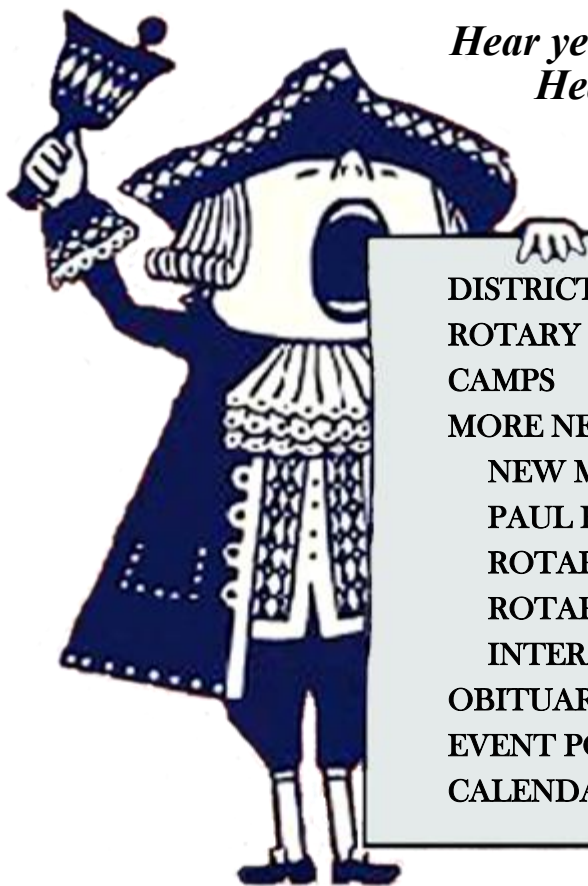
Area 1 – Chemung Sunrise, Corning, Elmira Heights, Elmira, Horseheads, and Watkins - Montour

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

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

Role and Responsibilities

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



Hear ye!
Hear ye! **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

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District Learning Assembly

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Waterloo High School,
19 Stark Street, Waterloo, NY

Have you registered yet?

**Come and hear directly from District Governor-Elect (DGE)
Lisa her vision and plans for the upcoming Rotary Year
2026-2027.**

Curious about the topics that will be covered
during the Assembly?

[Click here...](#)

to see some of the breakout topics already planned.
More being discussed!

Register now. [Click here...](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

❖ **The District learning Committee**

Luisa Baars, Nancy Latour, Susan Salvaggio, Don Shaw, Nancy Stelnyk, Kirk
Vanderbilt, Leslie Vecchiotti, Vicky Vorhauer, Norma Madayag-Reilly, Chair

❖ **DGE Lisa Norwood**

❖ **Waterloo Rotary Club, DLA Host Club**

Renee Dombek, Chair

These two extra New Member Orientation sessions are in addition to the one previously scheduled for April 23rd at 7:30 p.m. Eastern.

The additional sessions will be held:

Wednesday, February 11th at 8:30 p.m. Eastern

Sunday, February 15th at 9:30 p.m. Eastern

The link is the same for all sessions – and it is the same as this year’s monthly Monday Meetups – here is the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86755780910?pwd=FTSpp9dBnG3q5RzwWA6bnQdJNtbjxb.1>

Hopefully, more new Rotarians and Rotaractors, and those wanting a refresher, will be able to attend one of these three sessions. We are also available to offer special sessions for districts upon request.

Thanks again – hope to see your new folks at one of the upcoming three sessions.

Cindie Kish cindie.rotary@gmail.com

**NEW MEMBER
ORIENTATION**

~~NEW~~ ~~Wednesday, February 11th at 8:30 p.m. EST~~
~~NEW~~ ~~Sunday, February 15th at 9:30 p.m. 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.

Scan to
join zoom



Rotary
Zones 28 & 32

CONNECT, LEARN AND BE INSPIRED!
Link in caption: bit.ly/NewMembersZones2832

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District 7120



RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

As Chair for District 7120 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), my goal for 2026 is to increase participation from our Rotary Clubs and to expand the incredible impact this program has on our youth.

If your club is already sponsoring a student for this year's RYLA (held July 12–16, 2026 at Finger Lakes Community College), thank you for your support and commitment to developing our young leaders.

If your club is interested in sponsoring a student but has not identified a candidate, please reach out to me. I am happy to help you find potential students to apply for RYLA.

There are opportunities for clubs without students to be involved. Some clubs have multiple interested students but limited funding. The cost per student is \$750, and clubs are welcome to fully or partially sponsor students even if they aren't from your club. We can help coordinate opportunities so more students can attend. All students are asked to present at their sponsoring clubs after attending RYLA, so you could get to see the impact that the RYLA program has on our students. We are open to allowing two students from the same school, provided they are not close friends or related.

You are warmly invited to visit us at Finger Lakes Community College during RYLA to experience firsthand the impact of this program and see Rotary Youth Leadership Award in action.

Thank you again to all the clubs who support RYLA and invest in the next generation of leaders. Your involvement truly makes a difference.

It is time to begin thinking about who your club will sponsor to attend the **2026 Rotary Youth Leadership Award** camp, which is an intensive leadership experience. Students will develop skills as leaders while having fun and making connections. If your Rotary Club sponsors an Interact Club, reach out to the advisor to see who they might recommend. If your club does not sponsor an Interact Club, reach out to someone at the local high school to inquire about who they might recommend. We welcome any students currently in their sophomore or junior year.

We are looking for students who would benefit from building communication and problem solving skills, discovering strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in their school or community, learning from community leaders, inspirational speakers and peer mentors, unlocking their potential to turn motivation into action and forming lasting friendships with other like-minded youth. Students will stay at the Finger Lakes Community College campus in Canandaigua, New York for the entire time (July 12th-16th, 2026). Students will be housed in individual rooms and fed three meals a day. The cost is covered by the sponsoring Rotary Club, which is \$750. Updated information is on our district website.

<https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/ryla-1>

[Click for Application](#)

Application and check should be sent from the sponsoring Rotary Club to me no later than May 15th. My information is located on the application and below. Please contact me with any questions that you have.

Thank you!
Carrie Grove
District 7120 RYLA Chair
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grovecar75@gmail.com



7120 Alumni Rotaract Forming

A new Community Based Hybrid (In person and online) Rotaract is forming to keep Rotary Program Alumni engaged with Rotary until they can join. This will be a younger adult's club.

Advisors, please ask your Interact and RYLA students graduating 18 and up to consider giving you their future contact information, even if they will be heading out of the District. If you are 18 you can let us know yourself, if not let us know when you are. Please contact Drew Ashley at andrew.ashley@gmail.com As always contact information will be Rotary only.

We would love contact information even if you don't plan to join Rotaract now and just want to stay in contact. We will keep you updated about what we are doing, and we encourage you to join some activities.

Club Focus:

- Service projects
- Personal and Professional Development
- Networking
- Friendship/Fun (Even Internationally)
- Family Friendly

Service-Leadership-FUN

Rotary District 7120 Interact News April 2026

Interact clubs continue to do great things and will do more in the Spring. Please celebrate these accomplishments by advertising in the Grapevine and 7120 Rotary Facebook page (Has to be sent to Linda Kohl) or Interact District 7120 Public Facebook page send to Drew Ashley at andrew.ashley@gmail.com

1. Interact Club Scoreboard (Active and Terminated)

- 15/29 Interact Advisors show listed with Rotary International and are not in jeopardy of having their Interact Clubs terminated. The rest need to update ASAP. This needs to be updated yearly by September (See 8b below)
- 29/ (guessing 60ish) Interact clubs show Active with RI the rest of been Terminated with RI and need to recharter. They did not, yearly send in their Interact Advisors contact information (See 8a below to recharter)
- To check if you club is in good standing (See 8c below)

2. **Interact Elections:** If you have not, it is time to hold next year's elections for Interact Officers. Please have your next year's Interact team transition with the current team of Officers and Committee Chairs, for smooth transition and greatest success.

3. **RYLA 2026:** Please consider sending one of your next Interact year Officers to RYLA (Hopefully President-Elect) This will give them a great base to lead your Interact club in the next Rotary/Interact year. Dates are July 12th–16th, 2026. Applications due by **May 15th**. Another reason to hold elections early. More information at <https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/ryla-1/ryla>

4. **Consider sending your Interactors to District Conference** weekend of May 1-3 at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, NY. There will be activities planned for youth including spending time with Youth Exchange Students. More details at [https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-conference-\(dc\)](https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-conference-(dc))

5. **Rotary Program Alumni Community Based Hybrid (in person and zoom) Rotaract Club Forming (Interact, RYLA, School Based Rotaract and more):** Please approach your graduating Interact students for their voluntary contact info for interested alumni 18 and over, even if heading out of the district after graduation. Even if they aren't interested in Rotaract now, please get their contact information so we can keep them informed about what Rotary is doing. Please send info to andrew.ashley@gmail.com

6. **District Interact Student Council Forming 2026-2027** Interested soon to be Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible to join. A District Interact Student Council brings together high school age youth leaders to foster collaboration, service, and leadership across local clubs. It acts as a bridge between individual clubs and Rotary, aiming to maximize community impact, develop leadership skills, promote international understanding, and organize district-wide service projects. More information is coming soon.

7. **NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE** is a customizable, short-term international exchange program for university students and young professionals up to age 30, designed to help participants connect their professional aspirations with impactful humanitarian projects. Through **NGSE**, individuals can explore new cultures, build professional skills, and develop a lifelong appreciation for international understanding and peace. More information can be found at <https://www.ngse.net/>

8. **Rechartering Active, Terminated Interact Clubs with RI / Updating Active Interact Club Advisors with RI and 7120 District Interact:** Thank you for your progress in rechartering Active Interact Clubs that were Terminated by Rotary International for not updating their Interact Advisor yearly.

a. If you need to recharter, use this online form for a quicker process. https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Q-C0Z_0K-0qLIL-WNwyOfwms9ja2i05EuzNcd9-XjG5UM1pXVlo5MktIQBPODvVUVk3UDg5UUwxNSQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl

b. Then current Active Interact Clubs, please update your Interact Advisor **yearly** in July - September using this online form. <https://my.rotary.org/en/report-your-interact-club-advisor> 14 Active Interact Clubs have yet to update their Interact Advisor.

c. To check your Interact Clubs status (please check your existing Interact Club shows Active and if an Interact Advisor has been updated), please visit <https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/interact> Scroll down to Files on the left-hand side and select 7120 Interact Club Status (You will need a Clubrunner login to view this page as it has Rotarians contact information).

d. Please also send Advisor contact information to District 7120 Interact at andrew.ashley@gmail.com This is so we can keep you informed of information about Interact and send updates from Rotary International.

9. **Interact Student/Advisor Learning Opportunities Rotary Learning Center:** Service- Learning Manuals 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 and Non-Rotary Advisors can sign up for a My Rotary account <https://my.rotary.org/> (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.

a. For Students: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/courses/1306/youth-guide-to-service-learning/lessons>

b. Advisors: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/courses/1304/getting-started-service-learning-for-advisers/lessons>

c. Advisor Essentials Training Series <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/learning-plans/659/interact-adviser-essentials>

d. Interactors also have their own version of the Interact Handbook <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-handbook-guide-for-interactors>

e. Advisors Handbook <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-handbook-guide-for-sponsor-clubs-and-advisers>

Need Assistance: Please contact me with anything Interact: Drew Ashley andrew.ashley@gmail.com. Please also see <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs/details>

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

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<https://www.ngse.net/>



Literacy Corner

Overwhelmed by credit card debt? Owe on a mortgage?

Expecting a refund from the IRS?

So how is your financial literacy?

September is Rotary literacy month in consideration of :

What ~ District Rotary Financial Literacy Seminar

When ~ September 26, 2026

Where ~ Clifton Springs Hospital Rotary Room

Nancy Aumann, on behalf of the Committee

Rotarians Take Action in Support of Mt. Morris Remote Area Medical



Event

In 2023, Livingston County was designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) for dental care, indicating a severe scarcity of dental professionals. As a result, many residents, especially those with low incomes or disabilities, experience long wait times or must travel significant distances to obtain dental care. With the 2024 closure of a dental clinic on the Livingston County campus, 2,000 patients left without a dental home.

To help address these challenges, the Rotary Clubs in District 7120 will be partnering with the New York State Dental Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that expands access to dental care for vulnerable New Yorkers, to host a free health clinic in partnership with Remote Area Medical (RAM®). The mission of RAM® is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free healthcare to those without access.

Approximately 200 individuals will be served with free medical, dental, and vision care at Mt. Morris Central School District on the weekend of **October 3-4, 2026**. To prepare for this massive effort, the New York State Dental Foundation must secure 200 volunteers and raise \$50,000.

This effort is driven by a simple but powerful goal: to bring quality, compassionate healthcare to members of our community who need it most.

In addition to the Livingston County Department of Health and the New York State Dental Association, **Rotary District 7120 is an official sponsor of the Mt. Morris RAM® event.** Your Club can get involved by:

- Signing up to volunteer on the [RAM® website](#) as a medical professional or a general volunteer
- Making a tax-deductible donation to the [New York State Dental Foundation](#)
- Being part of Rotary District 7120 planning RAM® clinic coordination meetings by emailing Stacy McIlduff at smcilduff@nysdental.org.
- Joining the effort to write proposals for District 7120 grants by emailing DGE Lisa Norwood at :

ROTARY ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP

THIS WORKSHOP HAS BEEN UPDATED AND REVISED TO HELP YOUR CLUB SHIFT FROM AVERAGE TO “EXTRAORDINARY”

Our district’s workshop is now aligned with Rotary’s Action Planning Priorities and Objectives. Our facilitation team will guide your club to discover how it can increase the impact of your projects, expand your club’s reach in the community, enhance the engagement of your club members, and increase your club member’s ability to adapt with our changing times. The workshop results will provide an opportunity to retain and attract more members. You can achieve all this and more when you discover the value and importance of an effective Action Plan. This process has helped clubs grow membership, ignite engagement, become more effective, and most importantly have **FUN!**



The facilitators use data from an easy to complete Action Planning survey and engaging activities to assess your current state and guide your club members as they forge a future vision for your club. The facilitators then lead your club members through the development of an Action Plan to help your vision become a reality!

Here are a few comments from previous participants of the D7120 Rotary Action Planning Workshop.

- *This is the best seminar workshop I’ve experienced in my 42 years in Rotary!*
- *Learning how to plan for club growth was amazing. It’s a process, not a race! Once we had the guidelines, and under the direction of our facilitators, we actually discovered our strengths, our threats, and more.*
- *The highly engaging and interactive style helped our club focus with a clearer lens on areas for opportunities for growth in our club.*
- *The process was just what we feel our club needs. This was time well spent and will help ensure the future of our club. Thank you soooooooooooooooooooooo much.*
- *This workshop was extremely valuable and kept on schedule. It is allowing us to take a realistic look at our club.*
- *This workshop is essential if a club wants to improve.*

If you’re interested in exploring an Action Planning Workshop, would like one of the facilitators to present an awareness overview to your board of directors and club, or you’d simply like more information, please contact ...

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PDG Scott MacDonell, scottdg1415@gmail.com, 585-281-3324 (M)

INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE:
COVID-19, INFLUENZA, RSV, and POLIO

January 10, 2026
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: IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Although there is an Influenza strain this year that is not completely covered by the vaccine, you will still get some protection from the vaccine. 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:

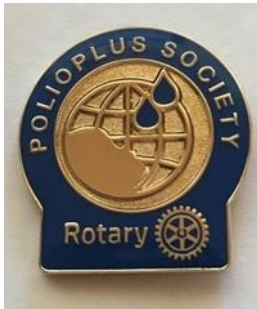
1. A resident of Rockland County, who had not traveled overseas, contracted Polio in 2022 and the Polio Virus has been detected in sewage samples in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Nassau Counties, and in New York City. Fortunately, there have been no other cases in the US.

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 39 cases of WPV1 reported in 2025, 9 in Afghanistan and 30 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 202 cases in 19 countries of cVDPV reported.

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):

- \$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.

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Email Address _____

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Session 2 (Ages 16-21) July 12th - 17th



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August 9 to 14
Ages 6 - 12



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2026

August 9 to 15
Ages 8 - 21



2026

August 15 to 29
Ages 8 - 16



July 27 to July 31, 2026: Youth Week
Ages 7 - 18 years old

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Adult Week
Ages 19 - 30 years old

Bath Rotary Club

On April 2nd Michelle L. Smalt became the 30th member of the Bath Rotary Club. Usually, present Rotarians of the Bath Rotary Club seek out and sponsor prospective members. However, Michelle was so impacted by the local club's service to the community that she, herself, sought out membership. Elaine Tears, Bath Rotarian, will serve as Smalt's mentor.

After receiving an Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences (Humanities/Social Services) from Corning Community College, Michelle received a Bachelor of Science in Community and Human Services from SUNY Empire State and a Master of Social Work from SUNY at Buffalo.

Michelle is the Program Manager for Hillside Institute for Family Connections, Permanency Resources Centers. She has worked at Hillside for twelve years in various roles. Previously, she was a Youth Care Professional at the Snell Farm Campus; a Care Coordinator, responsible for aftercare for youth that had left the residential program; a Permanency Specialist, responsible for adoption recruitment for youth in foster care through the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption; the Community-Based Supervisor of the Greater Erie Permanency Resource

Center, providing support and resources to post-adoptive, post-guardianship, and kinship families. She is now the Program Manager of all of the Permanency Resource Centers.

Michelle and her husband, Gabriel, have two children: a daughter, named Sienna and a son, named Logan. They live on a small farm with their three shelties and three horses. She stated that she really enjoys working around her little piece of heaven. In addition to dogs and horses, Michelle is most interested in community growth, the outdoors, and music.

"I wanted to join Rotary because I have a passion for helping people and communities," stated Michelle. "I've based my life's work around service. I wanted to find a way to get involved in my community which would have a positive impact and would allow me to work with like-minded individuals. Becoming a Rotarian will be an honor. Rotary has a reputation for doing good, not only locally, but also globally."

Upon her induction Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President, stated how pleased he and all Bath Rotarians are that Michelle chose to become a Rotarian. He also noted that her willingness to share her experiences as a social and human services worker would indeed benefit the Bath Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club meets at noon on Thursday, except for holidays, in the Empire Room of the Dormann Library. For more information about Rotary and the local club specifically, visit the club's website at:

www.bathnyrotary.org or email Eddie VanStine, 2025 – 2026 Bath Rotary Club President at: edwardvanstine@gmail.com or Bill White, 2025 – 2026 Bath Rotary Club Membership Chair at: bewhitey@aol.com.

Submitted by Elaine Tears
Picture by Tess McKinley



On April 2nd Michelle Smalt became the 30th member of the Bath Rotary Club. Standing left to right are: Bill White, 2025 – 2026 Bath Rotary Club Membership Chair; Elaine Tears, Bath Rotarian who will serve as Smalt's mentor; Michelle Smalt; Eddie VanStine, 2025 – 2026 Bath Rotary Club President.

Welcome

Gananda Rotary Club

The Gananda Rotary inducted several new members in January...

Denise Benedict is shown receiving her pin from sponsor Patti Holdraker. They are joined by Gananda Rotary president Jerry Tavormina



Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Juan Alfaro (second from right) and Natalie Melnik (far right) were inducted as the newest Rotary representatives for the Corporate membership at the Gananda Central School. Gananda Rotary president Jerry Tavormina and Rotary Treasurer/sponsor Terri Nichols are to the left.

Welcome

Geneseo Rotary Club

We are excited to welcome Jillian Mitchell as our newest Geneseo Rotary member. Jillian recently graduated from SUNY Geneseo and is now working for the college fulltime as a Communications and Security Specialist.

Jillian was first introduced to Rotary in Nunda, New York where she became active in her high school Interact Club. Doris Marsh and Wilma Willey from Nunda Rotary brought her in. Once she went to Geneseo for college, she was active in Rotaract eventually becoming the club President. During her tenure there she brought the Rotaract Club back to life by helping and coordinating many community service projects. She was able to attract many SUNY student volunteers for those projects.

Since working for the college, she is serving as a co- advisor for the Geneseo Rotaract Club.

Welcome aboard Jillian!!

Submitted by Bonnie Swanson



President Brian Gordinier, Jillian Mitchell, Stephen Wiener

Clifton Springs Rotary Club

At its meeting on April 7, the Clifton Springs Rotary Club inducted two new members, Melony Katz and Brandy Stephens. Melony retired in 2025, after a 40-year career in computer consulting and project management mainly for the MITRE Corporation in McLean, Va. A graduate of Newark High School, Melony has relocated to Clifton Springs to be close to family and her roots. Brandy was recently named the Community Bank branch manager in Clifton Springs. A long-time resident of Newark, Brandy is very community minded and serves on the Newark Central School District Board of Education.



Pictured are President Mary, Past President Vivian Ryan, President-elect Don Shaw, Melony, Brandy, Past District Governor Scott MacDonell, and Vice President Stefanie Smaldone.

Submitted by Scott MacDonell

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Geneva Rotary Club

Three new members were inducted into the Geneva Rotary Club in recent weeks. David Locke, who owns and operates Locke's Glen On the Lake, vacation rentals at Teall Beach on the east side of Seneca Lake, was inducted at the April 8, meeting. His sponsor, Kathy Fuchs, read his biography during the induction ceremony. Bill McGuire, with club President Kerry Lippincott, was inducted at the March 18 meeting. After retiring from the Bell System after 30 years, he started his own business of Photographic Art, which evolved into Direct Mail Marketing. He fully retired in 2014. Kathy Fuchs also sponsored Eileen Halling (second from left), who was inducted at the Feb. 18 meeting. Eileen retired from the Geneva City School System after 30 years of service as an educator. In retirement, she supervised students at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and served two terms on the Geneva Board of Education.



Submitted by Philip G. Beckley

Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary Club honored Al and Judy Meilutis with their Paul Harris Level 2 Upgrade on March 18. Al & Judy have met the donated threshold of \$25,000-\$49,999.00 to this great cause. Al & Judy also received a proclamation from the Monroe County Legislature. Greece Legislature Virginia McIntyre presented Al with his certificate for his many years as the Town of Greece Code Enforcement Officer.



We also had three Paul Harris upgrades, Pattie Anthony, Rhett VanScoter and Rita Garretson. AWESOME Work by All.

Sharing in the presentation honors were District Gov. Jim Carney and District Gov. Elect. Lisa Norwood, again we were treated with some tasty Canoli Cake. Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Geneva Rotary Club

Geneva Rotary presented another successful Service Above Self Gala on March 21 at Ventosa Vineyards. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Ralph Springstead Service Above Self award to Father Thomas Mull, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Geneva. This distinguished award recognizes individuals who exemplify outstanding and selfless service to the community — giving of themselves without seeking recognition.



Also at the Gala, Paul Harris honorees (left to right) Ford Weiskittel, Diana Perry and Jennifer Harris were recognized. Tamara Carter, who was unable to attend the Gala, also received a Paul Harris.

Submitted by Philip G. Beckley



Corning Rotary Club

Dr. James Webb recently received an honorary Paul Harris Award in recognition of his many years of service to the club and the community. Jim is a Paul Harris Award x 7 for his many contributions to Rotary International Foundation. This award is his eighth and the one he treasures most as it recognizes his years of quiet service to the club and its youth programs.

Jim's primary focus of his volunteering has been elevating the Youth Services and Leadership initiatives. He currently serves as the Chair of the Youth Services committee and the RYLA program and as a committee member of the scholarship committee. He is a fierce advocate for our community youth and the club's efforts to positively affect young people of all ages.

In that same vein, Jim has served this community through his often-unappreciated service on the Corning-Painted Post School Board, a position held for over 18 years. He also has coached both middle and high school robotics clubs.

Jim still works part-time as a research scientist at Corning, Inc. and serves his community through the school board and his Rotary efforts. Yet Jim is fighting the hardest challenge of his life. Diagnosed with ALS, Jim is leading the way for all of us in courage, determination, and in showing us how to fight the good fight.

Submitted by Jan Harvey





Perry Rotary Club



Meet the Snowmelt Squad, the Rotary's Wyoming County Interact Club (WCIC) members taking the frigid plunge. From left, Misses Olivia, Gabby, Harper, Kennedy, and Vivian, will participate in the 2nd annual Polar Plunge this Sunday at Conesus Lake's Beachcomber to raise funds for WCIC, as well as Rotary's International student exchange program, its camps for disabled youth and more. Snowmelt Squad replaces Perry Rotarians who, after plunging last year, said never again! To give, visit: <https://bit.ly/4v7RcuM> or through Perry Rotary Club, POB 103, Perry, NY 14530. Perry Rotarian/WCIC Adviser Deanna Wallace, along with her mother Adrene Redding and Rotarian Jeff Rase, have a full calendar of activities for the club that expanded from Perry to Wyoming County Interact, an idea whose time had come.

In recent weeks, Perry Rotarians finalized its support of a new sports program, Adaptive Baseball, for youths who may be in wheelchairs or have other challenges yet will experience the thrill of being an athlete. It was the idea of a Perry teacher after she saw its impact in nearby communities. It will be played in the Village Park that has benefited from Rotary support for many years.

The club is gearing up for its fundraising raffle that has become quite popular locally and in District 7120. More details on that in a future Grapevine.

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



Red Creek Rotary Club

Circus Benefits Camp Onseyawa

Red Creek Rotary continued a 30-year tradition on Sunday, March 8, with Billy Martin's Cole All Star Circus. About 400 people were entertained by circus performers at the Red Creek High School. Profits from the circus will be used to benefit Camp Onseyawa and the Club is pleased to be able to say it was one of the most profitable circus events ever!

Submitted by Susan Salvaggio, AG Area12



Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary Club met with former Greece Rotarian and newly elected Town of Greece Supervisor Jeff McCann on Feb. 11. Jeff is the first Democrat to be elected as the Town Supervisor in over 120 years. He shared with us his challenges with taking over the leadership role in the town as it pertains to budgets, protecting the citizens of Greece and improving employee morale, and Yes Jeff will be rejoining the Greece club soon.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Dundee Rotary Club

Bree Crane, daughter of Stephanie and Joseph Crane, is the March Student of the Month from Dundee Central School. Bree was accompanied to the Dundee Rotary meeting on March 11, 2026, by Jr/Sr High Principal, Chad Johnson. Mr. Johnson explained that Bree was chosen because of all of her activities, including National Honor Society, Natural Helpers, working on an Eagle Scout project, and attending BOCES. Bree is planning to go to Keuka College to become an Occupational Therapist. Bree was presented with a certificate and a check by Rotary President Lynda Kimball.



Pictured are President Kimball (L), Bree (C), and Principal Johnson (R).

Submitted by Lauren Snyder

Gananda Rotary Club

Gananda Rotary Citizen of the Month for January was Kaelyn Rodriguez. She is presented her certificate and Gananda Rotary sweatshirt by Rotarian Patti Holdraker

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Dundee Rotary Club

Every year since the 1990s, Dundee Rotary Club has sponsored a Peace Essay Contest. As Rotarian Bill McIlvride explained, the contest was started in the 90s by his father, Don McIlvride, a veteran of WWII, who recognized the importance of peace in all of our lives. In order to instill a sense of that importance in local youth, he suggested that Dundee Rotary start an annual contest at the Dundee Central School asking students to write essays describing the importance of peace in the home, at school, and in the community. The winners of this 6th grade contest then attend a Rotary Club meeting to read their essays and to accept a monetary award. The 2026 winners were 1st place Jayce Richardson (accompanied by father Jamie Richardson and grandmother Karla Rider), 2nd place Sandra Yarrington (accompanied by grandparents Greg and Debbie Wright), and 3rd place winner Wyatt Crain who was absent due to illness. Teacher Kim Gibson, who read Wyatt's essay, and Elementary Principal Tiffany Cohrs also attended the meeting.

As happens every year, the students amaze the Rotarians with the caliber of their essays, their poise in speaking in front of a group, and the depth of their thoughts about the value of peace in our lives.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Pictured (L to R) are President Lynda Kimball who presented each student with a certificate and a check, Jayce Richardson 1st place, teacher Kim Gibson holding Wyatt Crains's certificate, and Sandra Yarrington 2nd place.

Bath Rotary Club

On March 14th the Bath Rotary Club held a most successful fundraiser at the Krooked Tusker Distillery outside of Hammondspport. Those who attended the event bid on pies, including pizza pies and quiches, provided by Bath Rotarians or local businesses. The attendees also were able to participate in a 50/50 raffle as well as enjoy the guitar playing and singing by local musician Brad Ordway, who had been hired by Krooked Tusker.

The funds raised will benefit the Bath Rotary Scholarship Fund, Inc., the scholarship arm of the local service club. The BRSF, Inc. annually awards up to \$10,000.00 to graduating seniors from Avoca, Bath-Haverling, Bradford, Campbell-Savona, and Hammondspport Central Schools at its Annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in May, held in Lyon Hall of the First **Presbyterian Church of Bath.**

The scholarships available include: up to three Frank E. Nicklaus Memorial Scholarships @ \$1500.00, funded by Nicklaus family members; up to two Ted Markham Memorial Scholarships @ \$1000.00, funded by Markham family members; up to three Bath Rotary Club Scholarships @ \$500.00, funded by the Bath Rotary Club itself; up to two Interact Scholarships @ \$500.00, also funded by the Bath Rotary Club.

The scholarship applications, already submitted for this year, will be rated, and recipients will be determined by members of the BRSF, Inc. The members of the BRSF, Inc. include: Elaine Tears, Chair; Jane Russell, Treasurer; Benita Nesbitt, Secretary; Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President; Jen Hutches and Tess McKinley, also Bath Rotarians.

At a recent, weekly club meeting the local Rotarians thanked McKinley for chairing this successful event as well as those who provided pies, bought pies and/or made monetary donations. They would also like to thank all involved and stated that they realize that participation in this fundraiser demonstrates a desire to assist worthy students pursue a college education.

Anyone wishing more information about Rotary, specifically the Bath Rotary Club, should contact: Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President (edwardvanstine@gmail.com).

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Brandi Graham



One of at least twenty pies sold at the Bath Rotary Club's Fundraiser on March 14 included this delicious looking Apple Crumb Pie.



The person who had the highest bid on this tasty looking Blueberry Pie certainly enjoyed many mouthwatering bites.



Attending the Pi Day Fundraiser included the following: Sue Jackson, one of the most recent members of the Bath Rotary Club; Bill White, Bath Rotary Club Membership Chair; Elaine Tears, BRSF, Inc. Chair and Bath Rotary Club Public Relations Chair; Jason Majerus, partner of Jackson.

Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary Club celebrated their 46th Annual Ziti Dinner on March 8. Over 60 Rotary members, school kids and family members served over 500 dinners, raising over \$14,000 for the Greece Rotary Foundation.

Please check out the Canoli Cake pic. Here is their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SpecialTDesserts/>

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Pal-Mac Rotary

Always the club who loves to support our area organizations helping those in need!

At our evening meeting on March 18, we presented checks to two food bank coordinators: Dave Nagle from Palmyra Food Pantry and Lucille Hamlin from Macedon Food Pantry.

Here is a photo (Jeanna Skinner) of club President Leslie Vecchiotti with Dave and Lucille.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Newark Rotary Club

Newark Serves Up Pancakes



A long tradition at the Newark Rotary Club was put on hold in March of 2020 when Covid 19 changed everything. Recently, the idea was entertained to bring the popular annual Pancake Day Breakfast back as a fundraiser. Pancake Chair Linda Werts organized the effort and the public responded on Saturday, March 14, filling the Newark High School cafeteria with the aroma of fresh pancakes, sausage and homemade muffins.

Submitted by John Zornow



Pal-Mac Rotary

Caren Barth, the Deputy Executive Director of Miss Julie's School of Beauty, was our guest speaker at our lunch meeting on the 25th of March.

Miss Julie's is an anti-trafficking organization that creates pathways for women out of exploitation, educates the community on trauma-informed practices, and provides vocational training that helps break the cycle of revictimization. Miss Julie's is the first, no-cost, therapeutic/ vocational school in the nation for survivors of sex trafficking. They concentrate on 2 programs: Rooting - trafficking prevention and services for those at risk for trafficking; and Rising - helping with employment opportunities, trauma awareness and healing.



Following Caren's presentation she was presented with a club mug and a check to support this organization. President-elect Kim Clement did the honors.

Submitted by Marie Fessler and Jeff Crawford, editors

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Naples NY Rotary Club

Naples is known for our Naples Grape Festival in September but we are also known for the Naples Creek Rainbow Trout Derby which takes place on April 1st every year. Both events are sponsored by Naples NY Rotary. Fishing season in Finger Lakes tributaries, such as Naples Creek, opens at sunrise on April first. This year was the 65th Derby. Although the recent rains made fishing challenging, there were 42 anglers entered in the derby, vying for trophies for the largest fish in senior, men, women, boy and girl categories. In addition, the Club sponsored raffle baskets, 50-50 and offered rainbow trout shaped cookies for sale. Thanks to our generous local sponsors the raffle baskets were a great success! The Trout Derby is a wonderful tradition for Naples and a great day for the Rotary Club to enhance our community spirit and earn funds for our goals in service above self.



Rotarians Jo Anne Alliet (co-chair) and Frank Duserick.



The Grand Prize winner above is Howie Fleischman (6lbs 10oz.).



A few of the raffle baskets.

Submitted by Cindy Scoda

Newark Rotary Club



The members of the Rotary Club of Newark donated a variety of items to the Laurel House Comfort Care Home. A facility that takes care of terminally ill individuals.

Submitted by Gary Reilly

Rotary E-Club of District 7120

“I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for volunteering your time and talent for our painting project at the Urban League of Rochester this past weekend. It was truly inspiring to see twenty dedicated Rotarians, Rotaractors, Circle K (Kiwanis) & friends come together—rolling up sleeves, working side by side, and turning shared purpose into action.

We set out to freshen up the elevator landings and the conference room, but thanks to everyone’s spirit and teamwork, we accomplished even more than planned. What a fantastic example of what can happen when service-minded people *Unite for Good!*”

Richard de Asis
President
Rotary Club of Rochester



Corning Rotary Club

The Corning Rotary Club recently held the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee with 52 students representing 26 school districts across the NY Southern Tier. Sponsoring the Regional Spelling Bee is part of the club's focus on literacy.

A qualifying spelling bee to the Scripps National Spelling Bee, the students were in grades three through eight. Each school district holds spelling bees within the third-eighth grade classes and then those class winners compete in this regional bee. Hundreds of students throughout the Southern Tier are involved by the time a student finally earns the regional championship.

The morning of the bee, club president Jennifer Batzing said, "The students are doing great. I checked in with all the spellers before we started and it's natural to have those butterflies in their stomachs. Those nerves also affect the parents and guests that are here watching the kids. To even get to this point for the spellers is a big deal. This means they won their spelling bee at their school; they were the top spellers."

"The winner today will go to Washington D.C. at the end of May for the National Scripps Spelling Bee that we all typically watch on TV. It's super exciting," said Batzing. Two of the past Corning Regional Spelling Bee winners actually won the National Spelling Bee in the past. In 2014 Sriram J. Hathwar was co-champion, a feat repeated by his brother, Jairam Hathwar, in 2016.



The winner of the 2026 Regional Spelling Bee is Alexander Bocek, an eighth grader from Horseheads Middle School. Second place was taken by Amulya Kodali, a seventh grader from Corning's Alternative School for Math and Science. Third place was won by Avalene Nah, a fourth grader from the Horseheads Gardner Road Elementary School.

Twenty-two Rotarians and twenty Interactors volunteered during the course of this event. They registered spellers, served meals and performed set-up and clean up activities as well as organizing the event from its inception to its conclusion.

Submitted by Jan Harvey

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Pi Dingo Fundraiser A Success!

Rochester Deaf Rotary hosted a Dingo event Saturday, March 14, at the Moose Club. In the Math world, March 14 is "pi" day, so it seemed fitting to serve "pie" to make the event complete! Members each brought a variety of pies, and served them during the break, which everyone enjoyed! It was another fun time playing Dingo, with some happy winners! This will benefit Rochester Deaf Rotary community projects. Waving Hands!!

Article: Michele Randall (RDR Club President)
Photos: Bob Green (RDR)



Lima Rotary Club

We are getting all our summer events planned. Big event in April hoping for a great turn out.

Our Business of the month in March was Lima Veterinary Center.

Lima veterinarian Center includes a full service, small animal hospital and a mobile unit for large farm service. Dr. Ken Bedell, DVM provides all veterinary service services and personally invests the time needed to get to know you and your pet family. We want to be more than a place you come when your pet is ill or injured just like your other family members. Pets today can live longer healthier lives with regular quality healthcare by making Lima veterinarian center of your pets primary care center for all their healthcare needs. We can partner with you to provide consistent care, early detection, and treatment of illnesses and maximize your pets' years of quality life. Additionally, Dr. Bidal provides after our emergency services for his current patients.

Submitted by Lisa Keeler

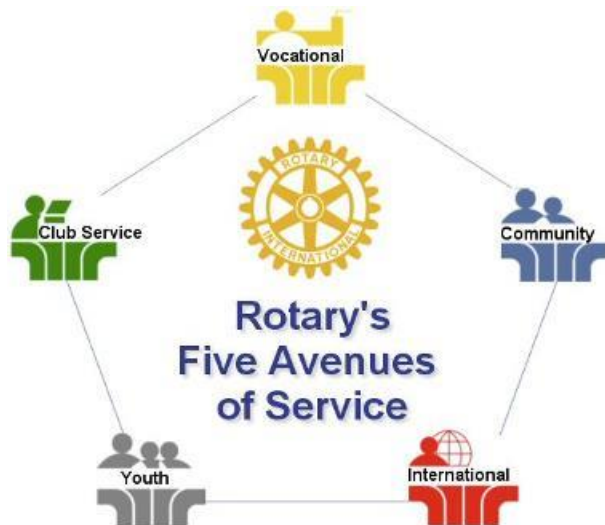


Rotary E-Club of District 7120

“I’m really grateful for the opportunity to attend PELS and learn from so many experienced Rotarians. It was eye-opening to see how many clubs are working through similar challenges, especially around membership and engagement. I left with a better understanding of where we can grow, and I take ownership in doing my part to help move our club forward and contribute to those improvements.”

Anthony Akil Manning
E-Club of District 7120

Submitted by Ebo Ocran and Tassie Demps, Co-Presidents:
E-Club of District 7120



Dansville Rotary Club

Dansville Rotary Club reported its first, and very successful, "Purse Bingo" fundraising event on the evening of March 11, 2026. Dansville Rotary event committee members Jim Day and Jenni Leuzzi were inspired and encouraged by a neighboring Rotary Club. The bingo event was held at the Dansville Moose Club on Main Street. A full house enjoyed socializing and playing this game which became popular in the U.S. in the late 1920s. It was copyrighted in 1933 by Hugh Ward. A similar game, "lotto", first appeared in Italy in 1530 and, again, in France in 1778.

As a "thank you" for use of the Dansville Moose Club's meeting rooms, Dansville Rotary will make a donation to the Moose Club's Roof Fund. Next year's Rotary Club event is already in the planning stages.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



A delighted winner celebrates with friends.



Bingo participants concentrate on their playing "cards" as numbers are called.

Fairport Rotary Club

With Fairport Rotary's major fund-raising event, Savor the Flavor, successfully behind us for 2026, we continue to strive to serve our community. Over the past month, we have enjoyed the fellowship in several activities, which include the following:

- Fairport Rotary has had a long-standing tradition of distributing dictionaries to local third grade students, this year at Jefferson Avenue School. The club purchases 450 dictionaries each year which are all contributed to the enthusiastic third grade students within the district. A big shoutout to our Literacy Committee for continuing this service.
- Our club has also supported the Advent House, a hospice care facility over many years, which included individual member support to attend their 35th Anniversary Gala being held at Midvale Country Club on April 15th. Fellow Rotarian Don Alhart will be emceeing the event.
- Assisted in creating / painting bowls, in support of the fundraising event being held by the Perinton Food Shelf, called Fairport Empty Bowls. Local restaurants are providing soup for each attendee, who will receive a bowl created by volunteers. The event is being held on April 12th at The Deland House, in Fairport.
- In a new tradition, our club holds a monthly happy hour fellowship gathering, at a different location in our community. Many Rotarians showed up for a fun night of fellowship at Bonnie and Clyde on March 18

Submitted by Thomas Wolanski



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

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Is it the **TRUTH**?

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Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

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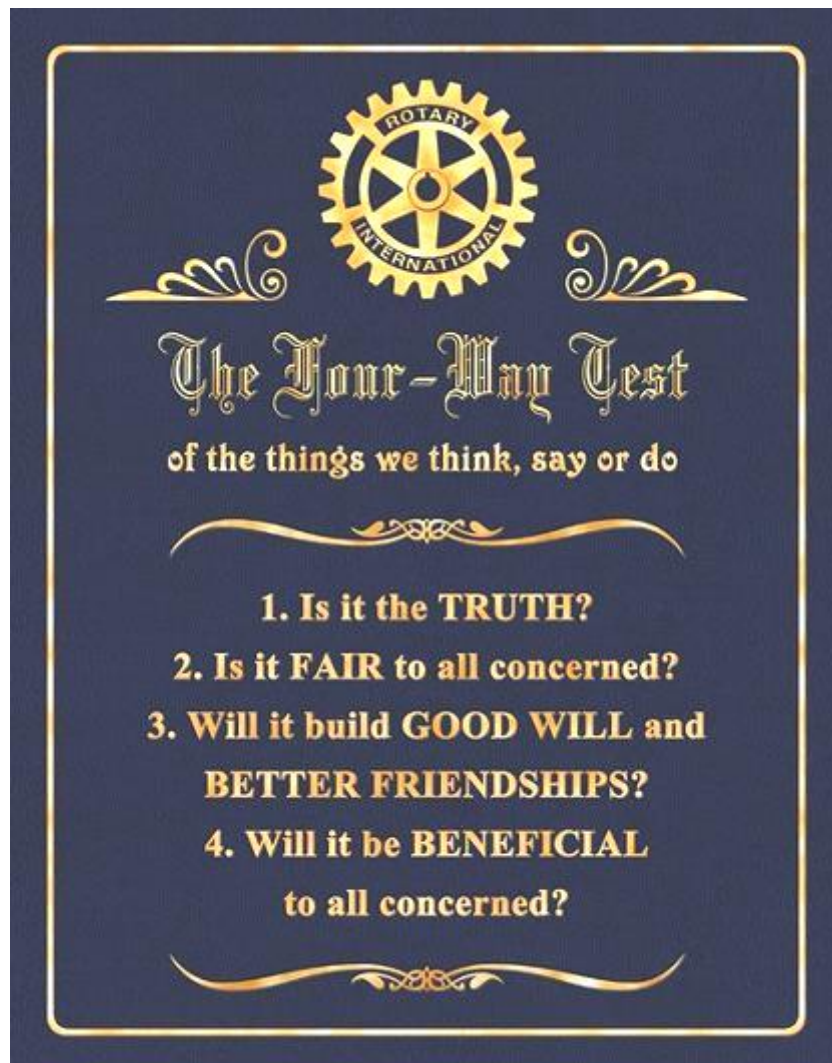
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1) If your club **does not use** Club Runner, go to the **District Calendar Submission Page:**
<https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/club-calendar-submission-form>
Complete the Club Calendar Submission Form and click the submit button.

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.

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Date: Saturday, April 18, 2026 Time: 11:00 am Sharp!

Place: Richmond / Honeoye Firehall

Please arrive early to register and get settled as we plan to start promptly at 11am.

Entry Fee: \$20 per person

You may pay at the door.

We will be doing quarters for being euchred and not making loaners, so bring extra quarters.

Will also be doing a 50/50 Raffle

Prizes structure:

1st place - \$50.00 Visa Gift Card

2nd place - \$50.00 Bird House Brewing Gift Card

3rd place - \$50.00 Leisure's Restaurant Gift Card

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All prizes have been donated by Rotary members

Contact information: Faye Knapp 585-481-3265 or Linda Zukaitis - 585-737-3572 call or text either.

RSVP by April 15th (TAX DAY) to reserve your spot. This will give us an idea of how many tables we will need.

Bring your own drinks and if so inclined, bring a snack to share.

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Save the Date



Camp Onseyawa Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Silver Creek Golf Course, Waterloo NY



Spring 2026

Dear Sponsor,

The Camp Star Board is planning its Annual Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament will be held at the Indian Hills Golf Course on Monday July 20, 2026. Sponsorship, donations, and golfer entry fees will be used to support 60 special needs children for six days at camp.

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

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

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

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

Door prizes are always welcome!

Respectfully yours,

Marianne Kalec

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



[Click here to pay](#)



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

(SPONSOR MUST BE REGISTERED BY JULY 15,2026 TO BE LISTED ON THE GOLF BROCHURE)

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

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

Name as it is to be displayed: _____

Item Description: _____ Approx. \$ value: _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Tax ID 23-7063766

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

Camp Star Golf Tournament

4 4 Person Scramble Indian Hills Golf Course

Monday July 20, 2026

Sign in at 11:00 Shotgun at 12:00

Player's Application



Click here to pay

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

Thanks for being a good neighbor!

A \$90.00 entrance fee for each player must accompany this application. Please write the check to Camp Star and mail to:

Marianne Kalec/Camp Star
PO Box 697
Horseheads, NY 14845

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

Fee includes golf, cart and dinner



Golfer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____



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Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming CLUB Events

Gananda Rotary Club
Bike Rack Fundraiser

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club
Coupon Book Sale

April 12 Lima Rotary Club
Sing Along Brunch

April 18 Honeoye Lake Rotary
Euchre Tournament

May 7, 8, & 9 Geneseo Rotary Club
Spring Plant Sale

May 16, 17,18 Spencerport Rotary Club
Geranium Sale

June 6 ROC City Rotary Club
Bags & Brews Corn Hole Tournament

June 13 Camp Onseyawa
Annual Golf Tournament

July 20 Camp Star
Annual Golf Tournament

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

District 7120 Conference
May 1 - 3, 2026
Holiday Valley
Ellicottville, NY 14731

Mt. Morris Remote Area Medical Event
October 3-4, 2026.



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