



Fellow Rotarians, Retractors & Interactors,

As February brings winter chill, Rotarians remain steadfast in their dedication to Service Above Self. Throughout the month, club members are actively engaged in a variety of projects focused on helping those in need, supporting local events, and generously giving their time and energy. At the heart of our mission lies an unwavering commitment to volunteerism, whether it's spending time at local shelters, organizing food drives, or lending support to youth programs. Each effort is a testament to our goal of making a positive impact in our neighborhoods. The dedication shown by Rotarians not only strengthens our community but also motivates others to join in

and make a difference.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the Rotary Clubs in District 7120 for their enthusiastic support and participation in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge fundraiser held on February 1st. Your efforts have made a meaningful contribution, exemplifying the spirit and values of Rotary service.

Stay Informed and Get Involved

We encourage all members to take the time to review the latest information, Learning Sessions offered, and activities from our various Action Groups and Committees featured in this month's Grapevine. Your participation is essential as we strive to Unite for Good across Rotary's Areas of Focus.

Your involvement in any of these Learning Sessions and Committee Activities will not only make a meaningful impact but also provide valuable opportunities to connect and collaborate with others who are committed to service within our district.

***February Focus - Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention.**

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We understand peace not as an abstract concept but as a living, dynamic expression of human development. By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, which include poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and an inequitable distribution of resources.

Rotary was present at the inception of the United Nations in 1945 and was one of only 42 organizations invited to serve as consultants to the U.S. delegation to the UN charter conference in San Francisco, California, USA.

Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies.

We launched the Rotary Peace Centers program in 1999 to train new generations of peacebuilders, and the inaugural class of Rotary Peace Fellows began their studies in 2002. Alumni work around the world as leaders in governments, nongovernmental organizations, educational institutions, media, the arts, and at international organizations like the UN and the World Bank.

We approach the concept of peace with cohesion, inclusivity, and a broad scope to find more ways for people to get involved.

Rotary invests in peace education and capacity building, fosters strategic relationships, and integrates peacebuilding into all of

We refuse to accept violence as a way of life. That's why peacebuilding and conflict prevention is one of Rotary's areas of focus.

By engaging in community-based programs and supporting our fellowships and scholarships, Rotary members take action to end violent conflict and create environments of peace around the world. During

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the past 20 years, The Rotary Foundation has committed more than US\$125 million toward community grants, scholarships, and initiatives.

Through these investments, we leverage our community relationships and take collective action to create lasting peace — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Rotary's peacebuilding initiatives rely on local and regional people of action who seek to create environments where lasting peace is possible. We do this by investing in:

- Education and capacity building including youth programming and community-based skill acquisition and education
- Network building and convening including developing regional ecosystems of action for peace
- Integrating peace frameworks into Rotary service projects

As we expand these efforts in an increasingly complex world, our goal is to empower Rotary members to address existing and emerging issues in peacebuilding. This is made possible through strengthening cross-sectional networks and working together to create healthy communities that can build peace and sustain it into the future.

Yours in Rotary
Jim and Nancy

Please Be Aware:

Unfortunately, we have had to suspend the District Oratorical and Vocal Contest.

After serving the district for many years, the chairpersons of both contests stepped down early this year. Since being informed of their retirement, District 7120 has been actively seeking replacements to ensure the continuation of these contests. We appreciate you're understanding and support as we work toward finding new leadership for these important events. As you are aware this is a volunteer position. If you know of anyone who would like to undertake this responsibility, please contact me.

Yours in Rotary.
Jim Crane
District 7120
Governor 25-26

Rotary Archive

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

UNITE
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Unite for Good!

The Power of Human Connection
Engage and Connect

District 7120 Conference
May 1-3, 2026



Holiday Valley
ESTABLISHED 1957

6557 Holiday Valley Rd, Ellicottville, NY 14731



Chamber of Commerce
Ellicottville NY
*"Doesn't this place
feel great!"*

Host Club
Victor-Farmington
Rotary



Rotary
District 7120



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Jim Crane • District Governor 2025-2026



Assistant Governors Needed for the Following Areas

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

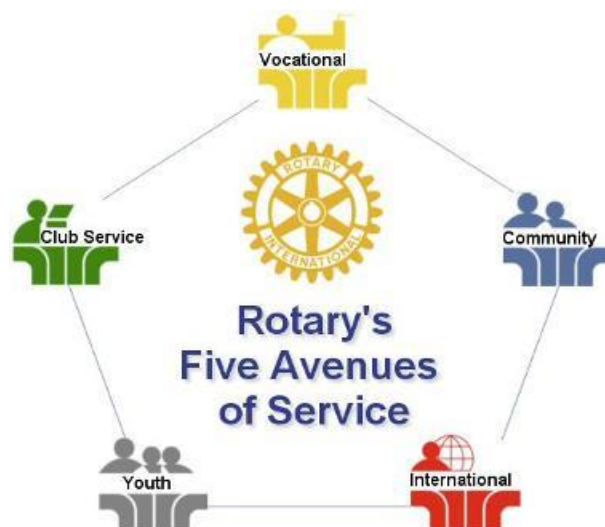
Area 1 – Chemung Sunrise, Corning, Elmira Heights, Elmira, Horseheads, and Watkins - Montour

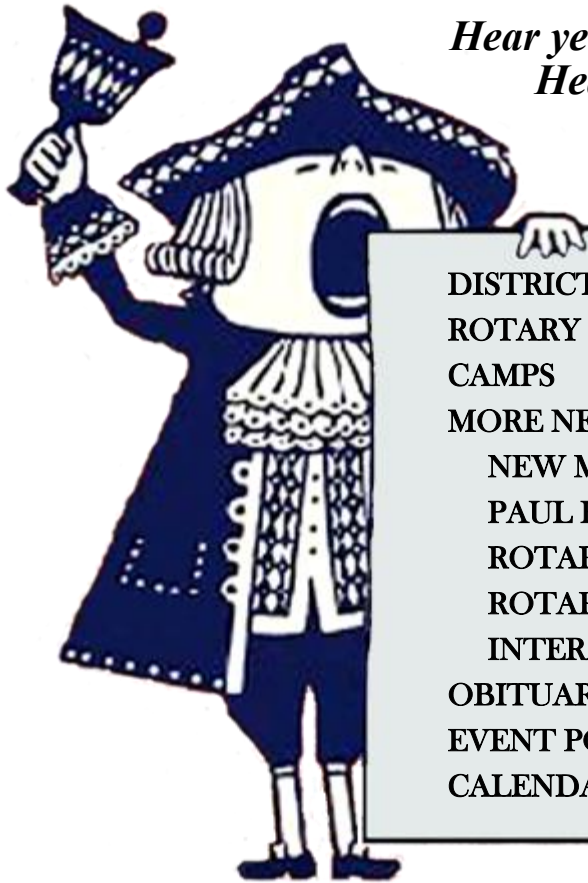
Area 5 – Lima, Bloomfield, Honeoye Falls Mendon & Honeoye Lake

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

Role and Responsibilities

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





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

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February



Donald Alhart

Don't Miss Out! This is ADVANCE NOTICE that registration will open on Monday, January 12th- for the 100th Annual Rochester Rotary, NY Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner at the beautiful Locust Hill Country Club on April 17, 2026. This will be the first chance many Rotarians have to meet the current president of Rotary International - Francesco Arezzo. Seating will be limited, so you are advised to reserve your seat (\$75) or table of 8 (\$600).

This is an historic anniversary of one of Rotary's longest traditions.

Sign up early-- so you won't be disappointed.

SAVE THE DATE

Rotary



100th Annual Eastern Cities Fellowship Event

Francesco Arezzo

2025-2026 RI President



**APRIL 17TH
2026**

**Registration opens
January 2026**

Space is limited

Thank you to the 100 people who participated in our Orientation session on 1/21/26. We appreciate the positive feedback on it! The fast-paced 45 minutes flew by.

We are so sorry that many people were not able to get into the Zoom session – we were a victim of our own success as we maxed out the technology. So, we quickly scheduled TWO extra sessions in February to make it possible for more people to attend. Different days and different times – they might work better for some time zones too!

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

The additional sessions will be held:

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

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

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

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

**NEW MEMBER
ORIENTATION**

NEW Wednesday, February 11th at 8:30 p.m. EST
NEW Sunday, February 15th at 9:30 p.m. EST
Thursday, April 23rd 7:30 pm EST

Open to all Rotary and Rotaract members — whether you’ve joined in the past year or just want a refresher!
Join us for a dynamic session on Rotary’s story, values, and impact. Discover the many opportunities to get involved.

Scan to join zoom

Rotary
Zones 28 & 32

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

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

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

Cindie Kish cindie.rotary@gmail.com

Grant Management Seminars

For Global & District Grants in the 2026-2027 Rotary Year

Saturday, February 21, 2026, register at 9:00AM, seminar at 9:30am at the Rochester Rotary Offices, 180 Linden Oaks, Rochester NY 14625 in their Training Room in basement level. Parking is available next to the building;

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW for ROCHESTER](#)

To participate in Rotary Foundation Programs including Global and District Grants during Rotary each year, a club is required to become certified/re-certified and accomplish the following four tasks:

1. Each club President-Elect and Foundation Chair, or their representatives, are required to complete a district-sponsored Grant Management Seminar (GMS) or the My.Rotary.Org Learning Center online course.
2. Club president and president-elect must sign a Club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) per The Rotary Foundation.
3. Club president and president-elect must sign the District 7120 Addendum to the Club MOU, which is available on District 7120 website.
4. Each club must adopt the document retention and financial management policies required by the MOU.
5. Additionally, clubs must have donated \$35 average per capita in the 2024-2025 Rotary year in order to qualify for grants in 2026-2027.



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?

District Learning Assembly

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

Have you registered yet?

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

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

[Click here...](#)

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

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

❖ **The District learning Committee**

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

❖ **DGE Lisa Norwood**

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

Renee Dombek, Chair

Some of the Breakout Sessions for the 2026 District Learning Assembly... more being discussed

- **Creating Your Club Focus & Direction**

Find out how to proceed in creating your club focus & direction...and how to become an active participant in shaping your club's future.

- **Club Secretary & interested members**

Navigating the ClubRunner, new features and changes, Event Planning
RI synchronization, registering new members, Member Profile Email communication
Accessing RI website-My Rotary, Learning Center

- **Club Treasurer**

Creating and maintaining a budget
Reports – IRS, etc.
Payables & receivables- differentiating club, district and RI dues, Club invoice
Risk Management, Insurance

- **Membership #1**

Specific strategies and navigating challenges in attracting and keeping/engaging younger members.
Communicating with and reaching out to Generations Z & A

- **Membership #2**

How to elevate member engagement/re-engagement of current members- new and long-term members;
Defining engagement

- **Club Meetings**

Meeting preparation- agendas, set up, event sign up. general organization
Flexible meeting times and compatibility with current and prospective members

- **The Rotary Foundation 101**

Rotary Foundation Basics, History,
Ways to donate
My Rotary Foundation Points, Paul Harris Fellow, earning points, options for using points, where to find my donation history and available points

- **The Rotary Foundation 102**

Funds/grants, understanding how The Rotary Foundation connects to our club and creating personal connections to Rotary Foundation for Rotary members
Global Grants: How do small clubs get involved in Global Grants?
What are some current opportunities for Global Grant project partnerships?
Programs of the Rotary Foundation

- **Public Image #1**

Effective use of social media & traditional media. Promoting your events/ activities
Creating short videos, short stories

- **Public Image #2**

Creating high visibility & building a local presence of your club in your community
Rotary Branding

- **Rotary Youth Programs**

General overview and **current information** on the Youth Programs- New Generation Service Exchange (NGSE), Youth Exchange,
Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

- **Interact**

Session 1: Interact Advisors – Information you should know
Session 2: Welcome to Interact and their Impact
Session 3: Repeat of Session 2

- **Rotary Beyond Your Club**

Opportunities beyond your Rotary Club, District level, Zone level: Leadership and other forms of engagement
Zone and Rotary International Structure

- **International Service**

Carrying out international service projects on small budget
Club Sharing – past and current projects, gaining awareness of various international projects
Non-monetary opportunities to support an international service project

- **DEI (Enhancing Member Experience)**

District 7120 DEI Committee – focus, goals, outreach to clubs and community

- **Fundraising**

Tools for planning, promoting and implementing a successful fundraising events and activities
Use of Pre-Post documentation and record keeping, etc.
Online fundraising
Club sharing of successful fundraisers

- **Community Needs**

Identifying Community Needs that is suited to your club and community
Expanding our reach/partnering with other organizations
A forum for Club for exchanging ideas and experiences/practices

- **Literacy**

Committee's goals and objectives
Activities and outreach to Clubs
Committee membership opportunities

- **Rotary Friendship Exchange**

Rotary Friendship Exchange – Overview, guidelines & expectations
What happens Before, During & After an Exchange
Where we have gone, where we are going

- **Mental Health Committee**

Goals, activities, outreach to clubs
Other topics of significance as decided by the committee
Opportunity for committee membership

- **Human Trafficking**

District Human Trafficking Committee - Goals, activities
Outreach to Rotary clubs, local community, organizations, sharing resources, etc.
Opportunity for Committee membership

- **Re-energizing your Rotary Club**

Need to boost/refresh your club?
We are busy. When is too busy and what to do when burnt out is evident

Club Achievement Awards NOMINATION FORM

Name of Rotary Club: _____ Number of Members: (as of March 15) _____
Title of Project: _____

**Avenue of Service: (you MUST underline/highlight the one and only one that best applies to the project listed)
If no Avenue is circled, the project will be disqualified.**

Projects must be completed between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026.

You may submit only one project per category. You may not submit any winning project submitted previously.
Club Service Community Service Vocational Service International Service Youth Services

Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.

International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange when available.

Give a brief description of the project.

Who and how many benefited from the Project?

Describe how the Club found out about this Project. What actions did the members take to accomplish this Project, besides raising funds for the project?

How many Club Members were involved in the non-fund-raising activities related to the accomplishment of the Project?

Was there community involvement? Describe the type of community involvement.

When was the Project completed and how much did the Project cost?

Prepared/submitted by: _____
Rotarian's name/Office held (if officer) _____

Date _____

NOTE:

Only the information on this form will be considered. Do NOT send supplementary materials as they will not be considered. Please send each submission as a separate attachment.

You may send your submissions/nominations **via e-mail: ellenhughes13-14@rochester.rr.com** no later than

5: 00 pm April 1, 2026. Email submissions are preferred but you may send your nominations **via regular mail** postmarked **No Later Than March 25, 2026** to:

Ellen Hughes
2461 Brewer Rd.
Waterloo, NY 13165

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Submissions that do not follow the requirements will be disqualified.

Rotary
District 7120



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

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

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

[Click for Application](#)

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

Thank you!
Carrie Grove
District 7120 RYLA Chair
585-721-9950
grovecar75@gmail.com

Rotary

District 7120



 *Second Annual*



**REGISTER
TODAY!**


**Polar Bear
Plunge
Fundraiser**

Hosted by rotary
youth
exchange

Rotaract 
District 7120

April 12, 2026

@ Noon

 **at the Beachcomber
Conesus Lake**



rotaryyouthexchange7120@gmail.com

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ROTARY POLAR BEAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2026

Dear Valued Sponsor,

We invite you to support the **Rotary District 7120 Polar Plunge Fundraiser**, an impactful initiative dedicated to supporting five local Rotary camps for children with disabilities, Rotary Youth Exchange, and The Rotary International Foundation. This community event will take place on **Sunday, April 12th, 2026**, at noon at **The Beachcomber on Conesus Lake** (5909 West Lake Road, Conesus, NY, 14435, USA). Participants will brave the icy waters to raise funds, with profits benefiting the following:

- ★ Five Rotary-sponsored summer camps: Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp, Camp Haccamo, Camp Onseyawa, Genesee Valley Rotary Camp, and Camp Star.
- ★ The Rotary Youth Exchange and Rotex Rotaract budgets, including providing scholarships for students of all socio-economic backgrounds to participate in international youth exchanges.
- ★ The Rotary International Foundation, supporting global humanitarian efforts.

The event is seeking corporate sponsors to make a difference while gaining brand exposure and community goodwill.

WHAT IS ROTARY?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IS A GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SERVICE, ETHICAL LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. FOUNDED IN 1905, ROTARY BRINGS TOGETHER BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS TO PROMOTE PEACE, FIGHT DISEASE, SUPPORT EDUCATION, AND IMPROVE COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE.

ROTARY CLUBS

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ROTARY DISTRICTS

TO COORDINATE EFFORTS AND PROVIDE SUPPORT, CLUBS ARE GROUPED INTO **DISTRICTS**, EACH LED BY A DISTRICT GOVERNOR. DISTRICTS HELP CLUBS COLLABORATE ON REGIONAL INITIATIVES, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, AND MAJOR SERVICE PROJECTS. ABOVE THE DISTRICTS, **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL** PROVIDES OVERALL GOVERNANCE, STRATEGIC DIRECTION, AND GLOBAL PROGRAM SUPPORT. WITH OVER 1.4 MILLION MEMBERS IN MORE THAN 46,000 CLUBS ACROSS 200+ COUNTRIES, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONTINUES TO DRIVE MEANINGFUL CHANGE ON BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCALES.



OUR DISTRICT

ROTARY DISTRICT 7120 IS MADE UP OF OVER 60 LOCAL CLUBS SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE WESTERN NY/FINGER LAKES REGION, FROM THE ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN AREA TO THE SOUTHERN TIER, AND AS FAR EAST AS SENECA LAKE. OUR DISTRICT IS MADE UP OF 1000S OF ROTARIANS WHO ARE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ACROSS THE REGION, AS WELL AS MANY MORE YOUNG ADULTS AT BOTH THE INTERACT (HIGH SCHOOL) AND ROTARACT (18-30) LEVELS.



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

WE OFFER MULTIPLE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS TO ACCOMMODATE A VARIETY OF CONTRIBUTION LEVELS AND RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES:

BRONZE SPONSOR (\$250+)

- TEXT OF YOUR COMPANY/ORGANIZATION'S NAME LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE EVENT T-SHIRT
- TEXT LISTING ON THE POLAR PLUNGE PAGE OF THE ROTARY DISTRICT 7120 WEBSITE

SILVER SPONSOR (\$500+)

- TEXT OF YOUR COMPANY/ ORGANIZATION'S NAME LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE EVENT T-SHIRT
- TEXT LISTING ON THE POLAR PLUNGE PAGE OF THE ROTARY DISTRICT 7120 WEBSITE
- OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY ONE (1) COMPANY BANNER AT THE EVENT VENUE (PROVIDED BY SPONSOR)
- GROUP MENTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA (1 POST FOR EVERY 3-5 SILVER LEVEL SPONSORS)

GOLD SPONSOR (\$1000+)

- COMPANY LOGO ON THE BACK OF THE EVENT T-SHIRT
- COMPANY NAME, LOGO (WITH YOUR WEBSITE'S HYPERLINK) DISPLAYED ON THE POLAR PLUNGE PAGE OF THE ROTARY DISTRICT 7120 WEBSITE AND THE EVENT'S FACEBOOK PAGE
- OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY TWO (2) COMPANY BANNERS AT THE EVENT VENUE (PROVIDED BY SPONSOR)
- MENTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA (INDIVIDUALIZED INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK POSTS)
- OPPORTUNITY TO DISTRIBUTE BRANDED MERCHANDISE AT THE EVENT
- ANNOUNCEMENTS OF YOUR COMPANY'S SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE EVENT

PLATINUM SPONSOR (\$2500+)

- COMPANY LOGO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON THE BACK OF THE EVENT T-SHIRT
- COMPANY NAME, LOGO (WITH YOUR WEBSITE'S HYPERLINK) DISPLAYED ON THE POLAR PLUNGE PAGE OF THE ROTARY DISTRICT 7120 WEBSITE AND THE EVENT'S FACEBOOK PAGE
- OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY THREE (3) COMPANY BANNERS AT THE EVENT VENUE, INCLUDING (1) ON THE AWARD CEREMONY STAGE (PROVIDED BY SPONSOR)
- BOOTH SPACE IS AVAILABLE TO PROMOTE YOUR COMPANY AT THE EVENT VENUE
- ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE EVENT, ALONG WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK LIVE IF DESIRED (HOSTED BY SPONSOR)
- RECOGNITION IN ALL PRE AND POST ROTARY POLAR PLUNGE DIGITAL PUBLICITY & MARKETING

WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE ON A SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE THAT ALIGNS WITH YOUR COMPANY'S GOALS.



WHY PARTNER WITH US?

YOUR SPONSORSHIP WILL NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO A GREAT CAUSE BUT ALSO PROVIDE VALUABLE EXPOSURE FOR YOUR BUSINESS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. SPONSORS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE DIRECTLY WITH PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES, INCREASING BRAND VISIBILITY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CORPORATE SPONSOR, PLEASE CONTACT CORA WOLOSON OR JAKE DAVIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT.

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A promotional poster for the Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser. The poster features a cartoon polar bear wearing a blue and white winter hat and a blue scarf. The text on the poster includes: "Rotary District 7120", "Second Annual", "Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser", "Hosted by rotary youth exchange | Rotaract District 7120", "April 12, 2026 @ Noon", "at the Beachcomber Conesus Lake", "rotaryyouthexchange7120@gmail.com", and a QR code with the text "SCAN ME". A yellow starburst graphic in the top right corner says "REGISTER TODAY!". The background is light blue with white snowflake patterns.



District 7120 Club Bulletin/Newsletter Contest

Club Bulletin Award Evaluation Criteria

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

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

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

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

Environmental
Action Committee

Rotary

District 7120



January 20, 2026

Greetings my fellow Rotarians of the district,

Welcome to the **District 7120 Environmental Action Committee**. As the chair of this committee, I am looking forward to growing the club representation as well as our Public Image. We want to show off all the clubs in the district in their environmentally conscious projects not to just fellow Rotarians but to the public as well. We would love to hear about any projects that you are doing, planning or have done that is environmentally friendly.

As a committee we meet via zoom once a month on a varied date, and every other month we will be having a presentation on an environmental project. We would very much enjoy the pleasure of your company as a representative of your club. Also, we encourage each club to create the position of an Environmental Officer to help promote, plan, execute and publicize your projects.

Our committee is hosting a Facebook page to highlight these projects (District 7120 Environmental action Committee). Odds are good that we followed your club and would love it if you could follow us back. We plan to use the space for highlighting club and district projects to everyone. If you send the information, or perhaps you need some help, I will gladly post everything (please maintain RI standards and rules regarding photos and such), and remember action shots are best.

Here are just a few ideas of easy and painless things that your club can do:

1. Tree plantings
 2. Pollinator native species garden
- Both look awesome next to Peace Poles
3. Park, trail, beach clean ups
 4. Encourage an elementary school program to plant and study a native meadow
 5. Encourage some scouts to build beneficial insect hotels
 6. Encourage your town/village to set up a lawn waste composting program
 7. Do you sponsor an Interact club? They love projects like these

Please do not let these be the only ideas. Your own creativity and ideas are always great no matter how big or small.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or need information, even help, please feel free to reach out to me at the below email.

Thank you for granting us this time to introduce ourselves.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Donald Shaw
Clifton Springs Rotary PE
Chairman District 7120 Environmental Action Committee
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(FB) District 7120 Environmental Action Committee

Service-Leadership-FUN Rotary District 7120 Interact News February 2026



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

1. Interact Club Scoreboard

- a. 13/27 Interact Advisors show listed with Rotary International and are not in jeopardy of having their Interact Clubs terminated. The rest need to update ASAP. This needs to be updated yearly by September (See 7b below)
- b. 27/ (guessing 60ish) Interact clubs show Active with RI the rest of been Terminated with RI and need to recharter. They did not yearly send in their Interact Advisors contact information (See 7a below)
- c. To check if you club is in good standing (See 7c below)

2. District Learning Assembly: Saturday, April 11th at Waterloo High School. There will be three Interact sessions:

- a. For current Interact Advisors, we will cover Interact Advisor roles and how to access Interact related topics in the Rotary Learning Center.
- b. The other two sessions will go over general questions anyone may have about Interact in general. Hopefully some sharing on accomplishments. We would love to have Interact student members join Rotarians and share, as that would add value to the session. Interactors could attend the first session as well, as there are topics/handbooks in the learning center for them.
- c. More information on Interact topics in the Rotary Learning Center (see section 8).

3. Interact Elections: Time to think about next year's elections for Interact Officers. Please have your next year's Interact team transition with the current team of Officers and Committee Chairs, for smooth transition and greatest success.

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

5. **Rotary Program Alumni Community Based Hybrid Rotaract Club Forming (Interact, RYLA, School Based Rotaract and more):** Information coming soon. (Will need contact info for interested alumni 18 and over even if out of the district)

6. **Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner:** Please consider sending your Interact offices/board members to this event to meet the RI President. It is April 17th at Locust Hill Country Club. See more at <https://www.rochesterrotary.org/event/eastern-cities-fellowship-dinner/>

7. **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-XjG5UM1pXVlo5MktIQIBPODVVUVk3UDg5UUwxNSQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl

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

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

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

8. **Interact Student/Advisor Learning Opportunities Rotary Learning Center:** Service- Learning Manuals for Interactors and Advisors are available. This gives Interactors a guide to learning about Service Projects and Service in their Communities and Worldwide. Students 16 and above and Non-Rotary Advisors can sign up for a My Rotary account <https://my.rotary.org/> (Information is not saved by RI after registration if they are under 18). Once signed in, Advisors and Interactors can go to this link for online training and handbooks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

new generations service exchange

Exciting News for Our District!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Julie Carney

juliecarney7120@gmail.com

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



Do you know the difference between output and impact?

Test yourself with Rotary's [new quiz game](#)! You'll review short videos to expand your knowledge about how to measure impact and answer questions to assess what you've learned.

As we work to increase our impact as part of our Action Plan, it's important for members to understand what impact is and how to measure it. Our goal is to collectively measure the impact of our service projects on communities so we can share the global impact of Rotary.

Need more information? Visit the [new Resources page](#) in the Service Project Center.

[Take action to create positive change locally and globally](#)

Submitted by Lisa Norwood

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola 2026-27 Rotary International President 12 January 2026
2026-27 PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ADDRESS



Olayinka H. Babalola urges members of Rotary to *Create Lasting Impact*

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Read full article :

<https://www.rotary.org/en/olayinka-h-babalola-urges-members-of-rotary-to-create-lasting-impact>



ROTARY ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP

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

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



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

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

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

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

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BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY

Literacy Corner

THE TICKET OUT OF POVERTY IS FINANCIAL LITERACY

The basics of literacy (all types of literacy) are the skills of the *Reading/Writing* connection. Integral to that connection is the ability to comprehend what you have read across all disciplines. Previously, the District Literacy Committee has concentrated on children growing up to be literate adults and assisting illiterate adults to gain literacy that will positively impact their lives. The Committee is broadening its scope to include the other important types of literacy - financial, medical/health, multicultural, social/cultural.

What is financial literacy? Just as reading/writing literacy is based on letters that morph into words, and then into sentences; a decoding process is involved. Arithmetic, mathematics, computers, finances, engineering, etc. are all based on simple numbers. Similar to the reading/writing process, numbers/numerical have to be mastered to progress to the disciplines mentioned above. This is titled "numeracy/numerary." To be literate with numbers is - "to be able to think and express oneself effectively in quantitative terms". * When a person does not achieve this mastery, they are considered innumerate.

The five pillars of financial literacy are earning, saving, budgeting, investing, and managing debt, which together empower individuals to make informed financial decisions.

1. **Earning:** Understanding how to earn income is fundamental. Maximizing your earning's potential is the first step toward financial stability.
2. **Saving:** Is crucial for building a financial cushion and preparing for future expenses. Helps ensure you can meet your financial objectives without relying on credit. Building a "nest egg."
3. **Budgeting:** Creating a budget is essential for tracking income and expenses. Helps you live within your means, but allows you to set aside money for savings, investments and retirement.
4. **Investing:** Is key to growing your wealth. Starting early with investments, even in small amounts, can significantly impact your financial future due to compound interest.
5. **Managing Debt:** Effective debt management is vital for financial health. Developing a plan to pay off debts and avoiding unnecessary borrowing can help you stay financially secure. *

April is Financial Literacy Month and was established in April 2004, by Congress. This month aims to raise public awareness about the importance of financial education and literacy. The District Learning Assembly is Saturday, 11 April, at Waterloo High School.

*National Financial Educators, Teach Me Wall Street, U.S. Department of Education

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

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

January 10, 2026
PDG DAVID HANNAN

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

INFLUENZA: IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Although there is an Influenza strain this year that is not completely covered by the vaccine, you will still get some protection from the vaccine. The New York State Department of Health recommends that everyone aged 6 months or older get a seasonal flu vaccine. (The seasonal influenza virus is not approved for use in children younger than 6 months old, but their risk of flu complications is higher than for any other child age group. The best way to protect children younger than 6 months against seasonal influenza is to make sure members of their household and their caregivers are vaccinated. The same can be said for households in which anyone has a chronic disease, especially lung disease such as asthma or emphysema. Get vaccinated to protect yourself and your loved ones! See [Flu \(Influenza\)](#) for more information.

COVID-19: COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. The governor has issued an executive order to assure the vaccine is available. Everyone over age 65 and anyone else who has chronic disease should get this vaccine. Others may benefit as well by reducing their risk of illness during the winter months. See [Governor Hochul Signs Executive Order Expanding Access to Vaccines Amid Uncertainty in Washington | Governor Kathy Hochul](#) for more information.

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

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

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

POLIO:

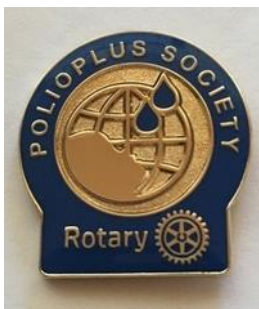
1. A resident of Rockland County, who had not traveled overseas, contracted Polio in 2022 and the Polio Virus has been detected in sewage samples in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Nassau Counties, and in New York City. Fortunately, there have been no other cases in the US.

2. Polio is a paralyzing and potentially deadly disease. The IPV (Salk) Polio Vaccine is safe and effective. It has been used for decades, is required for school entry in NY, and is available to anyone over 2 months old. Protect yourselves and your family. If you had the full Polio Vaccine series as a child, you do not need a booster at this time.

3. There were 99 cases of Wild Polio Virus Type 1 worldwide in 2024, 25 in Afghanistan and 74 in Pakistan. To date, there have been 39 cases of WPV1 reported in 2025, 9 in Afghanistan and 30 in Pakistan.

4. There were 463 cases in 21 countries of circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Viruses (cVDPV) worldwide in 2024. To date in 2025, there have been 202 cases in 19 countries of cVDPV reported.

5. I am available to provide club programs on Rotary's PolioPlus Campaign, as well as other programs on The Rotary Foundation.



Our wish is to have at least one member of the PolioPlus Society from every club.

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

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

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

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

By the numbers:

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

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



The Polio Plus Society

As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, **Rotary's Number One Priority**, I wish to participate in the Countdown to History as a member of the **PolioPlus Society of District 7120**



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

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

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

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

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!





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31 March 2026: Last day for preregistration discount



2026

Session 1 (Ages 7-15) July 5th - 10th

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

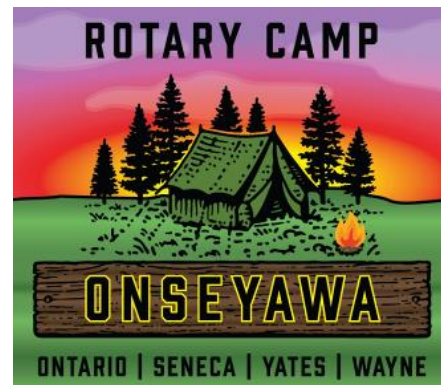


July 27 to July 31, 2026: Youth Week
Ages 7 to 18 years old

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



ROTARY CAMP ONSEYAWA NEWS



We all assume that this special camp project just happens year to year. It does because of the leadership from 19 great Rotary Clubs who step up as a great team. We wish to communicate more of this amazing behind-the-scenes story. At the recent Board of Directors meeting, plans for the 70th Anniversary season brought lots of discussion and excitement from the group. The motivation comes from the heart knowing that happiness also comes from giving back to your community.

Many events are planned to bring another quality summer camp experience to many special needs youth. It starts with recruiting camp staff, organizing staff reunions and work weekends; promoting the camp and signing up the campers while helping the families; planning the Golf fundraiser event set for June 13; camp set-up day on August 15; camp Carnival set for August 23; close down day – August 29, Annual Big Raffle, fall work weekend, and Annual Fall Dinner.

The partnership between Camp Whitman and Camp Onseyawa is unique and strong because our missions are very similar. Keeping the facilities and program equipment in good order is no easy task, especially when it has been around for 69 years. Onseyawa has provided capital support for the benefit of both camps. This year, the focus is all on program support: replacing 4 very old golf carts and adding a pool ADA lift. The annual **WISH LIST** includes the following: climbing cargo net, 2 2-person kayaks, 6 picnic tables, 3 EZ Up canopies, basketball play area. A club, business, or individual could sponsor an item(s). Please call Robin at 585-370-2389 or Victor at 585-919-4186.

MEMORIAL GIFTS – HONORING THEIR BEQUEST

Over the past year, three Memorials were created to honor these individuals who left this earth better than they found it. Their families and friends chose to support Camp Onseyawa in their name due to their dedication, contributions, and for the love they had for this special camp.

In honor of his wife Mrs. Marjorie Bridson, husband, William, created a memorial fund with proceeds going to Rotary Camp Onseyawa. Mr. Bridson is a long-time Rotarian with the Ontario/Walworth Club. He believes in and has supported the camp for many years. Mrs. Bridson was very active in community government and politics. Mr. Vern Hecker, also a long time Rotarian with the Red Jacket Club, was very active in all aspects of his club and became its' president and Foundation Chairman. He dedicated many years of his life to Camp Onseyawa. He thought it was a wonderful project for the community and Rotary to be involved.

Mr. Tane Robinson, school counselor, coach, and Dean of Students recently passed of an illness. He served on the camp staff for years as a unit leader and senior counselor, giving professional guidance and care to the campers. His wife, Kristin and son, Mitchell continue as camp staff members today.

They all loved and believed in lifting others up. Their names will be placed on the Onseyawa Honor Board. We thank so many families for supporting these memorial bequests.

Submitted by Victor Arsenault.

Celebrating 70 Years of Rotary's Camp Haccamo!

The future of Camp Haccamo is bright, and this year is set to be our most historic yet. As we gear up for a milestone season, we are calling on our Rotary family to help us honor our past and build our future.

Share Your Story: Call for Camp Memories

To kick off our **70th Anniversary**, we want to hear from *you*. Whether you are a long-time Rotarian, a former staff member, or a camper family, your stories are the heartbeat of Haccamo. We are looking for memories, photos, and anecdotes to help us honor our Camp Haccamo heroes. **Reach out today—we can't wait to hear what comes to mind!**

How to share your story:

- **Call or Text:** (585) 310-2306
- **Email:** nealgorman@nrgGOpr.com

70th Anniversary Committee Kickoff

We are organizing a special committee to plan festivities for this huge milestone. Join **Lani and Carol** to help us brainstorm how to make this celebration unforgettable.

- **Meeting Info:** Feb 16 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.
- **Get Involved:** Please let us know if you can help!

Save the Date: 2026 Auto Show

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner, and the planning is already in high gear. Jump on our monthly calls to learn more and get involved—it's a rewarding experience you won't regret!

- **Event Date:** June 6, 2026, at the Mall at Greece Ridge.

Board & Officer Recruitment

We are actively seeking passionate individuals to help lead us into the next decade. Please keep an eye out for potential **board members and officers** and send any recommendations our way.

A Heartfelt Thank You

As we look toward this milestone, we want to thank **Dolly Kujawa and her entire staff** for their incredible compassion. We also extend our gratitude to **District Governor Jim Crane** for visiting camp last summer and our supporting Rotary Clubs: *Penfield, Brighton, E-Club, Pittsford, Fairport, Rochester Southwest, Spencerport, Greece, Irondequoit, Honeoye Falls/Mendon, and Rush Henrietta.*

Stay Connected at <https://www.facebook.com/haccamo/>

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

The Honeoye Lake Rotary Club has inducted two new members to share in the honor of being a Rotarian. Cory Ball and Rich Bertrand have already become very involved with the club's community service projects. Cory is active from his residence in Florida where he works at Universal. He volunteers in various community service projects at work and in his community. One of Cory's most favored HLRC projects is our "Gift Books of the Month" and he regularly donates books to the program. He also delegates his community service hours to our club so his grant money from Universal is donated to us. Cory was sponsored by HLRC member MJ Hamele who also lives in Florida.

Rich lives in Honeoye and was sponsored by Rotarian Linda Zukaitis. Linda convinced Rich to join after sharing much information about our club while playing weekly euchre at a local restaurant. Rich is knowledgeable about technology and is artistic and crafty. He has already shared his skills with the HLRC in some of our recent service projects.

Welcome to both Cory and Rich. The HLRC members are pleased to have you join us as your skills and talents will be very beneficial to our club and our community.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Welcome

Canandaigua Rotary Club

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club three new members were inducted: Melissa Fiorentino from Sweet Melissa and a network hardware company with her husband and have two sons; and Melanie Soberon who teaches science at Cornell and co-owns two businesses with her husband Fernando, who have five children; and Matt Parsons from Parson Pipe Organs, who is married with two children.



Pictured are the new members flanked by Club President Kent Giles, Janet Tenreiro PDG, and Judi Gorenflo:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg



Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary Club on Jan 7, 2026, the club inducted Georgia Rush as its newest member. Presenting her with her Rotary Membership Packet is Foundation Chair Al Meilutis and her sponsor Terri Granger.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

L to R - Club president John Summers welcomes Tom Seaver into membership in the Victor - Farmington Rotary Club. Tom is a former member of the Rotary Club of Fresno, CA, and was involved in the wine industry with E & J Gallo Winery. He now resides in Victor.

Submitted by David Luitweiler



Naples Rotary Club

Naples NY Rotary Club was excited to welcome six new members during our evening meeting on February 9th. This induction ceremony adds another ten percent to our membership! The new members bring a variety of ages and career experiences that will enhance our contributions to our great community. We were honored to be joined by several District 7120 dignitaries who helped us celebrate. In the photo from left are: Club President Jack Fredericks, Secretary Cindy Scoda, new members- Hospice House director Theresa Hays, retired sales manager Alan Braun, occupational therapist Chloe Shearing, Naples Hotel owners Destiny and Tom Salviski, VFW Auxiliary president Brittany Tierson; Club President-elect Judy Miller and in front, Club Vice President Sherry Brahm-French and District Membership chair John French.

Congratulations to these wonderful new members, Uniting for Good!

Submitted by Cindy Scoda



Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Club Co-Presidents Ebo Ocran and Tassie Demps, with the assistance of all E-Club members, inducted 1 new member at the clubs February 2nd meeting. He was sponsored by Tassie Demps, who also read a biography of the inductee.



Pictured left is new member, Anthony Akil Manning and right is his sponsor Tassie Demps.

Anthony Akil Manning, introduced by Tassie Demps, is a senior business associate at Rochester Economic Development Corporation. He is a community builder and economic development professional focused on creating pathways for sustainable growth, access to capital, and opportunity at the local level. His work centers on supporting entrepreneurs, strengthening public- and private-sector partnerships, and helping communities turn ideas into lasting economic impact. Outside of his professional pursuits, he values time with family and friends and is actively involved in people-centered organizations. Akil's interests can be summed up as A⁴: Anything Food, Anything Fitness, Anything Automobile, and Anything Adventure.

Past Presidents Tom and Carol Mizelle spoke about Rotary's "Four Way Test". Rotarians Martina and Maame Esi Ocran, Dr. LaToya Scott, Dr. Jerome and Nana Esi Atta-Fynn also spoke about the importance of Rotary's "5 Avenues of Service". District Governor Jim Crane, District Governor-Elect Lisa Norwood, Past District Governor Norma Madayag-Reilly and Past District Governor Glenn Balch graced the induction ceremony with their presence. They shared poignant inspirational words of wisdom and advice with the club's newest member. Co-Presidents Ebo Ocran and Tassie Demps officially welcomed "Akil" to Rotary.



Submitted by Ebo Ocran and Tassie Demps

Welcome
New Member

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Paul Harris Fellow

Bloomfield Rotary Club

This was a busy month for Bloomfield. We honored Jeff Cook with a Paul Harris Award.

We had a new Member join us.

Laura Abplanalp is a Bristol town resident and the new Bristol Town Supervisor.

We also got to recognize 6 BCS "Students of the Month." Nominated by school staff, these students exemplify excellence in their own unique ways.

Submitted by Marce Chavez



Paul Harris Fellow

Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently recognized Scott Kesel for his Paul Harris Plus 4 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 Scott Kesel and Club President Kent Gilges:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg

Corning Rotary Club

Rotarian John Brown presented a Paul Harris Award to the long-suffering spouse of Honorary Member David Anderson in recognition of her support for both her husband's Rotary work and for the club itself.

Mamie Anderson is a very familiar face at club meetings and activities. If it wasn't for Mamie, Dave would not have been able to have the impact on the club and the community that he has had. Dave has been a member for over 54 years with Mamie bolstering and encouraging him for all those years. He readily admits that Mamie is his Better Half.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Victor - Farmington Rotary Club



Victor - Farmington Rotary Club's 2025-2026 YEX student Yume Morino presenting a program to club on her family and life in Japan as well as her experiences as a Rotary exchange student .

David Luitweiler



Naples Rotary Club

Naples NY Rotary Club welcomed Naples High School graduate, former Interact student and RYLA participant, Parker Smith, to speak at a Club meeting. Parker was a Rotary Youth Exchange student to Sweden in the 2024-2025 year. Parker's parents are Naples Rotarians Kristin and Craig Smith. Parker shared with us a month-by-month description with photos of his many adventures. He lived with three families in cities south of Stockholm: Nykoping and Trosa. There were many trips with other Rotary students to Swedish museums, art venues and a polar plunge for New Years. He tried curling, skiing, dog sledding and a not so tasty fermented herring dish! Mom and Dad visited in April. His year concluded with a tour of multiple European countries before his return home. He's looking forward to visiting there again in the future.

Submitted by Cindy Scoda



Spencerport Rotary Club

Each year, Spencerport Rotary Club has a PB&J Service Project. This year's project was headed up by Rotarians Sean, Annette and Sophia McCabe, who shopped for all the ingredients and supplies. Club members and Churchville-Chili Interact members prepared 70 lunch bags, which included 2 PB&J sandwiches, a bottle of water and 2 snacks. The following day club member Frank Stancato delivered them to the Open Door Mission – a non-profit in downtown Rochester that provides for impoverished and homeless men, women and children.

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Canandaigua Rotary Club

The Canandaigua Rotary Club held a Monte Carlo night with the proceeds recently going to Canandaigua's Family Promise. Key Gold sponsors for the evening were Maguire Foundation, Merrill Lynch, Liz & Ken Gilges Foundation, the Aberle Eye Care, Silver sponsor Rayburn Construction and Bronze sponsor CMAC, Rotary Club of Bloomfield, Cat's Blossoms & Blooms Inc. Family Promise offers short-term help to local families in need. Their on-going project is the rehabbing of their facility on North Main St.



Pictured are Jasmine Van Buren, Melissa Ferrell, and Todd Bernhardt from family Promise and Club Vice President Dr Paul Harvey and Kent Gilges, Club President:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg

Dundee Rotary Club

Dundee Rotary is so proud of these students from Dundee Central School. Linken Keuhl prepared to compete in the Rotary District Vocal contest under the direction of Music Director Mike Flanagan and Rotarian Fran Willis. Students Elijah Fasset, Gray Moore, and Chelsea Busch wrote essays and practiced to for the District Oratorical competition with help from teacher Jessica Dillon and Rotary coach Deb Simon. These students attended a recent Rotary Club meeting to perform. Each was presented with a check for \$200.00 by President Lynda Kimball. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Pictured L to R: President Lynda Kimball, coach Fran Willis, DCS teacher Jessica Dillon, Elijah Fasset, Linken Van Valkenberg, Gray Moore, Chelsea Busch, coach Deb Simon

Bath Rotary Club

The Bath Rotary Club recently received a Club Excellence Award, signed by Stephanie A. Urchick, 2024 – 2025 Rotary International President, and Mark Daniel Maloney, Rotary International Foundation Chair. The local club under the leadership of John Gould, 2024 – 2025 Bath Rotary Club President, was one of only eight clubs in Rotary District 7120 to achieve this award.

The award states that the club was honored for fostering a positive experience for its members and reflecting the values of Rotary. It displays a significant accomplishment that improves a club's reputation and standing, both within Rotary and its local community. It serves as an important tool for monitoring a club's health and growth, showcasing its commitment to excellence in service and leadership.

The award recognizes the impact on a club's internal standing, including: demonstrating commitment to Rotary's mission, encouraging internal growth, fostering team morale, and serving as a benchmarking tool.

It also recognizes the impact on a club's external reputation, including: enhancing community relevance, signifying a quality club, strengthening public image, and being recognized by district and international leadership.

Written by Elaine Tears

Picture by Tess McKinley



Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President, and Nancy Latour, Bath Rotary Club Secretary and Rotary District 7120 Assistant Governor - Area 3, proudly display the Club Excellence Award which the Bath Rotary Club was awarded for 2024 – 2025. John Gould, 2024 – 2025 Bath Rotary Club President, was not able to attend the presentation held at the club's weekly meeting on January 8, 2026.

Newark Rotary Club

Major Donor Recognition- Linda Werts, a 20 year member of the Newark Rotary Club was recently honored as a Major Donor, Level 1, recognizing not only her financial contributions but her active Rotarian service to international projects on site in Mexico, South Sudan, Turkey, and India.

Currently leading the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, she also helped found the Community Garden, was active in food insecurity relief projects, Family Promise and Call to Care Canandaigua.

Submitted by John Zornow



Photo: Newark Rotary President Chuck Waterman, Past DG Scott Healy, Linda Werts, Past DG Dr. David Hannan.

Pal Mac Rotary Club

We are known as the club that "has fun and gets things done." There was no greater example of the "fun" part than the kazoo foursome featured at a recent meeting. As a kind of ice breaker, each member had to play a brief segment of a song, which in turn needed to be identified by those in attendance at the meeting. Hilarity abounded as you can see in these photos, which included club members, Maurina Schmidt, Kim Clement, Aleka Schuth, and Bev Crawford.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

Our December Students of the Month were honored at our January 15th meeting. We were pleased to welcome Will Stumbo and Chloe Hoppough to celebrate and share this award.

Will Stumbo is an eighth grader and was nominated by his teachers as he follows the Four Way Test and is committed to Service Above Self. Will is respectful and honorable. He sets a great example for his peers. We were honored to have Will's family join us, including his great uncle and aunt, Keith and Kathy Stumbo. (Keith is a charter member of our club.) Chloe Hoppough was joined by her mom as she was recognized as our high school student of the month. Chloe was selected for this honor as she too follows the Rotary Four Way test and our Service Above Self motto. We are proud to award Chloe with the Student of the Month certificate for December.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Will and Chloe

Pal Mac Rotary Club

John Addyman was our featured speaker on Wednesday, the 28th of January. John is an accomplished writer (see his informative and humorous articles in the 55 Plus Magazine), as well as a spokesman for the Alzheimer's Association.

He began by focusing on the numbers of those living with this disease (over 7 Million Americans) in Wayne County, Macedon and Palmyra. Then, through a series of slides, John pointed out warning signs, risk factors, a recipe for brain health, and Alzheimer Association Tools and Resources.

Here are photos, which include John's presentation, as well as our president, Leslie Vecchiotti, expressing our appreciation.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford, Club Publicity



Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

Paul Harris would often remind Rotarians that it was important to remember that having fun in your Rotary activities is a key element in promoting fellowship and sustaining Rotary objectives.

For the past two decades members of the Victor – Farmington Rotary club have followed that advice by attending the annual Monsignor Schnacky Community Players theater presentations in Mendon. Many Rotarians from Victor – Farmington, Bloomfield and Canandaigua have been involved with the group over the years. V-F member Bruce Chapman has always been a key member of the cast, usually in a comedic role.

The 2026 performance once again provided club members with a chance to help a worthy cause while enjoying a fun-filled theatrical performance.

Submitted by David Luitweiler



V-F rotary group with VF Rotarian Bruce Chapman - center / red hat

Rochester Deaf Rotary

Rochester Deaf Rotary visited Rochester School for the Deaf to donate to their Travel Abroad Program. This program provides fully accessible travel experiences allowing students to explore the world, engage with other Deaf communities, and develop independence, cultural awareness, and global perspective. These trips bring learning to life in meaningful, lasting ways.

RDR is able to support their trip using the profits from our Dingo event, Santa breakfast, our sponsor, Canandaigua National Bank, and the raffle that was held. We thank all who supported these fundraisers.

Article submitted by Michele Randall and Photo by Rob Tawney

Pictured: RSD Superintendent Antony McLetchie, RDR Members: Rob Tawney, Michele Randall, Gary Morris: RSD Teachers: Carolyn Cronauer, Carah Taylor, RSD Students: Manuel, Meagan, Joey



Corning Rotary Club



Corning Rotarians Pauline Emery, John Brown and Gil Sweet read and carried on for the 1st & 2nd grades at Severn Elementary School as part of the club's Rotary Reads year-long project. The book that sparked the fun was *An Old Lady who Swallowed a Rose*.

Pauline and John acted out a similarly themed story starring a dog and a veterinarian. The dog also swallowed a number of inappropriate beasts, including a dinosaur! Hilarity ensued. In the end all the kids got a book to take home and read with parents or siblings.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Dansville Rotary Club

Dansville Rotary Club will present its First Annual "Designer Purse BINGO" on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at the Dansville Moose Club on Main Street. "Bingo" will include 50/50 drawings, many raffle baskets, and, of course, an assortment of Designer and Specialty purses. You will definitely want to join in on one of the two special purse raffles, \$5 per ticket or \$3 entries for \$10 -- one purse featuring the Buffalo Bills and one with a New York Yankees theme.

Bingo play will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$30 per person, and can be purchased at Dogwood Floral, Rushbottom Heights, Mill Creek Optical and from any Rotary member. Only 200 tickets are available due to space restrictions.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing

Corning Rotary Club

Recently Corning Rotary, recognizing the sharp increase in visits to the local food pantries, donated \$10,000 to three area food pantries. The executive directors and food managers were invited to a club meeting for the presentation of "The Big Check" by Club President Jennifer Batzing (right) and Club Treasurer Jan Harvey (second right).



Donations were made of \$5,000 to the Corning Community Food Pantry, \$2,500 to the Painted Post Food Pantry and \$2,500 to the Corning Salvation Army Food Pantry.

"I can speak for my pantry that the only way we make it through is this incredible community that stood behind us. We'd ask for something, and you'd answer that, so it is such a blessing to do what we do in Corning," said Mary Caruso, Executive Director, Corning Food Pantry.

One of the Corning Club's focus areas is hunger, including immediate needs and long-term assistance. These donations helped at a time of great uncertainty with SNAP assistance and increased demand at the food pantries.

Submitted by Jan Harvey

Fairport Rotary Club

Our club hosted a presentation by the Nurses Honor Guard of Monroe County. The Local Chapter was formed in 2023, and has honored more than 60 nurses at homes, hospices, hospitals, funeral homes, services/celebrations, and gravesites. The president is Diane Martin, noted that there are 48 nurses in the Chapter, 10 attending our meeting. The Honor Guard presents a



Nightingale Tribute for the honored nurse and demonstrated the Tribute for the Club. Each nurse was dressed in white with a traditional head dress and a blue cape with red lining. We encourage you to reach out to them to come speak to your club and spread the word on their services for fellow nurses.

At last week's meeting, our club enjoyed a service activity pre-meal, creating Valentines Day cards, for local nursing homes and other community organizations in need.

Happy Valentines Day!!!

Submitted by Thomas Wolanski



Penfield Rotary Club

Our club has hit the ground running this year with a series of successful collaborations and service projects. Here's a look at what we've been up to:

Making Magic with Fairy Godmothers of Rochester

On **January 13th**, we were honored to host guest speakers from **Fairy Godmothers of Rochester**, an organization dedicated to ensuring every young woman has a prom dress regardless of financial constraints.

- **The Results:** On January 15th, our club held a targeted collection drive, bringing in **75+ dresses**, along with purses & shoes.
- **Next Steps:** In **March**, our members will be volunteering as "personal shoppers" to help these young ladies select their perfect gowns at the Prom Fair.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Penfield Rotary Club

On **February 10th**, Penfield members gathered to support **SpiritNYS**, an organization that helps homeless teens stay in school and graduate. Our team filled **60 care packages** with supplies and notes of encouragement.

Christmas Tree Collection

We kicked off the year on **January 10th** with a massive collaborative effort alongside **Color Penfield Green** and local **Scouts**. Together, we collected **247 trees** from the community. Instead of heading to a landfill, these trees were delivered to the Town of Penfield to be mulched, keeping our town green and sustainable.

Save the date: on Monday, June 15, 2026, we'll be partnering with the Town of Penfield and the Kiwanis Club for our annual Golf Tournament, a fantastic opportunity to join together! For more details on these and other events, please visit our website at <http://PenfieldRotary.org>.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Fairport Rotary Club

Savor the Flavor Event is less than a month away and our club's excitement is growing daily. We are continuing to add vendors, which we currently have 16+ Restaurants, 22+ Wineries, 7+ Distilleries and 8+ Breweries, with multiple selections to taste. This year's event is looking to be our best ever, so if you haven't done so already, get your tickets now, by visiting our website, Fairport Rotary Club, or by reaching out to any of the current Fairport Rotary Club members. Hope to see you there.



As noted in our club's award-winning biweekly newsletter, *The Liftbridge*, kudos to Bob Hunt in his committee's advocacy of Books for the World. He and other Rotarians – Cindy Hunt, Mark Finke, Dave Scheirer, former Rotarian Tom VanBuskirk – spent Saturday, January 17 packing enough books to finally empty the warehouse on Paul Road and be able to finally ship enough pallets of books off to Houston. From there, they go to third world countries. You and your cohorts exemplify what Rotary is all about – Service Above Self.

Vin Barone, Charitable Giving Chairperson, recently reported to the club the list of charitable organizations which the club supported in our last round of contributions, which include the following: Uganda Water Project, Color Fairport Green, EnCOMPUS, Spirit NYS, Families Thrive, Veterans Outreach Center, Happy Birthday CHA CHA CHA, Pirate Toy Fund and Canandaigua VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement.

Submitted by Thomas Wolanski

Rotary E-Club of District 7120 Volunteer Activity Participation

Our team members at Woodward volunteered their lunch hour to wrap donated new toys for our Anthony L. Jordan Health families and community.

This year's toy drive is thanks to the partnership with Pirate Toy Fund Drive and MVP Healthcare. Both donated toys, coats and all the supplies

Submitted by Latoya Scott



Obituary



It is with saddened hearts that the Corning Club announces the passing of long-time Rotarian Richard "Dick" Pope.

Dick was a dedicated 50-year member and mainstay of the club. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow. He recruited many new members, instilling a strong sense of service and enthusiasm.

While involved in many club committees, Dick's claim to fame was being instrumental in establishing the Corning Rotary Club as the main sponsor for the Regional Scripps Spelling Bee for the Southern Tier of New York. This sponsorship continues to this day, with over 26 school districts sending spellers for the chance to win and go to the National Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

As a devoted humanitarian, he served as a member of Three Rivers Development Foundation, Corning Community College Development Foundation, Director and President of The Greater Corning Area Chamber of Commerce, founding member of Spencer Crest Nature Center, and the Bob Rockwell Memorial Fund. He also served on the Town of Corning Planning Board for over thirty years. Dick was awarded The Jefferson Award for public service and passionately supported the historic preservation of Market Street.

Submitted by Jan Harvey

Obituary



June LeRay Bates, age 91, of Bath, NY, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Brothers of Mercy Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Clarence, NY.

Born on June 15, 1934, in Woodhull, NY, June was the beloved daughter of the late Walter and Marriam Smith. She was predeceased by her brother, Walter A. Smith III of Seminole, FL, and her sister, Carole J. Pray of Buffalo, NY. June was also preceded in death by her husbands, Donald B. LeRay and Larry Don Bates, both of Bath, NY.

She is survived by her stepson and daughter-in-law, Richard and Amy Bates of Bath; her stepdaughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Joseph Hope of Wayne, NY; and her cherished step-grandsons, Jackson Kaylor Bates and Griffin Perrine Bates of Bath, and James Will Hope of Fairport, NY. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Phyl Marie Smith of Seminole, FL, as well as her beloved nephews and niece: Billy D. Pray of Seminole, FL; Kyle L. Pray of Tonawanda, NY; Donald W. Pray of Kenmore, NY; Philip W. Smith of Tampa, FL; and Kristy M. Smith of Seminole, FL.

June was an honors graduate of Hornell High School, Class of 1952, and received a full tuition scholarship to Alfred University. She graduated in 1956 with a BA in Latin and English, along with permanent teaching certification in Latin. She completed graduate work at St. Bonaventure University, Ithaca College, Geneseo State, and Alfred University. She was named Women's Athlete of the Year two times at Alfred University.

A distinguished educator, community leader, and dedicated volunteer, June's contribution spanned decades in education, classical studies, professional organizations, and civic life. As a longtime Latin teacher, she achieved national and state recognition for her excellence in secondary education. She was named to "Outstanding Secondary Educators of America" in 1974 and to "Who's Who Among American Teachers" in 1990 and 1994. She served on the National Junior Classical League's Executive Council for fifteen years, acting as Advisor to the President and Convention Coordinator, as well as Convention Council Coordinator. June received the New York State Junior Classical League President's Award in 1983, 1988, 1990, 1993, and 1995. A strong advocate for the teaching of Latin, she wrote numerous editorials to dispel the notion that "Latin was a dead language." The 1996 Haverling High School yearbook was dedicated to her, with students' comments exemplifying her love of teaching and compassionate nature. Even after retirement, June continued tutoring Latin students at her home.

She was a member of the Classical Association of the Empire State, an organization of Latin teachers, and was honored with the Morton E. Spingler Award for distinguished leadership and service. June also served on the New York State Latin Regents Committee for seven years, writing and proofreading exam questions for accuracy.

In professional educators' societies, June was an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society of women educators. She served two terms as President of her chapter and was honored in 2003 with the New York State Frederica Hollister Professional Educator's Award.

June possessed a beautiful singing voice and was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church Choir in Bath for many years. She also served the church as an Elder and Deacon.

Her community involvement was extensive. A member of the Bath Rotary Club since 1999, June was named "Rookie of the Year" in 2000, received a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2005, and was honored as "Rotarian of the Year" in 2006. She served on the Rotary Board of Directors, coordinated the oratorical contest, participated in the scholarship committee, and held the position of club Secretary. Additionally, she served as Secretary of the Dormann Library Board of Trustees.

An avid and competitive golfer, June was a member of the Bath Country Club, where she served as past President of the Women's Golf Association and won numerous awards, including club champion. She also excelled in bowling and tennis in earlier years.

June and her husband Larry traveled extensively, including a cross-country trip visiting several National Parks. Her basement was adorned with pictures from that trip.

Despite her many accomplishments and leadership roles, June remained humble, caring, and genuinely thoughtful. Her lifelong dedication to education, service, and community exemplified grace and commitment.

Calling hours will be held from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Bath on Saturday, March 7, 2026, with a memorial service to immediately follow at 2:30 pm.

Flowers may be sent to the church for delivery on March 7 to be included in the service. In honor of June's love of animals, the family requests that donations in her name be made to the Finger Lakes SPCA of Bath, NY. Online donations can be made at fingerlakespca.org or mailed to Finger Lakes SPCA, 72 Cameron Street, Bath, NY 14810.

Source : www.the-leader.com. The LEADER

Source link and comment below sent by Elaine Tears

She was indeed a most thoughtful, successful, and caring person. She was indeed an outstanding Latin teacher for many years. I can attest to that since she was my high school Latin teacher and is the reason that I, myself, became a Latin teacher.

In loving memory,
Elaine Tears

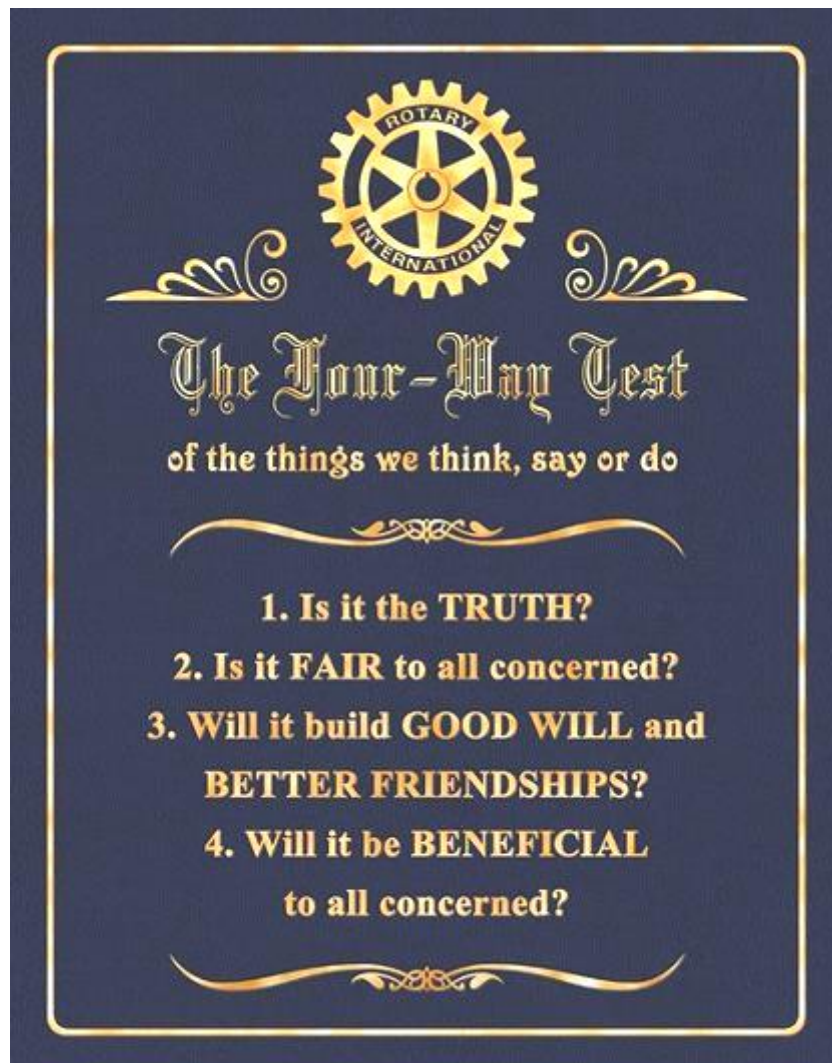
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Pittsford Rotary's 'A Taste of Pittsford' Brings Together Community March 16

Make plans now to celebrate "A Taste of Pittsford", a major annual fundraiser March 16 of the Pittsford Rotary Club from 6-8:30 pm at Nazareth University's Shults Center. The community event features signature food and beverage tastings from local independent restaurants, wineries and breweries and some great auctions and prizes. Valet parking will be available for the event.

We're pleased to announce that **Regain Physical Therapy** in Pittsford is repeating as a \$5,000 Silver-Level Major Sponsor for the event. We are seeking additional sponsors at the Silver, Gold (\$10,000) and Bronze Level (\$2,500). Individuals or organizations interested in a major sponsorship should contact event coordinator Holly Garber at hrgarber@gmail.com.

"We hope this event brings together the Pittsford community after this cold winter we're having," said Garber. "We're so appreciative of the vendors who will be serving their food and drink for attendees to sample. That combined with a silent auction and other fun activities will make for a terrific evening to help support club in the service we provide for our community."

Tickets are \$50 and available in advance from any Pittsford Rotarian or through PittsfordRotaryClub.org. **Tickets purchased online will be available at the Will Call table at the event.**

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Upcoming CLUB Events

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Coupon Book Sale

February 14 Dansville Rotary Club

Stars, Stripes & Superfans

February 28 Watkins-Montour Rotary Club

Wing Walk

March 1 Fairport Rotary Club

Savor the Flavor of Fairport

Eagle Vale Golf Club

March 8 East Rochester Rotary Club

100th Year Anniversary Dinner

Midvale Country Club

March 8 Greece Rotary Club

Italian Pasta Dinner

March 9 Spencerport Rotary Club

Trivia Night

March 11 Dansville Rotary Club

Designer Purse BINGO

March 14 Newark Rotary Club

Pancake Breakfast

Newark High School

March 14 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

π - Dingo Fundraiser

March 16 Pittsford Rotary Club

Taste of Pittsford

March 21 Geneva Rotary Club

Unite for Good Service Above Self Gala

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

District 7120 Conference

May 1 - 3, 2026

Holiday Valley

Ellicottville, NY 14731

Grant Management Seminar

Rochester February 21, 2026

Club Achievement Award

Deadline April 1, 2026

Club Bulletin Award

Deadline April 1

District Learning Assembly

Waterloo High School

April 11, 2026

Polar Bear Plunge

April 12, 2026

Beachcomber, Conesus Lake



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