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Lisa Norwood, District Governor

Issue 2



By the time you read this, we'll be well into the new Rotary year. Club officers have settled into their roles, district committees are underway, and our Assistant Governors are beginning to reconnect with the clubs they serve.

August is Membership and New Club Development Month, and we'll naturally spend time talking about growing Rotary. But lately I've been wondering if we've been starting with the wrong question.

Instead of asking, "How do we get more members?" what if we first asked, "Why would someone want to join our club?"

What makes our club an experience worth being part of? Why do members stay engaged? Why do others quietly drift away? What does a prospective member see, hear and feel when they visit for the first time? Those questions aren't always easy, but they're the ones that lead to meaningful change.

Growing Rotary isn't simply about adding members. It's about creating a Rotary experience that more people want to be part of. For some clubs, that may mean strengthening traditions. For others, it may mean trying a different meeting format, offering new opportunities for service, or even exploring a satellite or new club that reaches people we aren't connecting with today.

As we recently began training our Assistant Governors, one message kept rising to the top: our role isn't to show up with all the answers. It's to listen first, ask thoughtful questions, understand each club's unique strengths and challenges, and connect them with the people and resources that can help them succeed. I believe that's a lesson for all of us. When something isn't working, perhaps our first question shouldn't be, "How do we fix it?" Maybe it should be, "What's changed?" "Who aren't we hearing from?" or "What haven't we tried?"

Those conversations are how we *Create Lasting Impact, not by doing more simply because we've always done it, but by making sure what we're doing truly meets the needs of our members and our communities.*

So, during Membership and New Club Development Month, I have two invitations for you.

First, ask one question this month that you don't already know the answer to. Ask a new member. Ask someone who hasn't attended in a while. Ask a prospective member. Then simply listen.

Second, if you're passionate about helping Rotary grow, consider serving beyond your own club. Our District Membership Committee is looking for additional committee members as well as chairs for our **Membership Attraction** and **Membership Engagement** subcommittees. If you enjoy welcoming people, building relationships, or helping clubs create exceptional member experiences, we'd love to have you join the team. Contact committee chair John French, johnfrench001@gmail.com, 585-746-7810 for more information.

The future of Rotary won't be shaped by having all the right answers. It will be shaped by having the courage to ask the right questions.

Yours in Rotary,

Lisa Norwood
Rotary District 7120
District Governor 2026-27

As I read DG Lisa's column, I got the idea to dive into the other element of the monthly theme, New Club Development. There are many people who are attracted to the ideas of Rotary but who are unable to because of many factors. Rotary's strength has always come from its ability to evolve with the needs of our communities. Today, one of the most powerful ways we can expand our reach and deepen our impact is by embracing new club development — including companion clubs, satellite clubs, and fully chartered new Rotary clubs. This isn't just an administrative strategy. It's a people strategy. It's about opening doors, removing barriers, and creating more pathways for service, leadership, and fellowship.

Why do new clubs matter? Every community has people who believe in service but haven't yet found their Rotary home. As I noted, there are many factors. Sometimes it's because meeting times don't fit their schedules. Sometimes it's because they're looking for a different club culture, a new format, or a fresh approach to service. Sometimes it's simply geography.

New clubs — in all their forms — allow us to meet people where they are. Satellite clubs give emerging groups a place to start, with flexible meeting styles and the support of a parent club. Companion clubs allow existing clubs to expand their footprint, offering alternative meeting times or formats while staying connected under one Rotary banner. New Rotary clubs bring Rotary to communities that are ready for something bold, local, and uniquely theirs. Each option strengthens Rotary's presence, builds leadership opportunities, and creates new energy that benefits the entire district.

The opportunity is in front of us. Across District 7120, we have towns, neighborhoods, and professional communities that are ripe for Rotary engagement. We have people who want to serve but need a format that fits their lives. We have clubs eager to grow but are limited by tradition, space, or schedules. New club development is how we bridge those gaps.

Imagine a satellite club meeting over breakfast for young professionals, a companion club built around hands-on service projects rather than weekly meals, a new Rotary club in a community that hasn't had one in decades, or a club formed around a shared passion — veterans, environmental stewardship, educators, health workers, or local business owners. These aren't hypotheticals. They're real opportunities waiting for leaders willing to take the first step.

What does it take? Starting a new club doesn't require perfection — it requires vision, champions, and momentum. Rotary provides the structure. The district provides the support. The community provides the heart.

Your club can be the spark. If you know a group of people who want to serve, if you've heard "I wish Rotary met at a different time," or if you see a community without a Rotary presence, that's your sign. Reach out. Explore. Ask questions. You might be standing at the doorway of the next great Rotary club in our district.

Rotary grows when we grow. Every new club is a gift — to its members, to its community, and to Rotary itself. It strengthens our ability to serve. It expands our leadership pipeline. It brings new voices, new ideas, and new energy into our family.

Let's make this the year we plant seeds that will grow for decades.

Rotary District 7120
DGE Pete
District Governor 2027-28



District Governor Elect
Pete Vogt

Nominations are Now Being Accepted for 2029-30 District Governor

The District 7120 Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for District Governor for the Rotary Year 2029 – 2030. 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? Whom 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-Elect Peter Vogt walkingpete1947@gmail.com or District Governor-Nominee Richard de Asis rdeasis911@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, the President and 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, 2026).

After receipt of 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.
- The District 7120 Governor Candidate Application can be obtained on the District 7120 Website or from any club president, assistant governor or past district governor (except those currently serving on the Nominating Committee). The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, October 14, 2026. All applications should be submitted to Nominating Committee Chair Wendy Winnett at 21 Fox Lane W, Painted Post, NY 14870 or wwinnettrotary@gmail.com.
- Interviews will be conducted on Nov. 15, 2026

District 7120 Nominating Committee 2026-2027

Wendy Winnett (Chair)	Nancy Stelnyk	Mike Slovak PDG
Kelsey Holland	Gary Reilly	Dave Hannan PDG
Kelly Comfort	Reita Lynch	Linda Kohl PDG
Jim Crane IPDG		
ExOfficio: Lisa Norwood DG	Peter Vogt DGE	Observer: Richard de Asis DGN



*Hear ye!
Hear ye!*

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT
ROTARY FOUNDATION COORDINATOR (DRFCC):



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TOGETHER, WE CAN *Create Lasting Impact.*

DOING GOOD
IN THE WORLD.

DISTRICT 7120 · ROTARY FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Help decide where our Foundation dollars go next

Three volunteer seats are opening on the District Rotary Foundation Committee. Bring your judgment to the grants that fund clean water systems, literacy programs, and health projects across our clubs.

OPEN POSITIONS



Grants Subcommittee Chair

3-YEAR TERM

Leads the team that reviews every District Grant application, runs subcommittee meetings, and brings final funding recommendations to the Foundation Committee.



Stewardship Subcommittee Chair

3-YEAR TERM

Leads the team that monitors grants after they're funded — tracking club reports, confirming funds were used as proposed, and protecting the district's standing with The Rotary Foundation. Leads the yearly District Grant Application Process.



Grants Subcommittee Member

3-YEAR TERM

Reviews club grant applications against District Grant guidelines and contributes to the team's funding recommendations each cycle.

Where it goes

Your review shapes real projects — from local club initiatives to global grant partnerships.

Who you'll work with

Fellow Rotarians from clubs across the district, plus the Foundation Committee chair.

What it takes

Sound judgment, reliability, and a willingness to read grant applications closely.

Interested in serving?

Reach out and let us know which position fits you — we're happy to answer questions before you decide.

Pat Stack — pkroc@outlook.com **REPLY BY AUGUST 31, 2026**



Here is an Opportunity to Put Your Expertise to Work for International Service!

District 7120 International Service Committee is looking for Rotarians with knowledge, experience, and a passion for making international service projects more successful. We are currently seeking **Project Resource Leads** for the “**Education & Literacy**” and “**Environment**” Areas of Focus.

You don't need to be an expert or have years of Rotary experience. We're looking for individuals with skills, professional backgrounds, practical experience, or specialized knowledge to help project teams turn good ideas into sustainable, high-impact projects.

As a **Project Resource Lead**, you'll become a member of the District International Service Committee and serve as a resource advisor for projects related to your Area of Focus. You'll help connect project teams with the right people, information, and Rotary resources at the right time.

What would you do?

- **Build and expand the District Resource Network** by identifying individuals, organizations, materials, and other resources related to your Area of Focus ... both Rotary and non-Rotary.
- **Mentor project teams** as they conduct Community Assessments and develop projects based on identified community needs.
- **Review grant proposals** before official submission and during project implementation, helping teams ensure their projects align with Rotary Foundation Area of Focus policies.
- **Connect project teams with Rotary expertise**, including Rotary Action Groups, The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and other specialized resources.

You would be an excellent candidate if you have a background in education, environmental sustainability, engineering, agriculture, community development, public health, or another field related to “**Education & Literacy**” or “**Environment**”. Your professional experience, community connections, or personal knowledge may be exactly what a project team needs to turn a Rotary project into a lasting solution.

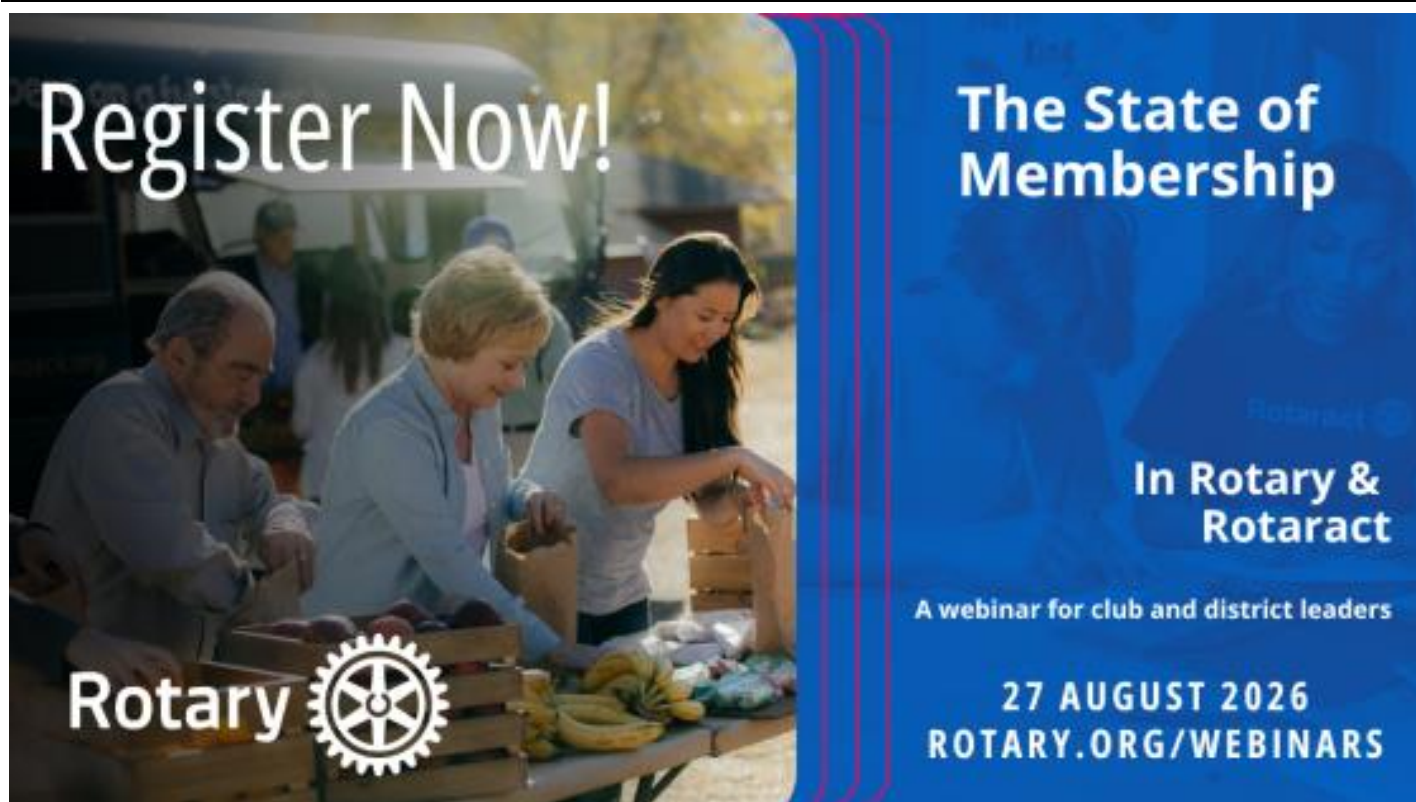
If you enjoy **sharing knowledge**, **making connections**, **mentoring others**, and **helping Rotary create greater impact**, we would like to hear from you.

For information, please contact PDG Bill Gormont, D7120 International Service Director
billgormont1@gmail.com

Rotary Archive

1912: Rotary expands to Europe

The chartering of a club in London, U.K. in August puts Rotary in Europe. Although the Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland, had been organized earlier, it wasn't chartered until May 1913. Rotary's presence spreads to continental Europe with the chartering of a club in Madrid, Spain, in January 1921.



In an increasingly fast-paced yet sometimes disconnected world, Rotary and Rotaract clubs can offer people what they need most in life – connection and relationships, a place to give back, and purpose. To accomplish everything we want to do together, we need our club, district, and zone leaders to commit to growing Rotary.

Register now for the upcoming webinar, The State of Membership, on Thursday, 27 August, at 11:00 **Chicago time (UTC-5)**.

A recording will be available to everyone who registers.

During this 45-minute webinar, we will:

- ⚙ Review the current state of Rotary and Rotaract as of 1 July 2026
- ⚙ Discuss the recent research findings from the all-member and Rotaract surveys
- ⚙ Consider how to create a meaningful club experience that meets the expectations of members and prospective Rotary and Rotaract members

We look forward to hearing your stories, ideas, thoughts, and questions.

Sincerely,
The Membership and Participant team
Rotary International

WHAT IS BPRAG?

IT'S THE BLINDNESS PREVENTION ROTARY ACTION GROUP, an important part of Rotary International

WHAT DOES BPRAG DO?

The Blindness Prevention Rotary Action Group (BPRAG) brings together Rotarians and friends of Rotary from across the globe who are united by a common mission: To prevent avoidable blindness and promote better eye health for all.

Why It Matters:

Over 1 billion people worldwide live with vision impairment that could have been prevented or treated. Through awareness, outreach, and global cooperation, Rotarians are helping to change that reality – one eye, one person, one community at a time.

Our Mission:

Our mission goes beyond vision care. It is about restoring dignity, enabling education, and empowering livelihoods through the gift of sight. We believe in providing relief and the cure of defects and diseases affecting the eyes and vision of people worldwide.

We aim to:

Raise global awareness of avoidable blindness and its impact on underserved communities.

Support sustainable eye care programs that provide screenings, surgeries, and treatments where they are needed the most.

Collaborate with Rotary Clubs, NGOs, and global health partners to deliver high-impact, community-driven eye care initiatives.

Train and equip local health professionals to build long-term, local capacity.

Advocate for policy and funding support to expand access to eye care at the national and international levels.

**Every pair of eyes we help to see is a step closer
to a world where no one is left in the dark.**

Our Roots:

The BPRAG is an outgrowth of the former Avoidable Blindness Task Force, the Fellowship of Eye Care Professionals, and the Eye Care Fellowship of Rotarians. The BPRAG welcomes all Rotarians and friends of Rotary who want to make a lasting difference through sight-saving services.



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Rotary District 7120 Interact News August 2026



August is Rotary Membership Month and even though most Interact Clubs won't be recruiting until September, it is good to have a recruitment plan. Couple ideas include having a table at the School Club's recruitment night, usually in September. Another one we have seen work, is once you have meeting have Interactors bring a friend to the meeting. Another is bringing a freshman to a meeting and/or service project, that helps build a longer Interact experience. It is also time to think about planning your Interact year and possibly your Interact Board can get tougher and talk about goals before the school year starts, so you are ready to go. Always good to review the Interact Club Constitution and Bylaws with the new board.

1. **District Interact Student Council Forming 2026-2027** Interested 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. If Interested contact Drew Ashley andrew.ashley@gmail.com
2. **Rotary Program Alumni Community Based Hybrid (in person and zoom) Rotaract Club Forming (Interact, RYLA, School Based Rotaract and other Rotary Program Alumni):** We are starting an Alumni Rotaract to keep in communication with graduating Interactors and RYLA grads as well as other Rotary Alumni. We are hoping to maintain connection and interaction with our graduating seniors even if they are not in the area for college or beyond, as this will be a hybrid (zoom and in person meeting) club. There will be planned social and service events throughout the next Rotary year including summer and holidays moving forward. Even if they do not join the Rotaract club, we would like them to get us their contact information to keep them updated on what the club is doing so they can join in on activities. Please have interested young adults contact Drew Ashley andrew.ashley@gmail.com
3. **Rotary Youth Exchange: Needs Host Families:** There is a real need for local families to host an exchange student from another country. Also, it is a real opportunity for High School Students (Interactors) to experience another country's culture, and gain friendships abroad for a short- or longer-term exchange. For more information <https://rotarydistrict7120youthexchange.org/>
4. **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/>
5. **Interact Club Scoreboard (Active and Terminated)**
 - a. 29/29 Advisors of Active Interact clubs show listed with Rotary International, YAY! Rotary International has filled in old advisors. That means possibly the correct advisors are currently not listed and need to be updated as soon as possible. This needs to be updated yearly as soon as possible and recommended by July 1 (See 6b below) If your advisor is listed 2026-2027 they are likely correct yet still check going into this year.
 - b. 29/ (guessing 40+) Interact clubs show Active with RI the rest have been Terminated with RI and need to recharter that are indeed Active clubs. They did not, yearly send in their Interact Advisors contact information (See 6a below to recharter)
 - c. To check if you club is in good standing (See 6c below)
6. **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-WNwyOfwns9ja2i05EuzNcd9-XjG5UM1pXVlo5MktlQIBPODVVUVk3UDg5UUwxNSQIQCN0PWcu&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. You will need your Interact ID (available in the status report below) and your Rotary ID if applicable is available in ClubRunner in your profile.
 - 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.
7. **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>

Please celebrate Interact club accomplishments, including 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 Make sure your communities know what these young leaders are doing

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>



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



District Interact Student Council Reforming

The District Interact Student Council is reforming for 2026-2027. Interested soon-to-be Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are eligible to join.

A District Interact Student Council brings together youth leaders (ages 12-18) 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.

Key purposes and functions include:

- **Empowering Clubs & Fostering Collaboration:** Supporting local Interact clubs, encouraging them to achieve their goals, and strengthening the overall network of youth leaders.
- **Leadership Development:** Providing opportunities to develop skills in project management, teamwork, and personal integrity.
- **Service & Community Action:** Driving large-scale, district-wide service projects to make a greater impact on local communities and the world.
- **Global Connection:** Promoting international understanding and goodwill.
- **Communication Bridge:** Acting as a liaison between the Rotary District, Rotary clubs, and individual Interact clubs.

The council typically meets to plan events, set goals for service, and share best practices among members.

For more information contact Drew Ashley at andrew.ashley@gmail.com

Human Trafficking *Is in Your Area!*

Human trafficking is a serious violation of human rights that occurs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Although frequently misunderstood as a crime involving the movement of people across borders, human trafficking is largely a regional and local issue, often occurring within the victims' own hometowns or residences.

Estimates suggest that hundreds of thousands of individuals are experiencing human trafficking in the United States at any given time, with some data indicating as many as 1.1 million people enslaved. Despite these high numbers, the crime is consistently underreported due to its covert nature, low community awareness, and the trauma-induced fear that often prevents victims from self-identifying or seeking help.

The District 7120 End Human Trafficking Committee has tools available for Rotary clubs to help fight human trafficking in their area. The committee is available to come to clubs to do a presentation on human trafficking and how Rotary clubs can bring awareness to their community.

The committee has a model for Rotary clubs to have a end human trafficking community event to bring schools districts, local law enforcement and students & parents to discuss how to safely navigate social media. The committee can come moderate the event and assist in helping clubs set up the event. Please contact Dave DeMers (District Governor 2024-25) with any questions and how to schedule a presentation for your Rotary club at:

rotary7120eht@gmail.com

Submitted by David DeMers



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?



When: Friday, September 11, 2026; Registration/Lunch 10:45 am-11:45 am; Lunch 11:30 am,

Tee-off 12 Noon, Buffet Dinner 5:45 pm; Awards 6:30 pm

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.

Format: 4-person Scramble

Cost: \$100 per person, cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes.

\$35 per person dinner only option.

To register: *Scan Here:*



or click this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-rotary-district-7120-golf-tournament>

Pre-registration is required. *Teams registered & paid by Friday; August 21st will be entered into a raffle for a foursome at Reservoir Creek Golf Course (retail value up to \$300)! **Don't delay – register today!***

Deadline for all registrations is Sunday, August 30th.

Raffle Items: Each club is asked to donate a raffle item or basket valued at +/- \$50.00 by Sunday, August 30th. Contact Jack Fredericks at Jackf374@gmail.com or (585) 314-4124 to coordinate pickup.

Sponsorships: Please consider becoming a personal or business sponsor – easily achieved [here](#).

Green sponsor = \$50 Custom sign posted on the course & listing in the program.

Tee sponsor = \$100 Custom sign posted on the course & listing in the program.

Additional Sponsorships:

Registration table sponsor = \$250* Custom sign prominently displayed at registration & listing in the program.

Cart sponsor = \$500* Custom signage on every golf cart & listing in the program.

Awards sponsor = \$1,000* Custom signage in the registration/dinner pavilion, program listing, and an opportunity to address the attendees from the podium for 3 minutes prior to awards.

*Email sponsor name and logo to John French at jfrenchrotary7120@gmail.com , or text to (585) 746-7810.

***Let's "Create Lasting Impact" at Reservoir Creek Golf Club!
(In support of District Governor Lisa's initiatives in 2026-27)***

DISTRICT 7120 PRESENTS
ONE ROTARY SUMMIT
Igniting Passion - Driving Action

Rotary
DISTRICT 7120



**Saturday,
Sept 12, 2026**



**8:30 AM – Registration
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Program**



Harris Beach Murtha
99 Garnsey Rd
Pittsford, NY 14534



For Rotarians who want to strengthen their clubs and shape their future.

Everyone is welcome—leaders, members, and emerging leaders across District 7120!

WHY ATTEND?



Increase Club Vibrancy: Discover actionable ways to make your club more engaging and dynamic.



Engagement & Growth: Share innovative ideas, learn from other clubs, and explore new approaches to member attraction, flexibility, and impact.



Action Planning: Turn good ideas into practical next steps your club can put to work right away.

WHO SHOULD COME?



Club committee chairs of Membership, Public Image, & Community Service



Newer members & emerging club leaders



Board members & members ready to help shape their club's future



BRING YOUR TEAM!

Clubs are strongly encouraged to register at least **three** members—ideally representing different roles, experiences, or perspectives.

Coming as a group allows you to collaborate during sessions, share insights, and jumpstart your club's planning right away.

**REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!**
CLICK HERE

<https://rotary7120.org/event/one-rotary-summit-2/>



QUESTIONS?

Contact PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly,
District Learning Facilitator



585-451-6822



madayag.reillyn@frontier.com

Yours in Rotary Service,

PDG Norma & District 7120 Team



REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Monday, September 7, 2026

Early registration helps us plan for a great experience for all!



CONNECT. SHARE. COLLABORATE. TAKE ACTION. *Together, We Create Lasting Impact.*



Literacy Corner

Why is financial literacy an important skill
for young people?



Understanding money is one of the most powerful skills you can learn. From your first paycheck to your retirement plan, financial decisions shape your life. For young people, developing financial literacy early on is not just helpful, it's essential. It provides the foundation for a stable and secure future empowering you to navigate life's financial challenges with confidence.

Submitted by Tracy Wooden, Greece Rotary

To learn more, join us on September 26th at the District Literacy Seminar.

**Learn how to help your communities, attend the annual
District 7120 Literacy Seminar.**

September 26, 2026

9:00 am to noon

Clifton Springs Hospital Rotary Room

2 Coulter Road, 2nd floor, Clifton Springs, NY

The 2026 Theme is Financial Literacy

Panel Discussion on the following topics

Budget & Saving

Karen Hoad, Reliant Credit Union

Credit & Debt Management

Charles Parkhurst, Lyons National Bank

Housing

Wendy Winnett, Warren Homes

Taxes

Scott Healy, CPA

Insurance

Rhett VanScoter, VanScoter Insurance

RSVP at joannterry7@gmail.com if you are able to attend



Criteria for the 2025-2026 Literacy Recognition

Theme: Literacy/Financial



Must Complete 5 Different Projects to Qualify

General Ideas and Suggestions:

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

Name of Club:

Contact person w/email:

Form must be submitted by April 20, 2027
Send to: JoAnn Terry, 100 McAuley Drive, Apt. 150, Rochester, NY 14610,
or email to: JoAnn @ joannterry7@gmail.com
Please use the back of this form if you need more room

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 :

ACT | BELONG | CHANGE

DISTRICT 7120 CONFERENCE 2027

JUNE 5, 2027 | ROCHESTER, NY

**FRIDAY
6/4**

Choose your own adventure and make the most of your weekend! Customize your experience with optional activities outside the main conference. It's the perfect opportunity to socialize, network and explore Rochester with fellow Rotarians.

- ✓ Online signup forms and more details coming soon!
- ✓ Options for every budget

**SATURDAY
6/5**

SAVE NOW | TICKET PRICES INCREASE TO \$150 ON 8/16/2026!

EARLY BIRD TICKETS

\$135

- ✓ Full day of keynotes & workshops
- ✓ Light breakfast, lunch & dinner included
- ✓ Build fellowship & connection
- ✓ Gain new perspectives



Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center
123 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14604

Register at: bit.ly/DC-2027



District 7120
Lisa Norwood, District Governor



MAKE A DIFFERENCE | FIND YOUR PEOPLE | CREATE AN IMPACT

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/>

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!

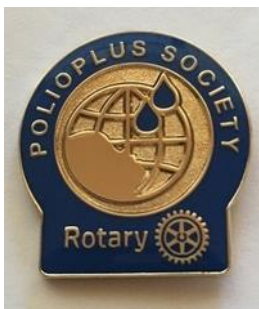
Here are a few comments from previous participants of the D7120 Rotary Action Planning Workshop.

- *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 sooooooooooooooooooooo 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 ...

PDG Bill Gormont, billgormont1@gmail.com, 585-802-6813 (M)

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



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.

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

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

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

Club Name _____ District # _____

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

Sign up today!



2027 Rotary International Convention

📅 26-30 June 2027 📍 Barcelona, Spain



Registration opens September 2026

The venue · Fira 2 · L'Hospitalet

Everything under one roof

The Rotary International Convention 2027 takes place at **Fira de Barcelona Gran Via (Fira 2)**, in L'Hospitalet de Llobregat. Every General Session and the House of Friendship are held in the **same building** — so you move from one event to the next in minutes, with no travelling between venues.





2026

Session 1 (Ages 7-15) July 5th - 10th
Session 2 (Ages 16-21) July 12th - 17th



2026

August 9 to 14
Ages 6 - 12



HERE IS LOVE

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

August 3 to August 7, 2026:
Adult Week
Ages 19 - 30 years old

CAMP ONSEYAWA READY TO OPEN AUGUST 17.

The Theme "SURVIVE"

We all know the John Denver song, "All my bags are packed and ready to go --". Another camping season is upon us and many staff and campers are excited to enjoy the great outdoors for two weeks. Their mode of transportation may not be a jet plane but the adventure is awesome. 70 campers are now packing their bags, looking for their flashlights, searching for their hiking boots and sleeping bags, and locating their rain gear that we hope will not be needed. Will they make it through the week?

According to Program Director Marie Fessler, yes. They will because the camp-wide theme is "SURVIVE". This summer, campers will enjoy a variety of special activities that are designed to challenge these youth to work together like a tribe, except challenges, build friendships, and most of all, have plenty of outdoor fun. While the Onseyawa Board of Directors planned and prepared for summer camp, many Rotarians also stepped up to tackle a few major capital projects. This year, four golf carts needed to be replaced. We are pleased to announce that they have been secured due to a number of wonderful private gifts, Rotary club donations and matching grants from the District Rotary Foundation. We thank four clubs for accepting the project challenge of funding a golf cart: they are Dundee, Victor/Farmington, Gananda, and Canandaigua. The total funds secured for this project has reached \$37,000 which will fund this capital need. What great local support! What a great Rotary Foundation! We also thank and appreciate Mark Wyse and Linda Wyse from the Ontario/Walworth Club for all of their time and talents maintaining and caring for the golf cart fleet.

Rotary Camp Onseyawa is a very heartwarming team effort with 18 Rotary Clubs who have chosen to support and dedicate themselves to sponsoring a summer camp for youth with disabilities. Each month, the 18 Board members meet to plan, recruit, and implement a complicated 2-week summer camp that is located at Camp Whitman, Penn Yan, NY. Simply put "Great Rotarians in ACTION" !

As we celebrate our 70th camping season, we also launch a Long Range Study to plan for the next 5 + years. Over the next 5 months, we will engage many people to explore our strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and opportunities. We hope to develop a road map that can guide us into a bright future. Please reach out to us with any of your comments and express your thoughts to your club director. This process will re-enforce our mission, our vision, and our collective efforts.

Picture attached:
"Replacement golf carts to transport our campers all around camp".

By Victor Arsenault
585-919-4186



Booty Bike to Support Genesee Valley Rotary Camp 2026 Held on August 6



The 2026 booty bikers are on their way!



Flats happen.. 3 miles til camp and
our first flat of the day!
Kyle is our camp bike mechanic!



And that's a wrap
70+ miles because of a detour -
what an accomplishment!!
We have the BEST CAMP STAFF!!





The Rotary Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our tournament and silent auction.

Thanks to our sponsors, golf teams, auction participants and donors, we raised over \$20,000! These funds are vital in allowing us to offer our two-week camp free of charge to all campers.

1st place men: Dave Johnson, Paul Sanders, Dave Maxfield and Scott MacCheyne from Newark

1st place women: Trish Brewer, Stephanie Ross, Shannon Roetting and Ashley Ross from Waterloo

1st place mixed: Dave Hannan, Lucina Hallagan, Steve Hallagan and Jorge Bueso from Newark



Submitted by Liz Bech

WELCOME

Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club is pleased to announce that Shelby McPhearson was inducted into the Canandaigua Rotary Club. Ms. McPhearson lives in Farmington with her husband and was recently promoted to an empty nester.



Pictured are Club President Dr Paul Harvey, Donna Miller, Shelby McPhearson, Mark Sheppard, and Janet Tenreiro:

Additional information about the Canandaigua Rotary Club can be had from any Canandaigua Rotarian and found online at www.CanandaiguaRotary.org or on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Canandaigua-Rotary/188786911253562?fref=ts>

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg



Corning Rotary Club

Corning Rotary President **Pauline Emery** (right) and Membership Chair **Stacy Ward** (left) inducted the club's newest member, **Michael Dickey**, at the July 9th meeting.

Michael and his wife split their time between homes in Florida and Corning. They have lived in the Corning area for six years and finally discovered our club. He is a practicing attorney.

The community involvement opportunities Corning Rotary offers are the reasons Michael joined the club. Well, we can certainly put Michael's time and talent to good use!

Submitted by Jan Harvey





Paul Harris Fellows

Perry Rotary Club

Perry Rotary Club recognized the service of two members, both receiving the club's highest honor for the first time last Thurs., June 4, 2026. Past club president Jeff Fitch, a member of the Paul Harris Committee, presented the awards to Erin Smith and Tammy Kelsey. Each honor represents a one-thousand-dollar club donation to Rotary International that is used to better families around the world.



Smith, the office manager at In.Site: Architecture, since joining Rotary in 2020 has "stepped out of her comfort zone" to dance in the Rotary Show, spread mulch during Clean Sweep, scoop salt potatoes at Pioneer Picnic and annually organize the club's raffle. Smith was surprised by the honor, her family sequestered before the presentation in keeping with the club's tradition of surprising PHF recipients.

Kelsey list of civic service is unsurpassed though she prefers to work behind the scenes while serving on or as an officer of: Perry Busy Bees, Perry Fire Department and the PFD Ladies Auxiliary and its Dinner with Disney, Breakfast with Santa, and Easter Bunny egg hunt, the annual Village Park Fishing Derby, the Perry Central Pumpkin Walk, law enforcement Christmas Stuff the Trunks drive, chicken barbecues, Holiday DeLights and a maker of the wood ornaments displayed downtown, raffles, bowling tournaments, food and toy drives and as a supporter of the veterans banners throughout the community. In addition to that, Tammy serves as the

appointed associate justice for the Village of Perry and when needed in other nearby communities. She even helps with articles and pictures for the *Perry Herald*. Tammy's son Cody and his son Everett attended her induction but first sequestered with the Smith family in an adjoining room.



Perry Rotary's newly-installed President Denise Macaluso with past president Jeff Fitch welcomed her daughter, Monica Jett, as a member. The mother-daughter duo have long organized, rehearsed and conducted the beloved children's chorus at the club's annual variety show.

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



Newark Rotary Club

At a recent meeting the 100 year old Newark Rotary Club presented a new Paul Harris x 5 award to longtime active member and past President, Marc Kreuser. Shown presenting the award to Kreuser is Scott Healy, also a Past President and a Paul Harris x 5 recipient.

Submitted by John Zornow



Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club is pleased to honor Dr All Walker with his Paul Harris Award Plus 4. A Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community. Recipients are Rotarians or community professionals in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary by placing Service Above Self. Recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow is an opportunity to show appreciation for a person, either Rotarian or non-Rotarian, who share these values.

Additionally, Dr Walker was also recognized for his tenacious abilities as the Club's Treasurer for many years.

Pictured are Club President 2025-26 Kent Gilges, Dr Walker, Club President 2026-27 Dr Paul Harvey.

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Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg



Corning Rotary Club



The Corning club recently awarded a special honorary Paul Harris Fellow to Rotarian Yumiko Akiba in recognition of her outstanding service within the club and the general community. The fellow and her pin were given by Wendy Winnett (left). Yumiko (right) was recommended by long-time Rotarian Geraldine Wolfe (center), citing the many organizations Yumiko worked with and her integral part in many of the club's events and activities. Yumiko is known for her enthusiasm, coordination of projects and her SUPER can-do attitude.

Several members of these various organizations were present to congratulate Yumiko including members of the Friends of the Chemung River (pictured at right).



her generous continued support of the RI Foundation.



Then in a surprise "turn-around-is-fair play," Wendy also presented a double-sapphire Paul Harris Fellow to Gerry Wolfe (center). She received her new pin for

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Naples Rotary Club

Naples NY Rotary Club recognized two members with Paul Harris Fellow Awards at an evening meeting on July 27th. Both were surprised and honored to be selected. John French gave the bios and Co-President Carrie Grove awarded the certificates and Paul Harris pins.

Cindy Scoda is the Club Secretary and Membership Committee chair. She spearheaded applications for Rotary District Grants and the updates to our Club Bylaws. She is also the Secretary of the Naples Historical Society.

Frank Duserick has been a dedicated member of the Camp ONSEYAWA board since he joined Naples Rotary many years ago, chairing the Camp Finance Committee and stewarding the Endowment accounts. His dedication to Camp O included guiding the move to Camp Whitman a few years ago. He has shared his experience and passion for providing a camp experience for the kids. Camp Onseyawa Director Robin Mark stated that Frank was her "biggest supporter, trusted confidant and beautiful friend." Frank is also a dedicated volunteer for Naples Open Cupboard and Hospice House.

Congratulations were given by all Naples Rotarians to our new Paul Harris Fellows, Cindy and Frank!

Submitted by Cindy Scoda



Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary recently honored member Doug Merrill for achieving his Paul Harris Plus 2 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 share these values.



Pictured are Deb Martin pinning Doug Merrill, with President Dr Paul Harvey feeling the pain:

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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?

Pal-Mac Rotary Club

We had a wonderful year with our Latvian Rotary Exchange Student, Elise Vjaksē. Elise shared about her busy and fun experience as a senior at Pal-Mac High School, as well as life in general, at each of our meetings. She also participated in several club activities. She fit in beautifully.

We celebrated her being with us at our Change-Over Picnic. Some of our members, as well as her "family" here, saw her off at the airport in July. Her Latvian family received her back into their loving and grateful arms.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Alise's Latvian family welcomes her back.



Bev Crawford shares a book to be donated to the Palmyra Library in celebration of Alise's year with us.



Leslie Vecchiotti and Marie Fesler see Alise off.



Naples Rotary Club

At a recent meeting, we welcomed home our Naples Rotary Youth Exchange students who spent last school year in Europe. They both shared a great slide show about their time away.

Emma Baker had a wonderful experience in Metz, France. School there was more like going to college as there were no sports or after-school activities. Her time was much more independent. She shared her top ten favorite things during her stay. They included a trip to Paris, French food and culture, cooking a Thanksgiving dinner for her host family, Christmas French style and her family coming to visit. Best of all was a tour with 42 other RYE students that spanned 2 weeks throughout Europe. She met many people and made countless memories. Emma will begin her senior year at Naples High School soon.

Erica Reigelsperger lived in Berlin, Germany, a city of 3.9 million people. It was quite a change from life in Naples NY. After gaining some comfort with the language, she quickly learned to enjoy the freedom of public transportation in a large city. Highlights of her year included a festival of lights that revealed the architecture, skiing in Switzerland, a cruise to London and seeing the Pope in Italy. Christmas markets and singing carols in a stadium were a fun part of the holiday season. She even attended an NFL game played in Berlin. Some medical issues challenged her for a time but she gained confidence in advocating for herself in a new language. Erica also greatly enjoyed her tour of many European countries. She will be entering college this fall to study nursing with a minor in German and Spanish.

Welcome home, Emma and Erica!

Submitted by Cindy Scoda



Erica is on the left, Emma on the right.

Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary Club is proud to recognize Al Meilutis as our **Greece Community Person of the Year**.

Honoring a man whose service, leadership, and generosity have strengthened the very fabric of our community.

Al is the kind of person every organization hopes to have — steady, thoughtful, and always willing to step forward when something needs to be done. His commitment to Greece Rotary spans years of hands-on service, quiet leadership, and a genuine desire to make life better for others. Whether he is supporting a major fundraiser, welcoming new members, or lending his experience to guide a project, Al brings a spirit of kindness and collaboration that elevates everyone around him.

His impact extends far beyond Rotary meetings and events. Al is deeply woven into the life of the Greece community — a trusted neighbor, a dedicated volunteer, and a champion for programs that uplift families, youth, and those facing hardship. He leads not for recognition, but because he believes in service, in community, and in the power of people working together.

Within Greece Rotary, Al is known for his reliability, his humility, and his unwavering support of the club's mission. He is the person who shows up early, stays late, and quietly ensures that every detail is handled. His presence strengthens our fellowship, his example inspires new members, and his dedication reflects the very best of Rotary values.

Today, we honor not just what Al has done, but who he is — a man of integrity, compassion, and service. Greece Rotary is grateful for his leadership, his friendship, and his enduring commitment to our community.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Webster Rotary Club

On Wednesday, August 5th, the Webster Rotary Club gathered at Camp Haccamo to take a tour of the camp and learn about all of the good works that take place there and were able to enjoy a nice dinner together!



Submitted by Joe Corona

Geneseo Rotary Club

The Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival was held on July 10 & 11 in the Geneseo Village Park. The Chicken BBQ and Pulled Pork were sponsored by local churches, There were crafters, vendors, food trucks, live music, bounce houses, Geneseo Rotary Welcome Tent, petting zoo, kid's activities, etc.

The 50/50 raffle of c. \$1,400 was shared with Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.)

On July 11 a free Skycoasters Concert was held in the evening.



Photos by Julie Carney



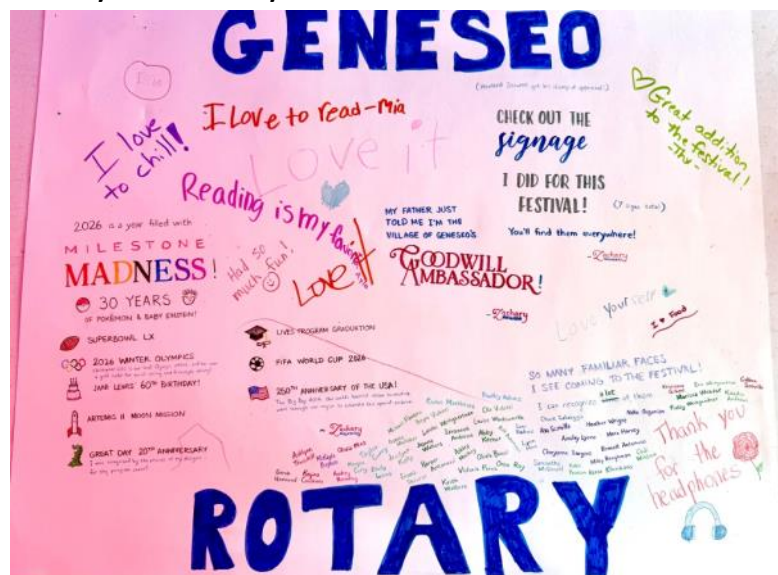
Geneseo Rotary Club

Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival



The **Rotary Literacy in Action** and **Sensory Friendly Space** is a new addition to the Summer Festival this year. Sometimes kids (and adults!) just need a few minutes away from the hustle and bustle and music and noise and people, and what could be better than reading or coloring or playing with a fidget toy for a few minutes? We were giving away gently used books, bubbles, and coloring pages and crayons. People stopped by to look at those, and ended up playing with the fidgets and the bubbles. I noticed several young people who took a minute to spin a fidget spinner, and ended up getting interested in some of the other sensory-friendly objects and then spent several minutes relaxing in the space. There was one young lad who was more than ready to leave the festival, but his adults weren't ready to go yet. He stopped at the tents, played with fidgets for a while, and I told him he could play with whatever he wanted while there. He picked up a coloring book, selected some coloring pencils and crayons, and sat down to color. He was googling things on his phone like "What color is Pikachu?" and then doing whatever his phone told him to. His adults came by when they were ready to move on, and everyone left happy. We were kind of expecting to see whining, overstimulated kids and their frazzled parents, but that wasn't exactly the case. Kids, teens and adults came by on their own and did their coloring, fidgeting or playing, and left when they were ready. They obviously felt safe and comfortable in our space. Not much was said and that was fine. We got lots of positive comments like "Thank you for adding this space" and it feels like a huge success. We plan to continue with the new spaces! **Submitted by Geneseo Rotary Club President Debby Emerson**

The inaugural **Rotary Sensory Area** was a tremendous success at this year's Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival. Located at the entrance to Village Park, the sensory space provided a quiet, calming environment for children and adults who may experience sensory sensitivities, allowing more families to comfortably enjoy the festival. The Sensory Tent was introduced as a new festival feature this year reflecting Rotary's commitment to making community events more accessible and inclusive for everyone. **Submitted by PE Julie Carney**



Photos by Julie Carney

Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary Member Monroe HIICAP Volunteer of the Year 2025

Greece Rotary Club's member Allan Wallace is a 50-year member of the Greece Club and Veteran was recognized in Albany over the Memorial Holiday, as the Health Insurance Information, Customer Assistance Program (HIICAP) Volunteer of the Year for Monroe County.

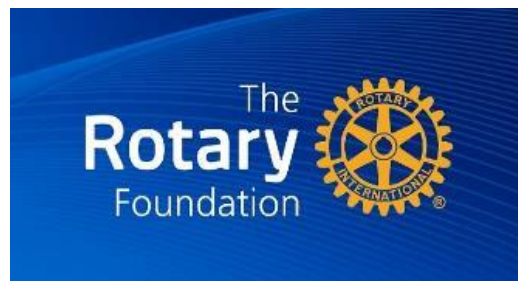
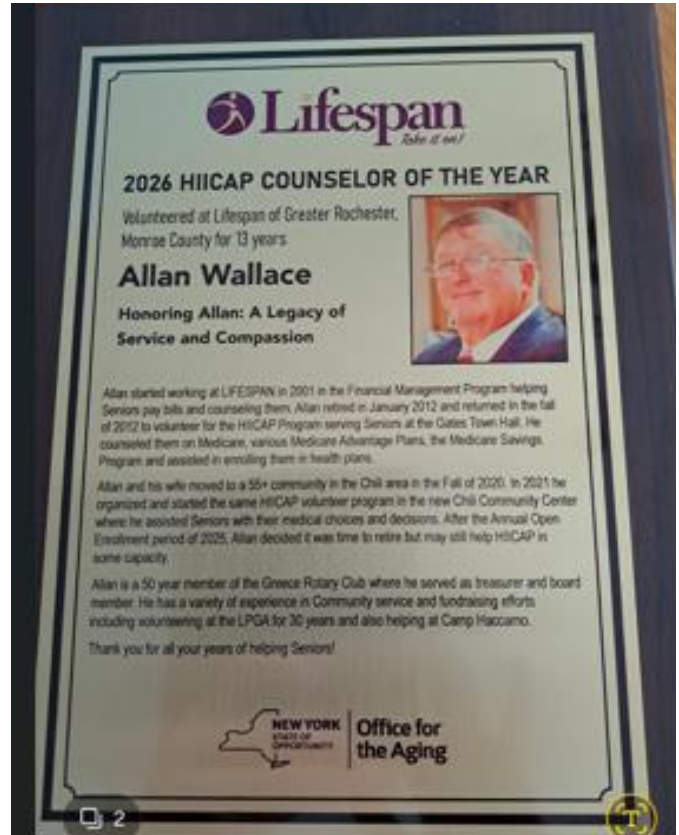
Allan was also recognized as the Lifespan Counselor of the Year for 2025.

Allan was working for Lifespan helping seniors with their Medicare Insurance questions on Medicare, various Advantage plans, and Medicare Savings Programs. He counseled them to make the sure the plans to meet their needs and assisted them to sign up for coverage.



Allan is pictured with his wife Pat and Greg Olson
- Dir of the Office for the Aging

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Livonia Rotary Club

Livonia Rotary Dedicates New Medical Loan Closet

On Monday, June 15, 2026, at its regular weekly club meeting, the Livonia Rotary Club formally dedicated its new, medical-equipment Loan Closet building. It is located in the village of Livonia, on the Village's Department of Public Works property on Commercial Street.

Once this new storage facility was completed in January 2026, the club no longer needed the three storage units they had been renting in Lakeville and Livonia Center for decades. "Having all our medical supplies in one central location, right in the middle of the Village of Livonia, is much more convenient for everyone who needs to borrow medical supplies," says long-time Rotarian Cal Lathan, who has run the club's Loan Closet program for over 20 years. "It is also much more convenient for the club members who maintain the inventory and see that the equipment is loaned out and returned efficiently," Lathan added.



Livonia Rotary Club President Steve Gerould (left) congratulates fellow Rotarian Cal Lathan who has served as Loan Closet manager for over 20 years.



A wide variety of medical equipment can now be stored in one convenient location in the Livonia Rotary's new 20' x 40' building.

The idea of having a single, centrally located Loan Closet to replace the rented storage units was brought up at a Rotary club meeting back in late 2024. An ad hoc committee, made up of several club members, began setting the space requirements that would have to be met for all the supplies to fit in a single storeroom. They also searched for a location that would be at no cost—or low cost—to the club. After coordinating early on with Livonia Town Supervisor Eric Gott and village mayor Chris Genthner, both members of Livonia Rotary, it was determined that a 20 ft. x 40 ft. structure could be attached to an existing building on village property behind the Village Office. Not having a need for a fourth wall was a real cost, time, and labor saver.

A concrete pad was laid at this location in August 2025, thus establishing the Loan Closet's footprint. Over the next several weeks, all-volunteer work crews that included Rotarians Dan Coon, Don Simpson, Steve Gerould, Chris Hoffman, Tim Wahl, Jake Bills, Jeremy Kosakowski, Dan Simpson, John DiVincenzo, and others put their varied skills to work and turned the concept into a reality.

Once the framing, siding, and roofing were completed, the interior work began. Shelving and partitions were built and, soon thereafter, the wide range of medical supplies in the club's inventory were brought over from the rented storage units.

For a little history, the loaning out of medical equipment—the Livonia Rotary Club's most successful and longest-lasting service project—was started some 84 years ago. What is known today as the Loan Closet was called a "loan cupboard" back in 1942.

The whole idea was the brainchild of Tracy C. Swan, MD, the club's president at that time. In an article tracing the history of Livonia Rotary, the late Dick Emery wrote that much of the credit for making the medical-

equipment loan program so successful through the '60s and '70s is owed to then Town Supervisor and Livonia Rotarian Alson Drowne.

Right from its earliest days, the "cupboard" loaned out hospital beds, wheelchairs, crutches, commodes, and much more, all at no cost to those in the community who needed such equipment. Back then the medical supplies were stored at Livonia's Town Hall. When that space was no longer adequate, the club began renting space at local storage facilities. For more than eight decades, Livonia Rotary has offered the community access to a free, loaned medical equipment. "Now that the new Loan Closet is up and running right in the village," Cal Lathan said, "we invite those in the greater Livonia community to contact us whenever the need for medical equipment may arise."

Mike Dougherty, one of the Loan Closet managers, added, "We also want to let those in the community know that we gratefully accept used medical equipment to add to our inventory." In an article in the Livingston County News, a weekly newspaper, we invited those living in the greater Livonia area to contact Mike at (585) 281-1154 for information on borrowing or donating medical equipment.

Submitted by John Connolly



The new Loan Closet building under construction during the fall of 2025. One wall of the structure was an outer wall of one of the Village's DPW buildings.

Bath Rotary Club

On July 13th members of the Bath Rotary Club volunteered at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier in Elmira. After putting on hairnets and rubber gloves, the members divided into groups of two and began packaging two-pound bags of rice. Those participating in this project included: Bob Cole, Nancy Latour, Tess McKinley, Benita Nesbitt, Mike Slovak, Michelle Smalt, Elaine Tears, Bill White, and Liam Nesbitt, grandson of Benita Nesbitt.

The Food Bank of the Southern Tier is a distribution center that distributes food to various food pantries in Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties. The mission of the food bank is to work together to build and sustain hunger-free communities throughout the Southern Tier. It is committed to create a future without hunger where access to healthy food by all is recognized as fundamental to the well-being and success of individuals and the foundation of a strong, vibrant society.



On July 13th Bill White, Elaine Tears, Nancy Latour, and Michelle Smalt, Bath Rotarians, worked in teams of two to bag rice at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.



Mike Slovak, another Bath Rotarian and a Past District 7120 Governor, also donned a hairnet and rubber gloves to fill two-pound bags of rice at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier in Elmira.



Members of the Bath Rotary Club recently volunteered at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier in Elmira. Standing left to right in the front row are: Tess McKinley, Benita Nesbitt, Elaine Tears, Nancy Latour, and Bob Cole. Standing left to right in the back row are: Mike Slovak, Liam Nesbitt, Michelle Smalt, and Bill White.

The Rotarians were also given a tour of other parts of the facility, filled with pallets of boxed food items, by Dylan Roderick, Volunteer Coordinator. Roderick informed the Rotarians about what the food bank does to help fight food insecurity. He noted that food distribution includes to food pantries, meal programs, shelters, after-school programs, senior programs, mobile-food pantries, back packs, and kids' farmers markets.

Those who participated in this experience thank McKinley for making the

arrangements for this project which indeed was most rewarding. The Rotarians encourage other organizations to volunteer also.

The Bath Rotary Club, chartered on March 16, 1923, meets every Thursday at noon in the Empire Room of the Dormann Library in Bath. Anyone wishing more information about Rotary, specifically the Bath Rotary Club, including potential membership, should contact: Nancy Latour, President, at: nancylt7117@gmail.com or Bill White, Membership Chair, at: bewhitey@aol.com.

Written by Elaine Tears

Pictures by Tess McKinley & Michelle Smalt



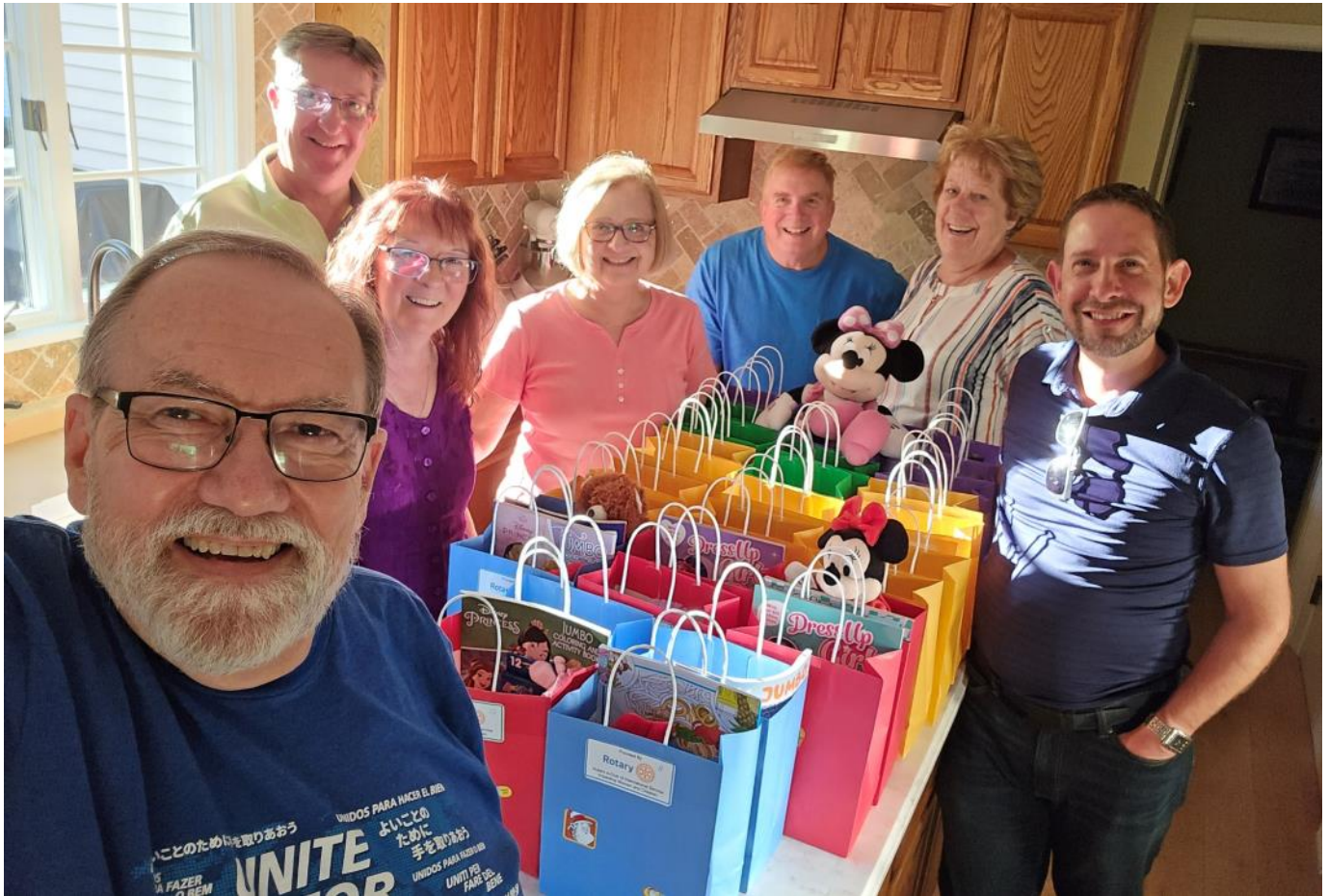
Rotary e-Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children

Rotary Clubs Collaborate to Help Women & Children in Transitional Housing

The Open Door Mission in Rochester, NY, offers a range of residential programs, including dedicated transitional housing for homeless women with children at their Coldwater Residential Home. Residents received thoughtfully prepared Comfort and Care Bags thanks to a collaborative Rotary effort, spearheaded by the Rochester NY e-Club members. The bags were purchased, assembled, and delivered by Ann DeMers, Simon Devenish, Sharon Spencer, and Bill and Helen Gormont of the Rotary e-Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children. They were joined by Dave DeMers of the Spencerport Rotary Club and Doug Spencer of the Rochester Rotary Club.

The Coldwater Residential Home provides transitional housing and individualized case management for women and their children, along with classes in parenting, nutrition, personal finance, job readiness, and self-care. The six-month program helps families achieve sustainable independent living and stability through education, employment and permanent housing.

Submitted by Bill Gormont



Service Above Self



Rotary E-Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children

Celebrating Their 2nd Charter Anniversary of Creating Global Impact Through Service

The Rotary E-Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children is one of District 7120's newest and most unique Rotary clubs. As a cause-based international e-club, it offers a flexible Rotary experience for individuals whose schedules, travel commitments, or locations make participation in a traditional club difficult. More importantly, it brings together people who share a passion for improving the lives of women and children through meaningful service.

Originally formed as a Rotary satellite club in July 2021, the club was officially chartered in District 7120 on August 14, 2024. Its mission is simple but powerful: to empower women and children through access to education, healthcare, and essential resources.

Today, members from New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Tanzania collaborate across borders to support humanitarian projects and create sustainable solutions that strengthen families and communities.



Members Top Left to Bottom Right

Helen Gormont¹, Simon Devenish², Steve Puls³, Ann DeMers⁴, Debi Varner, Teresa McNair, Jen Miller
Bill Gormont, Dana Forti, Bethany Wentz, Gordon Still, Janellen Lombardi, Shedrack Domingo, John Bailey
Vickie Beckman, Maritza DiDonato, Michelle Bailey, Sharon Spencer, Timmy Maloku, Alex Bailey, Emme Henry,
President¹, President-Elect², Secretary³, Treasurer⁴

The club's work aligns closely with Rotary's Areas of Focus, particularly Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development. Monthly online meetings feature inspiring speakers, project updates, and opportunities to connect with Rotarians engaged in service worldwide.

To learn more about this unique Rotary E-Club and the opportunities it offers, we encourage you to visit www.RotaryImpactingWomenAndChildren.org or contact Club President Helen Gormont at hgormont@gmail.com.

Submitted by Bill Gormont

Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest

Rotary SouthWest Celebrates the 106th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

Rochester Rotary SouthWest is proud to be an active participant in celebrating the 106th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which secured the woman's right to vote. The celebration will take place on Sunday, August 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Susan B. Anthony Square, located between Madison and King Streets in Southwest Rochester.

The Square is just steps from the historic home of Susan B. Anthony and the Susan B. Anthony Museum & House. It is also home to the iconic, larger-than-life bronze sculpture, "Let's Have Tea," depicting Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass seated together in conversation.

This remarkable sculpture represents several important lessons. Publicly portraying a man and a woman as equals was uncommon during their era. Even more significant is the depiction of a white woman and a black man sharing ideas as peers during a period of profound social and political division.



Anthony and Douglass themselves experienced a painful disagreement over voting rights. Following the Civil War, Douglass supported extending voting rights to Black men through the Fifteenth Amendment, while Anthony believed women should be included in the expansion of suffrage. Their friendship endured a period of estrangement, but they ultimately reconciled, and Douglass remained a steadfast advocate for women's rights. Today, at a time when understanding differing perspectives can seem increasingly difficult, Susan B. Anthony Square offers a powerful reminder that disagreement does not have to end friendship and that reconciliation is possible.

Located at 53 King Street, the 19th Amendment Women's Emporium (WE) is "A Space By, With, and About Women." The Emporium serves as a learning center for creative arts and entrepreneurship, offering both indoor gathering space and an outdoor courtyard. It provides women of all ages with opportunities to connect, showcase their talents, grow their businesses, and support one another.

The August 16 celebration will feature a wide variety of vendors representing diverse businesses, organizations, and community initiatives. Educational exhibits and activities will explore topics including the women's suffrage movement, the ongoing effort to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, health and wellness, bicycle safety and education, and other issues that strengthen our communities.

A special emphasis will be placed on the significant contributions of Native American nations, particularly the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy, whose traditions of women's leadership and democratic governance inspired many early suffragists. Their influence on the women's rights movement was profound, yet it is often forgotten or overlooked.

Rotary SouthWest warmly invites fellow District 7120 Rotarians, their families, and friends to join us in honoring the history of women's suffrage while celebrating the people and organizations continuing the work of equality and civic engagement today. Visitors will also have the opportunity to tour the Susan B. Anthony Museum & House and experience this historic neighborhood firsthand.

Submitted by Eleanor Coleman

Dundee Rotary Club

Dundee Rotary Completes 2026 Bookcase Project

Dundee Rotary does many community service projects each year but is probably most proud of the annual Bookcase for Every Child project. Each year the club members build and finish 2-shelf wooden bookcases for each graduating PreK student from Dundee and Bradford Central Schools. This year the Club distributed 33 bookcases (25 for Dundee and 8 for Bradford). Tech students at Dundee Central helped to assemble some of the bookcases and Honor Society students in Bradford finished the bookcases that were sent there. Several community organizations (Dundee Library, VFW, Team Charlie, Our Town Rocks, Pretty Little Village, and Fire Department) contributed books that are given out with each bookcase.



The bookcase project is meant to promote a love of reading and promotion of literacy in the young children in the Dundee community. In 2026, the Bookcase project was fortunate to have a District Grant to help cover expenses.

Pictured is Rotarian Alan Giles who organizes the Bookcase project each year, Rotarian Fran Willis with her granddaughter Emma, and a row of bookcases and bags of books ready for distribution at Dundee Central School.

If any Rotary Club would like to learn how to construct the bookcases and how to estimate cost, please contact laurenrsnyder@gmail.com.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Seneca Falls Rotary Club

The Seneca Falls Rotary Club awarded four \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Mynderse Academy. They were honored at an evening dinner attended by their families and Rotarians.



Pictured from left to right are:

Haley Young who received the Service Above Self Scholarship given to the senior who demonstrated Rotary's motto throughout high school. She will be attending Le Moyne College's Physician Assistant Program.

Warren Wetherwax who received the scholarship given to the college bound senior who majored in an Occupational Education Program or a Vocational Program at BOCES. He will be attending Alfred State for Electrical Construction and Maintenance Electrician.

Isaac Jang who received the Outstanding Service in both Vocal and Instrumental Music Scholarship. He will be attending the University of Southern California majoring in Health and Human Sciences.

Kyah Lajewski who received the Bert Serling Memorial Award given to an Interact member who demonstrated outstanding service to the Rotary organization. She will be attending Ithaca College for Sports Media.

Submitted by Liz Becht

Newark Rotary Club

The month of July at Newark Rotary has been dedicated to the need for assistance to the community through the Newark Food Closet. At each Thursday meeting Rotarians were asked to bring grocery items and the result was a success.

Submitted by John Zornow



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Bath Rotary Club

Members of the Bath Rotary Club participated on July 20 in the Camp STAR Golf Tournament, held on the greens of the Indian Hill Golf Course. The local club's golfers included: Nancy Latour, Bath Rotary Club President; Brandi Graham, Bath Rotary Club Past President; Jay Maslyn, Bath Rotary Club Treasurer; Woody Latour, Friend of Bath Rotary Club; Carolyn Godlewski, Kellie Okoniewski, and Michael Okoniewski, friends of Graham and Latour. Graham won closest to the pin for women, and Okoniewski had an 83-yard chip in for women.

All of the local golfers expressed that they had a great time not only playing golf but also winning some door prizes and sharing the experience with other Rotarians. They extend a special thank you to Marianne Kalec, Camp STAR Golf Tournament Chairperson, for the countless hours she spent organizing and running the very successful event.

Katrina Stanton, who serves as President of the Camp STAR Board, reported that the event, including sponsorships, raised over \$35,000.00 to support Camp STAR to be held August 9 – 14 on the scenic and rural setting of The Y at Watson Woods outside of Painted Post.

The cost for the camp is over \$700.00 per camper for six days and nights of fun. The funds, raised from this tournament and the assessment of Rotary District 7120 clubs which support this summer sleepover camp, allow the projected sixty-five children between the ages of 6 and 12, who have a physical or developmental disability, to attend the camp at no charge to their families. The camp will be staffed by thirty counselors and a camp nurse. Bath Rotarians will also provide a picnic for the campers during the week of the camp.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Brandi Graham



Representing the Bath Rotary Club in the women's division of the recent Camp STAR Golf Tournament were: front row, left to right: Brandi Graham and Nancy Latour; back row, left to right: Carolyn Godlewski and Kellie Okoniewski.



Representing the Bath Rotary Club in the men's division of the recent Camp STAR Golf Tournament were: Woody Latour, Michael Okoniewski, and Jay Maslyn.



Kellie Okoniewski, friend of Bath Rotarians Nancy Latour and Brandi Graham, proudly had an 83-yard chip in for the women's division.

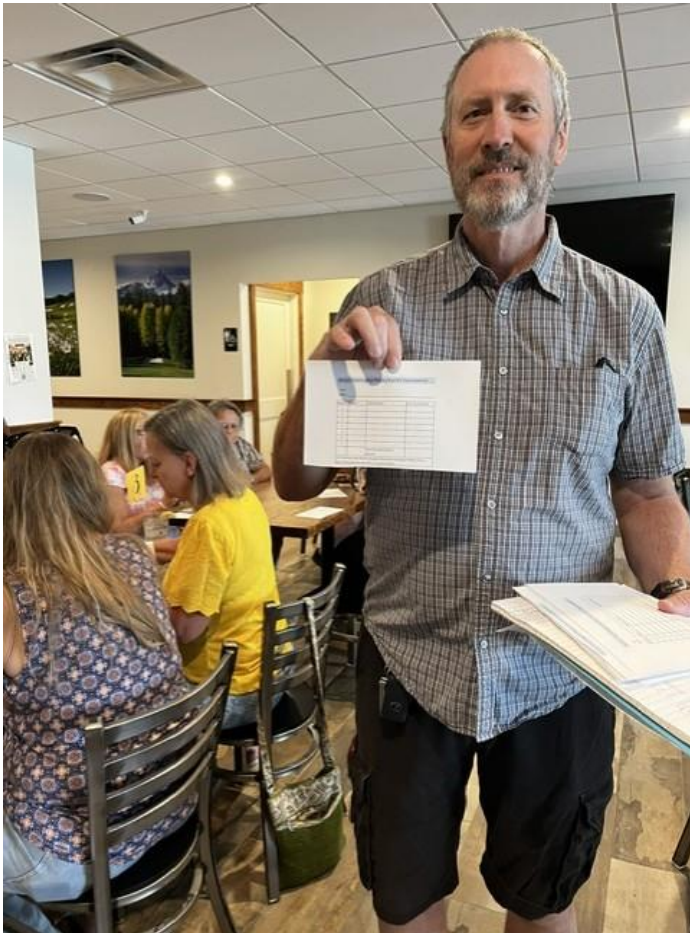
Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

The V-F Rotary Club hosted a euchre tournament at a local restaurant in late July . The fund-raising event involved club members who mixed with local residents for an enjoyable afternoon. The profits from the tournament helped boost the club's annual fund-raising efforts. All profits will be applied to various club service projects.

Submitted by David Luitweiler



Rotarian workers L to R - Judy Luitweiler, Lorraine Sanford, Alyssa Beardsley



Club President John Summers welcoming players



Event Chair Kim Yurch registering players

Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

Mercy Flight Central is an independent, nonprofit organization of air medical professionals, devoted to integrity, compassion, and excellence providing critical care to the sick and injured. Lauren Kolb, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the organization, recently spoke to the V-F Rotary Club and outlined the structure of the service, founded in 1992 with operational command headquarters based in Canandaigua. They cover twenty-five counties in upstate NY including the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, Central NY, Mohawk Valley region and beyond.

Each medical flight team includes a Pilot, flight nurse, and Paramedic. Their community partners include EMS, Hospitals, Fire, 911 Centers and Police. Director Kolb noted that Mercy Flight service involves medical flights while the State Police helicopters do not engage in medical transport. The troopers provide search and rescue capabilities.



L TO R - Mercy Flight Central presenters KAITLAN CARHART and LAUREN KOLB



MERCY FLIGHT MEDICAL HELICOPTER

The four most active hospitals involved with the Mercy Flight transfers are UR Medical (Rochester), Upstate University (Syracuse), Albany Medical Center, and Rochester General Hospital.

Many of the Mercy Flight pilots are former military or law enforcement pilots.

Director Kolb was assisted in her presentation by Kaitlan Carhart, Mercy Flight's Director of Philanthropy. The presenters stressed that the financial support the service receives from private donations is critical to the long-term success and sustainability of Mercy Flight.

The presenters provided an in-depth program that involved the capabilities of the Mercy Flight teams and the financial structure that depends heavily on private support from the private donors. That support enables

Mercy Flight Central to continue a service dedicated to integrity, support, and excellence.

Submitted by David Luitweiler



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

The HLRC has become involved in the construction of the new playground located to the west of Honeoye Central School. The old playground has been dismantled, and the new one will be built the week of August 11-16.

To help in this community service adventure, the HLRC hosted a euchre tournament in the spring, took part in the Strawberry Festival held in June, and enjoyed sponsoring the "Junk in the Trunk" sale in July. These funds will go toward materials for the build as well as a bench donated by the HLRC. District grant money has also been awarded to the HLRC for this community service endeavor.

Club volunteers are prepped for their jobs during the build and will enjoy sharing a dinner sponsored by the HLRC for their fellow workers on Wednesday evening.

Stayed tuned for next month's report on the progress of the build and pictures to share.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Honeoye Playground 2.0 Schematic Design
Honeoye, NY
11/10/25

Play By Design
304 North Genesee St
Rochester, NY 14650
607-351-0180

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club



It was a great day for the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club and the 17 golf teams that participated in the club's 41st Annual Golf Tournament on July 27th. The weather was perfect, the course was great and everyone shared smiles throughout the day.

Thanks to the golfers who joined us at Lima Golf and Country Club. They supported our community service projects by golfing, buying raffle tickets, contributing to our 50/50 raffle, and participating in our putting contest.

Thanks to our sponsors and donors who added to our profits so we can continue to support our community in so many ways – Gift Books A Month, Vittles for Vacation, Playground Build, Students of the Month, RYLA, and a few more.

Thanks to our volunteers who spent hours setting things up, managing the day's schedule and making sure all turned out so well.

Thanks to the staff at Lima Golf and Country Club for once again ensuring all was set for the HLRC's annual event. Once again, they served us very well.

See everyone next year – July 26, 2027, for our 42nd Annual Golf Tournament at Lima once again.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

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Corning Rotary Club

Several Corning Rotary members and High School Learning Center Interact members joined the Friends of the Chemung River Watershed for a riverbank cleanup on Saturday July 25th. It was a perfect day, starting cool but then the work warmed everyone up.

Among the riverside gatherings: multiple bags of trash so numerous that count was lost, three tires, a tent, broken furniture, and many, many more items and litter.



Submitted by Jan Harvey

Corning Rotary Club

The Corning club recently had a workday at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. It was amazing to see the operation at the Food Bank, how supplies come in and how they are then parceled out to the various local food pantries. It was also very apparent that without the help of hundreds of volunteers, the Food Bank would not be as successful in helping to alleviate the hunger that hides all around us. Club members repacked food into boxes that would then be sent off to the pantries, an essential step in this huge operation.



Submitted by Jan Harvey

Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club announced its new President for 2026-2027 as Dr Paul Harvey. Outgoing President Kent Gilges did an outstanding job as President, leaving big shoes for the new President. Meanwhile, Dr Harvey is excited to carry on the new leadership with the support of the membership. The Rotary year runs from July to June.

Pictured are Club Presidents 2025-2026 Kent Gilges and 2026-2027 Dr Harvey:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg



Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Camp Haccamo Visit, Monday, August 3rd, 2026
The Rotary E-Club of District 7120 honored an invitation to join the Executive Director, Dolly Kujawa, Sydney Stell and the adult campers for dinner, on the premises of Camp Haccamo. The camp is marking its 70th year of welcoming campers who have developmental and physical disabilities. In the spirit of "Creating Lasting Impact" District Governor Lisa Hardy Norwood, District 7120 Leadership and Monroe County Rotary clubs collectively continue to provide leadership and lend support to the campers, in a myriad of ways, including the making of memorable and fun site visits.

Submitted: Rotary E-Club of District 7120



Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Boys & Girls Club Tour and Community Service Visit,
Friday, July 31st, 2026

Every day, It goes without saying that “Rochester’s young people need a safe place to learn, grow, and belong”. Such opportunities are offered at the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester, where “mentors, programs, and opportunities that help them reach their full potential” are provided, to strengthen our community”. Past President Richard de Asis, Justin R. Collins, Community Impact Service Chair and members of the Rochester Rotary Club, kindly extended an invitation to the Rotary E-Club of District 7120, for us to participate in a tour/community service opportunity at the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester. According to Rotarian Sergeant Justin R. Collins of the RPD, “I reached out to my friend, Dwayne Mahoney, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester (500 Genesee St., Rochester, NY 14611).



He is thrilled to have us by to engage in volunteering” at the facility. The respective opportunities include playing sports and board games with the kids, as well as assisting with crafts and reading activities for children 9-13. It was indeed a memorable afternoon, in this quest to “Create Lasting Impact” in our community.

Submitted: Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Spencerport Rotary Club

The club's 43rd annual Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, August 8th. This is one of the club's largest fundraisers. Luckily, the rain in the morning ended and the sun shone beautifully on the golfers.



Pictured: Joe Marasco, Kathy Magin, Anne Forberg

Submitted by Colleen Farley

Spencerport Rotary Club

PDG Dave DeMers and Jamie Stancato organized our club's recent Changeover Dinner with special guest PDG Jim Crane. The President's gavel was passed from 2025-2026 President Kathy Magin to 2026-2027 President Colleen Farley.

Also sworn in: Elaine Vadas Hamdan as President Elect, Maggie and Rich Serapilio as Co-Vice Presidents, Sean McCabe as Secretary and Joe Marasco as Treasurer.

Sophia McCabe and Colleen Farley were also honored as Paul Harris Fellows.

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Pictured: Sophia McCabe, Colleen Farley, Kathy Magin, PDG Dave DeMers

Fairport Rotary Club



It's been a busy summer for Fairport Rotary Club, starting with the change over dinner, with the passing of the gavel from our outgoing President **Marybeth Christianson**, who did an outstanding job over the past year. Her last task was to turn over the leadership of the club to **Ron Roberts**, who last served as the president 42 years ago. Ron is the first of 4 dedicated Rotarians in the club who will serve as president for this year, while commemorating our 100th anniversary. Each of the presidents will serve 3-second term, **Becky Wilson** the third and **Pieter Smeenck** will complete the Rotary year as president. Each have served as president previously and truly represent the virtues and commitment to our goal, which is "**Unite for Good**".

Mark Fuerbacher, the chance to deliver what I've been told was a great and informative program on AI. Explaining the benefits and exploring some down sides, to the use of AI – Artificial Intelligence. We members also found that many of us are already actively using AI and in several cases, some didn't realize that they were – and then the lights went on!!

Mark explained that he is a well-respected dealer on a national basis and has been called on to help other dealers and in fact has done some training on methods to improve sales. He wrote an article about how he uses AI to help his business grow and to organize his records. This ultimately turned into a request to talk further about AI and an invitation to come to Green Briar in West Virginia. He was there this past weekend and spoke.

Mark talked about Chat GPT – ("Chat Generative Pre-Trained Transformer") as a possible starting point for novice users to get a real idea of the breadth of use.

Mark then did an interactive demo of his AI usage for work and personal data – it was very eye opening! You can visualize so many opportunities! He also demonstrated development of an outline of info on Rotary culled from his personal files and from data on the web – his AI guru even listed names and some background of 7 former presidents of the club and gave some suggestions of how the club should continue to grow and reach more potential members.

Submitted by Thomas Wolanski



Rochester Deaf Rotary

World's only Deaf Rotary Club and World's Greatest Cheeseburger Come Together for one Night!



Rochester Deaf Rotary hosted a fundraiser at Bill Gray's, Seabreeze, Monday, July 13, 2026. It was a great turnout with Rotarians and other guests of Rotary coming together. We appreciate all those who came and supported us. It was a great place, as the manager was very accommodating and welcoming. Thank you all so much!

Article and photos by Michele Randall (RDR Club President)



Obituary

Sarah J “Sally” Heitzman



Geneseo Rotary Club is mourning the loss of another great Rotarian. Sally Heitzman (90) passed away July 18, 2026. Sally & Her husband (Jim) moved to Geneseo in 1960. In 1987, Dennis Dawson invited her to join Geneseo Rotary (its second female member). Four years later she became the 1st female president of the Geneseo Rotary Club (1991). For over twenty years Sally coordinated the food vendors for the Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival. She had been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow (1993). More recently Sally served as Sargent of Arms at our regular meetings for the last several years. Although the club often kidded her about her short stature, she took in stride and has had a much larger, ongoing, impact on The Geneseo Club and surrounding community for many decades. Sally will be missed and her memory will be kept alive through plans being made by the Geneseo Rotary Club to honor her generous spirit and lasting community impact.

Memorials may be made to the Geneseo Fire Department Ambulance, PO Box 428, Geneseo, NY 14454 or Geneseo Rotary Club, PO Box 216, Geneseo, NY 14454.

Submitted by Bonnie Swanson



Geneseo Rotarians Visiting Camp. Sally is 7th from the left.

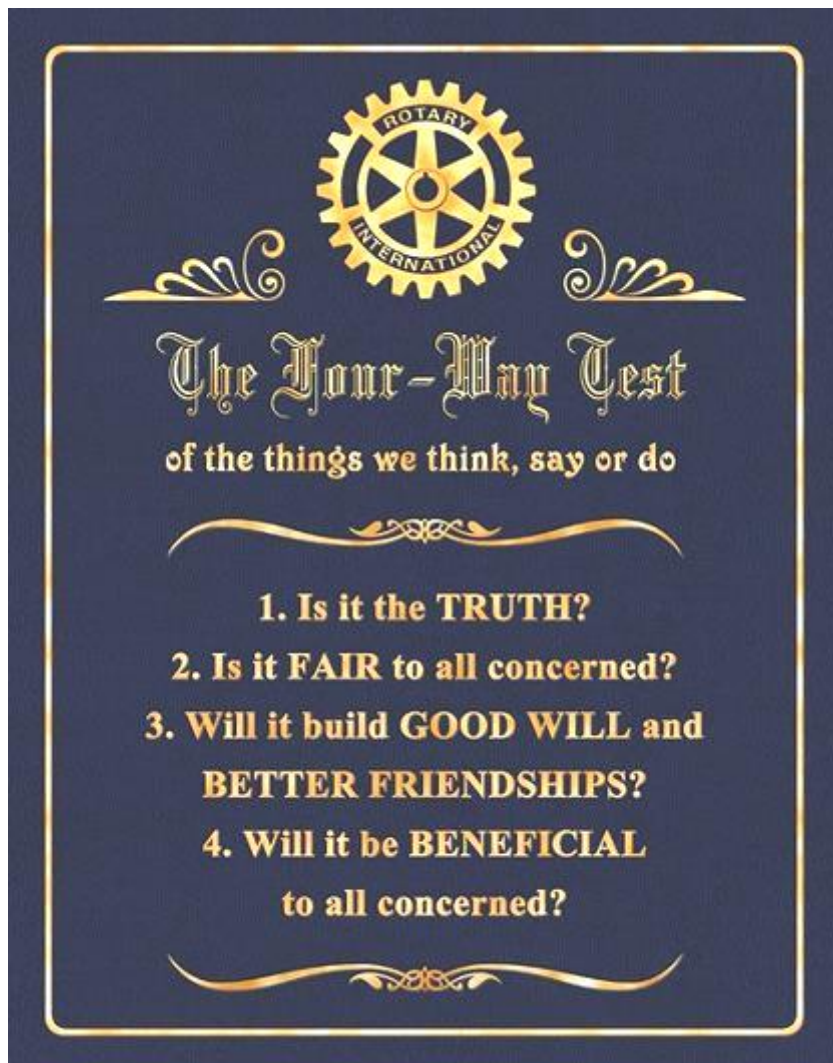
DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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.





Rotary
Lima NY



YOU ARE INVITED TO

A SING ALONG BRUNCH



SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2026
11AM-2PM

FANATICS PUB 7281 WEST MAIN STREET LIMA

\$25.00 A TICKET-WWW.FANATICSPUB.COM
UNLIMITED MIMOSAS AND FINGER FOODS

FUNDRAISER FOR THE LIMA FOOD PANTRY

DRESS IN YOUR BEST 80'S CLOTHES FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE



A DJ WILL BE SPINNING TUNES
EVERYONE CAN BE A STAR



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEWARK ROTARY FAMILY FEST

SATURDAY
22ND AUGUST 2026
11.00AM TO 7.00PM

FREE ENTRY

FIREMAN'S FIELD
100 BARKER PKWY
NEWARK

The Marbletones

UNPARALLEL BAND

CASH RAFFLE

VENDORS

SILENT AUCTION

FOOD AND GAMES

Newark
Rotary
Club

Family Fest

 BACK TO SCHOOL **BASH!**
SUPPORT **OUR**
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FOR A
\$50

DONATION, YOU CAN
PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES,
BACKPACK AND NEW CLOTHES
TO A SENECA FALLS
SCHOOL STUDENT FOR THE
2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR.

**SCAN TO
DONATE!**



 **TOGETHER,
WE CAN HELP
LOCAL STUDENTS
START THE YEAR
WITH CONFIDENCE!**



SATURDAY
AUGUST 22
10AM - 1PM



MYNDERSE ACADEMY
NORTH FIELD
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SENECA FALLS, NY



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OWN SUNDAE!**



**FREE
HOT DOGS!**



**BOUNCE
HOUSE &
MORE!**



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AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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◆ WATERLOO ROTARY PRESENTS ◆

FALL FROLIC

1ST ANNUAL MINIATURE GOLF
& CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Registration 11:30 AM Tournament 12:00 – 4:00 PM



6040 State Route 96A, Romulus, NY

\$100 / Golfer for golf, cornhole, food & cash raffle ticket

\$2500 in Cash Raffle Prizes

For questions or to submit
registration e-mail:

RotaryFallFrolic@gmail.com



Download Registration Form



Honeoye Lake Rotary sponsored Euchre Tournament Fundraiser

100% of proceeds go to Honor Flight for Rochester Veterans

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026 Time: 11:00 am Sharp!

Place: Richmond / Honeoye Firehall 8741 Main St. Honeoye NY

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 & other Prizes

Prizes structure:

1st place - \$75.00 Cash

2nd place - \$50.00 Cash

3rd place - \$25.00 Cash

LAST place - \$25.00 Runnings Gift Card

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

RSVP by Sept 10th to reserve your spot. This will give us an idea of how many tables we will need. Walk-ins Welcome!

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



Pittsford Rotary Club Charity Golf Tournament is Sept. 13



The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual "Service Above Self" Charity Golf Tournament is set for Sept. 13 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 has grown over the years and player and sponsor support has helped our club continue to benefit numerous community service organizations," said Holly Garber, who co-chairs the tournament committee with her husband, Neal.

Plentiful raffle prizes will be part of the event, including a terrific major prize: two tickets to the Buffalo Bills home game against the Chicago Bears Dec. 19.

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

Submitted by David Irwin

—SPENCERPORT
ROTARY—

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE, COMMUNITY, AND IMPACT.

For 50 years, Spencerport Rotary has been dedicated to making a difference locally and beyond. Join us as we celebrate this incredible milestone!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
BOETCHER LODGE, PINEWAY PONDS PARK

EVENT WILL START AT 5:30 PM
DINNER AT 6:30 PM
\$40 PER PERSON

WATER AND COFFEE PROVIDED
BRING YOUR FAVORITE ADULT BEVERAGE (BYOB)!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DON ALHART



TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Scan the QR code or use the link

<https://shorturl.at/3ZoEK>



THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY!

VICTOR/FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB
PRESENTS

MASQUERADE BALL

An evening of Mystery & Glamour

DJ & DANCING

\$65.00 PER TICKET
NO TUX REQUIRED

ALL PROCEEDS
SUPPORT LOCAL
& INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE PROJECTS

Rotary
Victor-Farmington

OCTOBER 24, 2026

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

CHAMPION HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

675 CHAMPIONSHIP DR, VICTOR, NY 14564



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READERS



MAGICIAN



SILENT
AUCTION



CHANCE
PRIZE TABLE



HORS D'OEUVRE



CASH BAR



COSTUMES PREFERRED
PLEASE ARRIVE WITH YOUR EYES ELEGANTLY DISGUISED



PRESALE ONLY
Scan to Get Tickets!



GET YOUR TICKETS AT:
[zeffy.com/ticketing/
masquerade-ball-14](https://zeffy.com/ticketing/masquerade-ball-14)

Dress to Impress.

Mystery Awaits.

BUILD-A-CHAIR ENTERS A NEW ERA!

We are thrilled to announce that after a great deal of consideration, Build-A-Chair has transitioned from a project to a 501c3, The Build-A-Chair Foundation. After six years of changing lives through mobility in Tanzania, we are now able to expand our scope in new and exciting ways.

Becoming a 501c3 organization in the U.S. provides several benefits. We will now have access to new streams of revenue to fund our work. We are looking forward to expanding partnerships with corporations, churches, foundations, and other groups. In addition, donors in the U.S. will now receive a tax advantage for their donation.

We will continue to work in partnership with Rotary and to operate as a Rotary-centric organization. Our mission to provide individuals with disabilities mobility through providing locally-made wheelchairs aligns strongly with Rotary's commitment to improving health, supporting education and growing local economies. We are very grateful for the support from Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians over the past six years.

Shedrack Domingo will continue to lead operations in country as Operations Manager. Michelle Bailey, Mark Wyse, Peter Robinson, Mac Purvis, and Alex Bailey will remain in their roles on the Build-A-Chair Board.

WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS



Welcome to the shop where our wheelchairs are made!

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



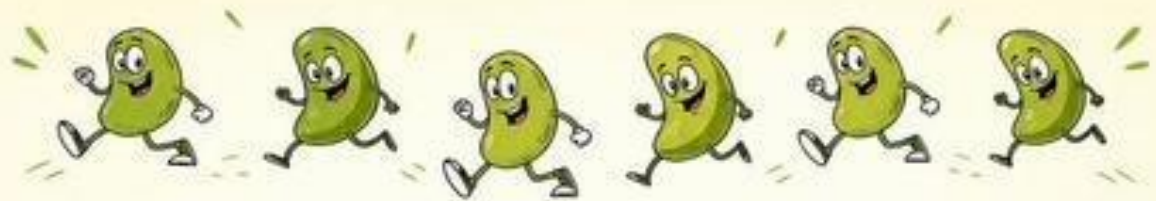
venmo

We are making it easier to give! We are now accepting electronic payments in addition to checks. We created a Venmo account that you can access from the QR code to the left. The handle is @Build-A-Chair and it is registered to Michelle Bailey. A donation of \$260 will build one wheelchair for a person who needs it.

We are always excited to form new partnerships. We would love to share our work with your organization or Rotary club. If you are interested in a presentation from a member of the Build-A-Chair Foundation, please email us at info@Build-A-Chair.org.

OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Build-A-Chair Foundation is to provide individuals with disabilities mobility which in turn means a new life outside the walls of one room. By providing a person with a locally made, custom wheelchair, we give individuals a second chance to engage their community, go to church, see friends, and earn income. We believe that each person deserves an opportunity to live a life with dignity and self-worth.



BEAN YOUR NEIGHBOR FUNDRAISER

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT



LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



SEND A GROUP OF BEANS TO YOUR FRIENDS FRONT YARD!

THE RECIPIENT WILL THEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
CHOOSE THE NEXT HOUSE OR DO NOTHING AND KEEP THE
BEANS FOR A WEEK.



ROTARY MEMBERS
DELIVER & PICK UP
10 Bean Yard Signs

\$30



GET YOUR
BEAN SIGN
INSURANCE

\$40



YOU DELIVER &
PICK UP
10 Bean Yard Signs

\$20

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ BUY YOUR \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

DON'T BEAN ME INSURANCE TODAY!!!

FOR A DONATION OF \$40.00 – YOU CAN NOT BE BEANED.



CONTACT: Lisajo Keeler – 585-402-0181 | Nikkijo Lawrence – 864-883-6582

OR ANY LIMA ROTARY MEMBER

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER TO
BEAN YOUR NEIGHBOR
OR TO BUY YOUR INSURANCE TODAY!

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

R.I. - The State of Membership Webinar

August 27, 2026

District Golf Tournament

September 11, 2026

One Rotary Summit

September 12, 2026

Literacy Seminar

September 26, 2026

Mt. Morris Remote Area Medical Event

October 3-4, 2026.

District Governor for 2029-30 Search

Apply by October 14, 2026

2027 District 7120 Conference

June 5, 2027 Rochester, NY

Upcoming CLUB Events

Build-A-Chair

Rotary e-Club of International Service
Impacting Women and Children

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Coupon Book Sale

Lima Rotary Club

Bean Your Neighbor

August 16 Lima Rotary Club

Sing Along Brunch

August 22 Newark Rotary Club

2026 Newark Rotary Family Fest

August 22 Seneca Falls Rotary Club

Back to School Bash

September 2 Waterloo Rotary Club

Fall Frolic

September 12 Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

Euchre Tournament

September 13 Pittsford Rotary Club

Pittsford Rotary Club Charity Golf Tournament

September 14 Spencerport Rotary Club

50th Year of Service

September 19 Camp Haccamo

70th Anniversary Event

October 24 Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

Masquerade Ball 6pm–10pm at
Champion Hills Country Club in Victor, NY



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**The Grapevine deadline is the 10th of
every month**