



Fellow Rotarians,

Happy Year to all our Rotarian family and friends! As we move forward into 2026, it is important to look back and remember our Family and Friends. All our projects and accomplishments that we have brought to our communities and in the world. A testament to our shared commitment.

We honor all the District 7120 Rotary Clubs on their achievements that have positively impacted both our local communities and the broader world. These milestones highlight the dedication and collaborative spirit that unite us as Rotarians. Each effort showcases our ongoing commitment to service and the values we share.

Together, let's continue to Unite for Good and make a difference, celebrating the friendships, service, and unity that define our journey as Rotarians. Our shared experiences and relationships strengthen our resolve to keep working toward a brighter future, guided by the principles of fellowship and service above self.

#### Our Rotary Monthly Theme

January is recognized as Vocational Service Month is dedicated to celebrating the importance of vocational service within Rotary's mission. It emphasizes the role of Rotarians in using their professional skills and ethical practices to make a positive impact in their communities.

Vocational Service is one way that members and participants can serve at Rotary. It involves using our professional skills and expertise to serve the community, promote ethical practices, and inspire others.

To thrive in a rapidly changing world, Rotary needs to evolve. Our Action Plan gives us a clear path for the future. The Vocational Service of Rotarians and Rotaractors is deeply connected to our Action Plan and is a key part of advancing our priorities:

- Increase our impact. By using our expertise, we can design projects with a broader reach, build more effective community partnerships, have measurable outcomes, and make positive and lasting change. We also gain new skills and perspectives by working with members and participants who offer their expertise through service.
- Expand our reach. By leveraging our networks, we can connect with new partners and audiences.
- Enhance participant engagement. By mentoring members, nurturing future leaders, acquiring new knowledge and skills, and participating more actively through our talents, we take part in enriching, more meaningful experiences. Engagement helps retain members and strengthens people's commitment to Rotary's ideals.

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- Increase our ability to adapt. Members with different professions, backgrounds, and knowledge bring innovative ideas and perspectives to their clubs, service projects, and programs.

Rotary Vocational Service Month is an opportunity for Rotarians to engage actively in their communities, reflect on their professional responsibilities, and promote ethical standards in their respective fields. By participating in various activities, members can exemplify the ideals of Rotary and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Yours In Rotary

DG Jim & 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

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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



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

Host Club  
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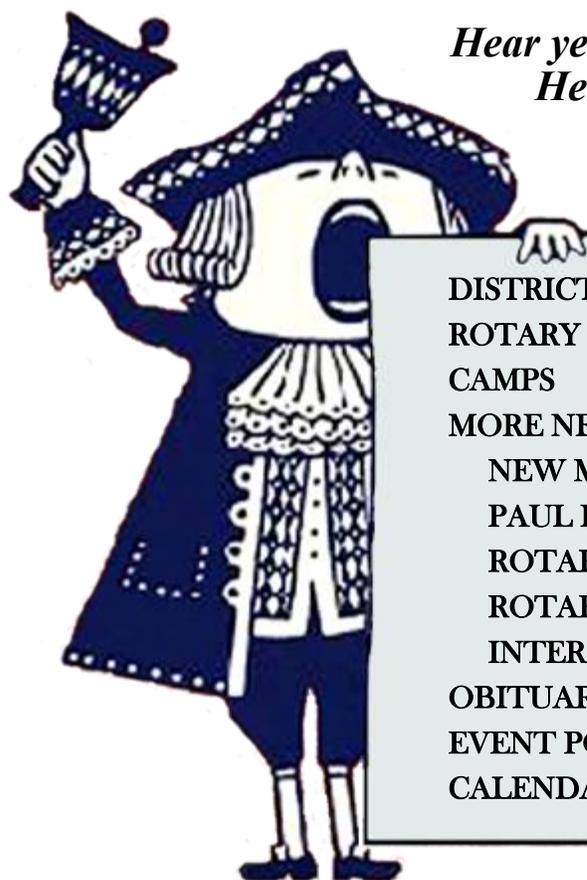
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District 7120



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Jim Crane • District Governor 2025-2026





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

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## Rotary Archive

### 1911: The Rotarian magazine

Rotary publishes the [first issue of The Rotarian magazine](#) in January 1911, with the purpose of delivering standard messages to all clubs and sharing news from clubs and members. The magazine's name changes to *Rotary* in 2020.



# NEW MEMBER

# ORIENTATION

~~Tuesday, October 21st 7:30 pm EST~~

Wednesday, January 21st 7:30 pm EST

Thursday, April 23rd 7:30 pm EST

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

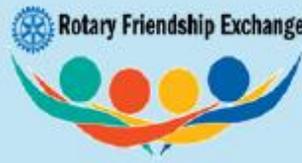
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Rotary   
Zones 28 & 32

**CONNECT, LEARN AND BE INSPIRED!**

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## APPLICATIONS FOR ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TO SCOTLAND BEING ACCEPTED

Our District 7120 Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) program will be sending a team of up to ten people to District 1010 in Northern Scotland in May of 2026. This district encompasses the highlands of Scotland as well as the cities of Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, and Inverness. The tentative itinerary will consist of stays in Aboyne (near Balmoral), Angus (which includes Kirriemuir, Montrose, Carnoustie), and Perth. This is a beautiful part of Scotland with mountains, lush farmland, beautiful seacoast, plenty of golf courses, and, of course, countless castles and historical sites.

The RFE will begin on May 5 and conclude on May 17.

If you would like to submit an application to become a member of the team please visit the Friendship Exchange page on our district website at:

<https://www.rotary7120.org/sitepage/rotary-friendship-exchange>.

Simply complete the application and submit it to RFE Chair Cat Jensen at: [catwomyn19@gmail.com](mailto:catwomyn19@gmail.com) before the **deadline of February 1, 2026**.

RFE outbound team participation is open to all D7120 Rotarians and their spouse/partners who have previously hosted during an inbound exchange **OR pledge to do so in the near future**.

Couples AND singles are encouraged to apply.

If you have questions or would like further information contact team leader Mark Clement of the Pal-Mac Rotary at: [sparkplug1666@yahoo.com](mailto:sparkplug1666@yahoo.com)

## Grant Management Seminars

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

Our District Foundation Team will offer live Grant Management Seminars (GMS) on 2 dates this year:

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**, register at 9:00AM, seminar at 9:30 AM at St. John Vianney Parish Center, 32 East Morris St., Bath, NY 14810. Attendees can park at either end of the building. Do Not park in the Bath Fire Department's Parking Lot;

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW for BATH](#)**

**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.

## **SAVE-THE-DATE**

**WHAT: District Learning Assembly**

**WHEN: Saturday, April 11, 2026,  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**WHERE: Waterloo High School  
Waterloo, NY**

**WHY: To help prepare your club for  
increased impact, greater  
attraction and more enhanced  
member experience**

**Not too early to mark your calendars**

**[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)**

**All are invited:**

Club Officers/Leaders, Club Board of Directors,  
Club Committee Chairs & members,  
new and current members. Also, prospective members.

## 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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## Service-Leadership-FUN

### Rotary District 7120 Interact News January 2026

### *Happy New Year!*



Hard to believe half this Rotary year is over. I know your Interact clubs have already accomplished a lot this first half year and will do many great things in the Winter/Spring. Please celebrate these accomplishments and advertise 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](mailto:andrew.ashley@gmail.com)

We are progressing at getting Interact Advisors contact information to Rotary International and have nearly half the Active Interact clubs shown with Interact Advisors. We still have many active Interact Clubs that have been terminated by RI for not letting them know who your Interact Advisor is and their contact information. The RI status report is accessible in number 4c below (Please check your club for status). It is important for Interact clubs to show Active with RI both, so they receive current information and liability insurance for their service projects and fundraisers. They also should not use the Rotary name "Interact" without being an Active Chartered club. I believe more than half of the 58 terminated Interact clubs are still active running clubs.

1. **District Learning Assembly:** Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Waterloo High School. There will be three Interact sessions, one for current Interact Advisors, and we will cover Interact Advisor roles and how to access Interact related training in the Rotary Learning Center. The other two to go over general questions anyone may have and to talk about Interact in general. Hopefully some sharing on accomplishments. We would love to have Interact student members join you and share as that would add value to the session. They could attend the first session as well, as there is training in the learning center for them. More information to come with future newsletters.
2. **Interact Elections:** Time to think about next year's elections for Interact Officers. Please have your next Interact year's team transition with the current team of Officers and Committee Chairs for smooth transition and greatest success.
3. **RYLA 2026:** Consider sending one of your next Interact years 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 12<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Applications due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Another reason to hold elections early. More information at <https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/ryla-1/ryla>
4. **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-XjG5UM1pXVlo5MktlQIBPODVVUVk3UDg5JUWxNSQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Q-C0Z_0K-0qLIL-WNwyOfwns9ja2i05EuzNcd9-XjG5UM1pXVlo5MktlQIBPODVVUVk3UDg5JUWxNSQIQCN0PWcu&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](mailto:andrew.ashley@gmail.com) This is so we can keep you informed of information about Interact and send updates from Rotary International.

5. **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 us with anything Interact: Michelle Bailey [michellebailey110@gmail.com](mailto:michellebailey110@gmail.com) or Drew Ashley [andrew.ashley@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.ashley@gmail.com). Please also see <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs/details>

**DISTRICT 7120 MENTAL HEALTH and WELLNESS COMMITTEE**



The Committee has been working very hard this past year! It is with pleasure, we can say we have some programs being introduced to the District and Club's. We would like to visit your Club and introduce you to the Committee's plan. It is our desire to continue to stress the understanding of the importance of engaging with people without judging them. We all need to work on eliminating the stigma attached to the words "mental health". We want to encourage your Club to participate in the District initiatives. People often think that other's mental health is something to be kept private and they shouldn't intervene. We are here to tell you to be on the lookout and to talk about mental health freely!!

Elizabeth Yee [lizyeerotary@gmail.com](mailto:lizyeerotary@gmail.com)  
928-864-6909



This is a reminder to let you know that you are not here just to do stuff, just to perform duties and complete tasks.  
You are here also to feel happy, and content, and inspired and well within yourself.  
You are here to have some fun, create meaningful moments and find the sparkle in your eyes again.  
You are here to unravel the magic of being alive, the magic of being you. To heal, to feel whole again.  
Do something today that lights you up. That activates your joy. That brings about a genuine smile from your heart.  
You are worth the effort.  
~ S.C Lourie



## Literacy Corner

With the start of the new year comes the challenge to propose a new topic for the district literacy committee to share with the clubs and their communities. We will be tackling the very important but perhaps seldom considered topic of **financial literacy**.

Learning how to use money wisely can begin as early as pre-school. By age 3, kids can grasp money concepts and by age 7, many of their money habits are already set.

\* Systemic barriers to teaching personal finance in schools stem from outdated curriculum priorities, emphasis on standardized testing and insufficient funding allocated to personal finance education. These factors hinder the effective delivery of essential financial literacy skills to students.

We will be exploring the essentials of financial literacy simply stated as earning, spending, saving and giving.

While our goal may be to aid our educators in improving the financial skills of our students from pre-school to college, we may just pick up some better habits ourselves.

\* Published by 220 Youth Leadership, March 2025.

Submitted by  
Tracy Wooden  
District Literacy Committee



# 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](mailto:juliecarney7120@gmail.com)

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

### Club Achievement Awards NOMINATION FORM

Name of Rotary Club:  
Title of Project:

Number of Members: (as of March 15) \_\_\_\_\_

**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](mailto: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.



## 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](mailto: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.

**Rotary**  
District 7120



As this final month of 2025 is in full swing, 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  
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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:**

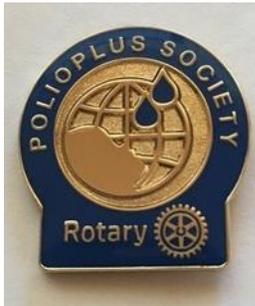
1. A resident of Rockland County, who had not traveled overseas, contracted Polio in 2022 and the Polio Virus has been detected in sewage samples in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Nassau Counties, and in New York City. Fortunately, there have been no other cases in the US.

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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](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](mailto: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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# 100th Annual Eastern Cities Fellowship Event

## Francesco Arezzo

2025-2026 RI President



**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>  
2026**

**Registration opens  
January 2026**

*Space is limited*



Rotary Rose Parade  
Float Committee

January 1, 2026

Photo from the Rotary Rose Parade  
Float Committee Facebook Page



**The 2026 Float Unite For Good  
Rotary Presidential Message ‘Unite for Good’  
Tournament of Roses Theme “The Magic in Teamwork”**

Our 2026 Rose Parade float bursts with color and energy, celebrating the beauty of teamwork in nature — and in service to others. Set in a lush, dreamlike landscape, the Float showcases a diverse gathering of iconic wildlife working in harmony, just as Rotarians unite for good across borders and around the world to create lasting change.

Towering giraffes, playful zebras, and a curious hippo gather beneath blooming trees of brilliant pink and orange. A vibrant toucan peeks from the treetops, while a green snake winds gently along a branch. Nearby, a flamingo surveys the scene, adding elegance and balance to the habitat. Toward the front, a proud tiger watches over her two cubs — a reminder of both strength and nurturing.

Every element, from the cascading floral canopies to the dynamic animal poses, represents the strength found in community, diversity, and collective purpose.

This year’s float reminds us that when we come together, whether in the wild or the world of service, there is Magic in Teamwork.

<https://www.rotaryfloat.org/>



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026

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31 March 2026: Last day for preregistration discount

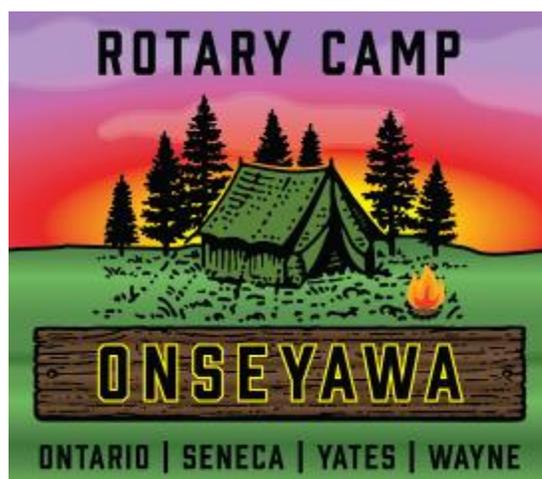


**August 10-15th 2025  
Ages 6-12**



**HERE IS LOVE**

**August 10th - 16th  
2025  
Ages 8-21**



**August 11-15 and 17-22  
2025.  
Ages 8-16**



**Session 1 (Ages 7-15)  
July 6th – 11th  
Session 2 (Ages 16-21)  
July 13th – 18th**

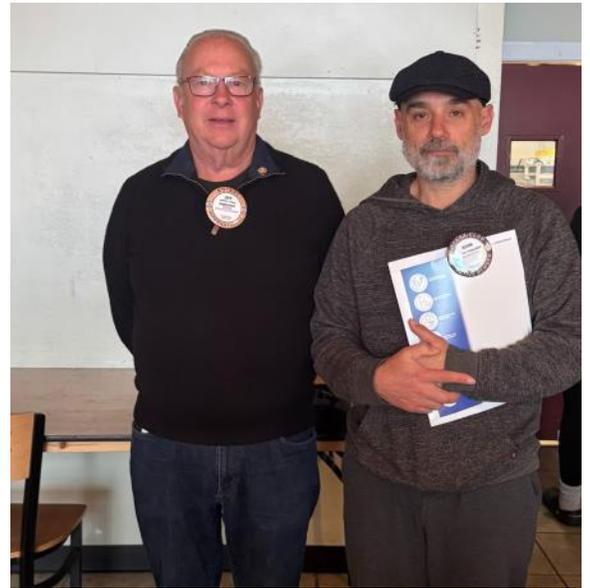


**July 28 - Aug 1: Youth Week  
Ages 7 to 18 years old  
August 4 - 8: Adult Week  
Ages 19 to 30 years old**

## Horseheads Rotary Club

On Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, the Horseheads Rotary inducted new member, Kevin Palumbo! Kevin is retired from the US Army Infantry after 20 years of service. He is an avid golfer and a member of the Horseheads Masonic Lodge. He has a variety of experiences and we look forward to working with him on Rotary projects! Welcome Kevin!

Submitted by Grace Dalton



## Corning Rotary Club

Corning Welcomes New Member

Corning Rotary President Jennifer Batzing welcomed Svetlana Short into our club at our December Jingle Mingle Celebration. Sponsored by Rotarian Gil Sweet, Svetlana has already been a contributor to Rotary's work in the community and we're happy to have her join Rotary.

Svetlana came to this country as a Jewish refugee from the Soviet Union and is now a long-time resident of Corning. Her parents are holocaust survivors. "I understand suffering, redemption, hope, and the need to bring kindness and understanding to the world around us," said Svetlana.

She is a member of the local library board and of the Jewish Center & Federation of the Twin Tiers Board. She is an exhibiting artist, a wife, a mother of three children, an experienced engineer, and an intellectual property counsel for Corning Incorporated.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



## Dundee Rotary Club

Ray Miller was honored for his 70 years of service with the Dundee Fire Department as he was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship award at the December 17th Club meeting. The award was presented by member Walt Verdi who noted that Ray is the only non-Rotarian who has ever received a second Paul Harris award from the Dundee Rotary Club. Walt also stated that the Club had made a donation of \$1,000.00 in Ray's name to the Rotary Foundation.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Pictured in the back row (L to R) Club President Lynda Kimball, Ray Miller, Walt Verdi, front row Ray's wife Jane.



Rotary 

### 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?

## Dundee Rotary Club

Madalynn Knapp was presented with the Student of the Month award for November at the Dundee Rotary's November 12th regular meeting. Madalyn was accompanied by her parents, Danny and Heather Knapp as well as Jr/Sr High Principal Chad Johnson.

Mr. Johnson explained that Madalyn was selected because of her many accomplishments and activities as a member of the Senior Class and throughout her high school career. Madalyn serves as the President of the Senior Class and of Student Government, Co-President of the Honor Society, and participates in three sports. She hopes to attend Syracuse University, ultimately becoming an orthodontist. Rotary President Lynda Kimball presented Madalyn with a certificate and a \$25.00 check.



Pictured (L to R) President Kimball, Danny Knapp, Madalyn, Heather Knapp, and Principal Johnson.  
Submitted by Lauren Snyder

## Dundee Rotary Club

December's Elementary Student of the Month, Ava Moravec, was honored at the December 10th Dundee Rotary Club meeting. Ava is a Dundee Central School 6th grader who was selected by her teachers for this award because of her developing leadership. Ava was accompanied to the meeting by Elementary Principal Tiffany Cohrs, who also reported that Ava is known to be one of the kindest students in her class and consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic. Ava is the daughter of Jessica Pallar and Chad Moravec. President Lynda Kimball presented Ava with a certificate and a \$25.00 check.

Pictured (L to R) are Principal Cohrs, Ava, and President Kimball.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



## Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary District Grant  
Delivery – Autism Up

The Greece Rotary Club on Dec. 4 attended the Autism Up Opening of their newly refurbished Foam Ball Pit and Dedication of their two new electric pianos'. The District Grant was especially needed for the Autism Up Organization to continue the great work they do for the Rochester Communities.

Pictured are Amber Wilk (piano), Gene Noga, Rita Garretson, Ray Gangarossa (club president)

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



## Bath Rotary Club

The Central Steuben Chamber of Commerce recently sponsored a Festival of Lights Tree Contest which involved the display of thirty live, beautifully decorated Christmas trees in Pulteney Park in the Village of Bath. In an effort to promote the community, each tree was sponsored by a local group or business. The Bath Rotary Club proudly participated in this event.

The Chamber expressed that sponsoring a tree was a great way to market the businesses or groups in the community, boost employee morale, decorate the village park, and provide an opportunity to be creative. The trees were lit on December 5th at the Spirit of Christmas and will be illuminated twenty-four hours a day through January 1, 2026.

Tree sponsorship cost \$75.00 which offset the cost of the tree, durable stand, and maintenance. Kelly Fitzpatrick, Bath Rotarian, generously paid the local service club's fee. An attractive sign, naming the group or business sponsoring each tree, was placed beside each tree.

The Rotary tree, decorated by Nancy Latour and Brandi Graham, Bath Rotarians, and Claire McKinley, a sophomore at Haverling Central School and Friend of Rotary, was illuminated with blue and yellow lights and adorned with blue and yellow Rotary wheels, made by McKinley on her 3-D printer, and blue and yellow balls.

Several Bath Rotarians attended the December 5th event, including: Woody Latour (Santa Claus), an Honorary Member of the Bath Rotary Club; Sue Jackson (Mrs. Claus); Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President; Nancy Latour and Brandi Graham (Dancing Elves).

"Service Above Self feels extra special at Christmas," stated Graham. "The Bath Rotary Club is so pleased to have participated in the contest and to bring a little holiday magic to the community."

For more information about Rotary, including membership in the Bath Rotary Club, email Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President ([edwardvanstine@gmail.com](mailto:edwardvanstine@gmail.com)) or Bill White, Bath Rotary Club Membership Chair ([bewhitey@aol.com](mailto:bewhitey@aol.com)). Additional information about the local service club can also be viewed on the club's website ([www.bathnyrotary.org](http://www.bathnyrotary.org)).



The Bath Rotary Club participated in the Festival of Lights Tree Contest. Standing left to right are those who decorated the club's tree: Brandi Graham and Nancy Latour, Bath Rotarians, and Claire McKinley, Friend of Rotary, who made the Rotary wheel ornaments.



[LEFT] Nancy Latour and Brandi Graham, Bath Rotarians, prepare to participate as Dancing Elves at the Festival of Lights on December 5th in Pulteney Park in Bath.

Written by Elaine Tears  
Pictures by Brandi Graham

[RIGHT] Celebrating the Festival of Lights Tree Contest in Pulteney Park on December 5th were: Nancy Latour, Bath Rotary Club Secretary and a Past Club President; Eddie VanStine, 2025 - 2026 Bath Rotary Club President; Brandi Graham, a Bath Rotary Club Past President.



## Bath Rotary Club

On December 18<sup>th</sup> several Bath Rotarians and their family members or friends gathered at Tess McKinley's Red Party Barn to celebrate Christmas together.

The partiers enjoyed several delicious dishes, provided by the Rotarians, including shrimp cocktail, deviled eggs, stuffed mushrooms, macaroni and cheese, cheesy corn, ham and potatoes, a variety of desserts, etc.

After dinner the group participated in a blind gift exchange with items ranging from bottles of wine to packaged games to gift certificates. Throughout the exchange people could "steal" gifts that had already been opened or select a gift not yet opened. The first person who opened a gift could "steal" any gift he/she had seen. Laughs were had by all.

Those present would like to thank Tess McKinley, Fellow Rotarian, who not only hosted the event but also provided the cutlery, dinnerware, punch, Christmas cookies, take home containers for leftovers, and the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Claire McKinley, daughter of Tess, who is a sophomore at Haverling Central School and a Friend of Rotary, made the Christmas decorations on the tables.

The attendees also sang "Happy Birthday" to Eddie VanStine, Bath Rotary Club President, whose birthday was actually on December 18<sup>th</sup>. VanStine addressed his Fellow Rotarians by stating "Wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. May this time be filled with joy, peace, good health, and gratitude for all that we share in Rotary and in our community."

The Bath Rotarians hope that everyone in Rotary District 7120 and all Rotary clubs throughout the world experienced a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to a Happy New Year!

Written by Elaine Tears

Pictures by Eddie VanStine & Jami Long



A beautifully decorated Christmas tree highlighted the Bath Rotary Club's Annual Christmas Party held on December 18<sup>th</sup>. After dinner each Rotarian, who brought a gift, chose a gift to open and could either keep it or trade if for an already opened gift.



Bath Rotarians and their family members or friends gathered near the Christmas tree at the club's Annual Christmas Party in the Red Party Barn, owned by Tess McKinley, Bath Rotarian, and her husband, Sean.

### Rotary E-Club of District 7120

#### MARYLAND FOOD BANK VISIT

Rotarian Nana Esi Atta-Fynn and other volunteers spent the morning at the Maryland Food Bank packaging and labeling dinners for students attending after school programs. It was pure joy joining others to serve in the community.

Submitted by Nana Esi Atta-Fynn



### Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

For the third consecutive year the V-F Rotary club co-partnered with the Victor – Farmington Community library in hosting a “Day of Giving” event for children in the local community. Children were allowed to browse a wide assortment of new books of all sorts including children’s books, current novels and non-fiction, cooking books, and books of varying adult and family interest. The library, in addition to the large volume of books, provided free gift wrapping services. This gave the children the opportunity to take wrapped gifts home for their family and friends. The Rotary club provided a varied assortment of coloring and project books, toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, and candy .

Submitted by David Luitweiler



L to R - V-F Library Board Secretary Jean McCreary and Board Chair Mitch Donovan, staff the gift-wrapping table.



V-F Rotary YEX Yume Morino (Japan) and young attendees



Local children and mothers perusing Rotary table

## Greece Rotary Club

### The Greece Rotary Hands Out 600 Early Learning Kits to Greece School Students

Greece Rotary Club members and NYS Senator Jeremy Cooney visited Greece School District's Early Learning Center to distribute 600 Early Learning Kits designed to empower literacy and communication skills. Senator Cooney was able to secure a NY State Grant for the purchase of these much-needed supplies. The kits included two books, flash cards, pencils, crayons and a sharpener.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



## Rotary E-Club of District 7120

SAMARITAN'S PURSE INTERNATIONAL/  
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project by Samaritan's Purse in which shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items are collected and delivered to children in need worldwide to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and demonstrate God's love. Rotarians Jerome and Nana Esi Atta-Fynn, together with other volunteers who travelled from other States spent the afternoon reinspecting, restuffing, taping, scanning and packing shoe boxes which were transported to the airport and airlifted to Madagascar. It was an afternoon filled with fun and service.

Submitted by Jerome and Nana Esi Atta-Fynn



## Spencerport Rotary Club

Spencerport High School hosted the 59th annual Teike–Bernabi Wrestling Tournament, one of the longest-running tournaments. Sponsored by the Spencerport Rotary Club, it's a staple for developing wrestlers and showcasing talent. Hundreds of wrestlers from Upstate New York competed. The tournament honors two men: Leo Bernabi, who was a longtime educator and coach and Walt Teike who helped build the school's wrestling into a program known across the state.

The Spencerport team finished 4th place overall with 7 wrestlers placed in the top 6.

Individual Placers:

- Porter Vega – 175 lbs. Champion and Most Outstanding Wrestler
- Jeremiah Morgan – 3rd Place
- Carter White – 4th Place
- Jacob Hill – 5th Place
- Tate Wardman – 6th Place
- Bryson Clark – 6th Place

A Message from Coach Christopher Gray: "Congratulations to Porter Vega, our hometown 175lbs champion and Heavyweight Most Outstanding Wrestler—an incredible accomplishment that makes the Spencerport community proud! On behalf of the coaching staff and the entire Spencerport Wrestling program, thank you to our Spencerport Rotary Club, the Parents Club, and all volunteers who helped run this year's tournament. Celebrating 59 years of this event is something truly special, and it would not be possible without your dedication and support. THANK YOU ALL!"

Submitted by Colleen Farley



## Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

The Giving Tree For thirty-seven consecutive years the "Rotary Giving Tree" has been a part of the Christmas season in the Victor – Farmington community. The tree was originally set up in the former Wade's Market on Rt. 96 in Farmington. Several years later, when Tops Markets took over the location, they continued the tradition of supporting the club's annual collection of gifts for shut-ins, senior citizens, low-income families, and those who might otherwise be forgotten during the Christmas season. The tree provides shoppers with the opportunity to select a card from the tree and purchase gifts that will be distributed by the club.

The shoppers return the gifts to the tree. Rotarians collect the gifts, and they are sorted and arranged for distribution in mid - December. The club distributes gifts to a variety of organizations and institutions including Ontario Place (residential senior citizens) in Hopewell, the Friendship House in Middlesex, Wilson Commencement Park in Rochester, and local charitable organizations. Over a thousand gift items are distributed. All club members are engaged in the project.

Submitted by David Luitweiler



VF Rotarians and Tops management employees set up tree



VF Rotarians delivering gifts to Ontario Place (SENIORS & SHUT-INS) in Canandaigua



VF ROTARIAN Galen Power delivers gifts to staff Wilson Park Center

### Pal-Mac Rotary Club



#### Christmas Service!

Early in December, a group of club members and friends spent several hours at the Green Angel Center outside of Palmyra selecting and packing items such as clothing, children's books, and toys to be given as gifts to families in need in the Palmyra-Macedon communities.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford

### Waterloo Rotary Club

On Wednesday, December 17th Waterloo Rotary celebrated the Waterloo High School Students of the 1st Quarter.

They are ninth graders: Paige VanNostrand and Clay Tellier, Tenth graders: Annalise Matello and John Cleere, Eleventh graders: Tangel Williams and Garrett Morrison and Twelfth graders: Zoie Campbell and Nelvin Rivera.

The Waterloo Rotary Club presented each student a \$25 gift card to Ciccino's Restaurant and Certificate of Appreciation. The Waterloo Teachers Association provided them with a luncheon along with their Congratulations to each student.

Waterloo Rotary is proud to support our students and to recognize their achievements!

Submitted by Jane Shaffer



## Pal-Mac Rotary Club

Our club found lots of ways to celebrate Christmas and serve those in need!

At our lunch meeting on December 3rd, President Leslie Vecchiotti organized 3 working stations around the room to help prepare for an upcoming Christmas Carol performance. We put together packages of reindeer food to sell, signed and wrote Christmas cards that will be distributed to Parkwood residents, and gift wrapped boxes that will hold the food that folks will be bringing to the performance.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



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## Rochester Deaf Rotary

### Santa Breakfast

Santa was in town for Rochester Deaf Rotary Santa Breakfast December 6, at the Carmen Clark Lodge, in Brighton! He was busy with all the children, as they signed to him their requests from their lists. Pancakes, sausage and eggs...yum! Our new member, Bob Marcus, was making balloon animals for all the children, and Rochester School for the Deaf students volunteered to help with the craft creations. Profits from this event will support RSD and their trip to Italy.

Article by: Michele Randall (RDR)

Photos by: Michele Randall & Bob Green (RDR)



## Rochester Deaf Rotary Club at Dimitri House

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club visited Dimitri House, in Rochester, on Tuesday, December 9. It serves those in need in the Greater Rochester community by offering food, housing, and referral services, to support them on their journey toward self-sufficiency. We brought a large selection of food items, laundry detergent, socks, much needed toiletry items, and a shelf, they were also happy to receive.



They were very appreciative, and gave us a quick tour of the house. Tuesdays they offer lunch, and some people were there enjoying their food and social time. Drop In Lunch program is offered three days a week. Emergency food cupboard is open four days a week. It was a very friendly atmosphere, and we were so happy to help them out. Dimitri House is located at 102 N. Union St., Rochester.

Article by: Michele Randall (RDR)

Photo by: Karen Beiter (RDR)

## Waterloo Rotary Club

Waterloo Rotarians enjoyed a holiday gathering of fellowship and a culinary experience at Simply Homemade!

Waterloo Rotarians annually participate in the Real Christmas event by obtaining and decorating the community Christmas Tree. The tree was donated by the Wrights Tree Farm of Waterloo, NY and decorated by Waterloo Rotarians.

Submitted By Jane Shaffer



## Lima Rotary Club

Lima Rotary started our December Holiday month at the end of November with our Annual Tree Lighting event. This year we added an artesian craft show and food vendors. Santa even brought Mrs. Claus with him. Our Christmas parade was a hit as well... The whole town showed up for the event. Our winners were picked for our Raffle. It truly was a magical day for the whole community. Our Lima Public Library is the January Business of the Month. Lima Rotary is looking forward to many annual and new events we have planned for 2026... Happy New Year to all....

Submitted by Lisajo Keeler



## Geneva Rotary Club

The Christmas tradition continues for the Geneva Rotary Club. Rotarians Jerry Forcier and Linda Sutherland were among many club members who rang the bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign this Christmas Eve. The club has been supporting the Salvation Army on Christmas Eve for many years under the direction of Rotarian Charlie Bauder, who reported recently that the club raised \$2,702 at five Geneva locations.

Submitted by Philip Beckley



## Fairport Rotary Club



The Village of Fairport celebrated the completion of the Thomas Creek culvert project, which has closed Main Street for the better part of a year. This coupled with the reconstruction of the Main Street made it difficult for all of us to navigate but didn't slow down the efforts of the Fairport Rotary Club.

Our club, led by President Marybeth Christiansen and Vice President Dr. Mike Lischak have been busy with multiple service projects, a major fund-raising event and as always fellowship gatherings. Our service projects included the following:

- **Assisting the Brighton Rotary Club with their annual bicycle roundup.**
- **Collection and donation of slightly used luggage to Hillside Children's Center.**
- **Monthly donation of food donations to the Perinton Food Shelf.**
- **Sponsorship and assistance at the Town Halloween Parade.**
- **Books of the World – Coordinating donations of books from local schools and libraries, which are packed and shipped to those in need.**
- **Literacy assistance at Evergreen East.**
- **Collection and donation of coats and winter clothing to the residents at Evergreen East.**
- **Challenger Baseball Sponsorship**

Our annual Pasta Dinner, led by Heinrich Fischer in late October, was a huge success with our club working together to serve over 400 meals. Fellowship is a major component of Rotary allowing us to get to know each other better and become more effective and efficient to "Unite for Good". We recently toured the Fairport Museum, (well worth a visit), then gathered at the Fairport Village Inn for dinner. Fun was had by all. In addition, our PR director, Andrea Jones, has recently started a monthly happy hour for anyone who would like to join us to learn more about our club and to enjoy the fellowship which we share.

Our **Savor the Flavor Event** is being held on March 1st, tickets are available on-line or by contacting any of our members, don't miss this awesome afternoon event, fun for all those who attend. See our ad in this month's Grapevine for details.

Lastly, the Fairport Rotary club is reaching a milestone, our 100-year anniversary. Our club is in the midst of planning a celebration in November, more details to follow.

Submitted by Thomas Wolanski

## Perry Rotary Club

### Busy Holiday Season for Perry Rotary Club

Perry Rotary Club looked at a new way to host meetings, something members unable to make it to Thursday lunch meetings regularly have enjoyed early morning coffee and confections at local businesses and most recently bowling at Perry Bowling Center. It turns out there are many keggers in the club beginning with President Maureen Orban, a junior league champion at one time. Competition was humorous and keen after which used trophies of sorts were presented to high-point-makers.

Our giving nature came through in the annual December auction of donated items, from handicrafts and home décor, to trays of Christmas cookies, Bills gear, and more. Over \$2,000 was raised and will be split between Perry and Warsaw community food pantries. Local philanthropist-Rotarian Sam Gullo and his wife Cherie added to that. Years ago, they established a foundation that provides scholarships, support of civic non-profits, events and community investment. In December their substantial donation also went to the food pantries. Rotarians Dr. Butch and Betsy DeGroff donated squash grown on their farm to Dansville for its community Thanksgiving dinner that fed 750 people! Two Serventi foundations contributed substantially to local projects in memory of deceased Rotarians Lewis (and wife, Clelia) Serventi and the late Mike Serventi from his wife Gail. WNY Crop Management Services, where the late Rotarian Bob Scott worked, received a memorial gift through Perry Rotary where family and friends contributed to the designated recipient.

On January 8, PDG Julie Carney, talked to Perry Rotary Club about New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE). Julie first joined Avon Rotary Club in 2009 inspired by her children's experiences through Avon CSD Interact. The Paul Harris +4 Rotarian is now director of the North American New Generations Service Exchange serving the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Only 14 Rotary districts in the U.S. have NGSE programs though they have been popular in Europe for years. It is "customizable" for young professionals 18-30 years old seeking experiences in their fields of interest/careers over an 8-week-6 month stay. The young professionals are connected to host clubs that can find families and business owners interested in having them. The NGSE's have a few things in common: they want to make the world a better place, travel and learn more. NGSE has less rigidity than Rotary's other youth programs. It shows how Rotary can continue to be a part of their lives after high school so Julie and fellow volunteers are reaching out to former Interactors, Rotaractors, exchangers and RYLA alumni about NGSE. Julie told of Hugo from Brazil, who with his father has a landscaping business and wanted to learn about sustainable farming. She connected him to Cornell University. Brazil's NGSE director connected Julie with a young woman who was placed in Avon CSD to learn about counseling and, like another young woman from Italy who shadowed a second-grade classroom in Victor, took back to their homelands the many mental health and support services American students enjoy. The schools they now serve in their countries are benefiting from their NGSE experience. To learn more, email: [juliecarney7120@gmail.com](mailto:juliecarney7120@gmail.com).

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



# Corning Rotary Club

## Corning Sponsors GorillaBots Team

At the December 4th Rotary Club meeting, Kaley Hinman and Mark Mendez, members of the GorillaBots Team 5485, spoke about their latest project.

A part of the FIRST Tech Challenge, the team had to meet various requirements including community outreach in order to compete in building a working robot. Each robot had to be designed to meet various performance challenges. Mark demonstrated what their robot could do.

Through competing at regional competitions, Team 5485 qualified for the World Championships held in Houston, Texas. Corning Rotary donated funds to help the team cover the travel expenses. A proud moment for the team – they came in first in their division.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



**GORILLABOTS TEAM 5485**  
INTO THE DEEP - 2024-2025

MEMBERS: KALEY HINMAN, MARK MENDEZ, CHINA, JINLI, ASHLEY, MICHELLE, SOUTH, JESSIE, PAULINE, PHILIP, SHARON

**ABOUT US**

- 14 members from 9 cultural backgrounds
- 3,500 hrs. of team meetings, 1,000+ hrs. of CADding designs, and 800+ hrs. of Outreach to impact 10,000+ people in the community

**OUTREACH**  
EACH MEMBER CONTRIBUTED 65+ HOURS, TOTALING 800+ OUTREACH HOURS, IMPACTING 10,000+ PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

**OUR ROBOT - Oceanus**

**TARZAN: OUR CUSTOM AUTONOMOUS PATHING SYSTEM**

- ODOMETRY LOCALIZATION**: CONSTANT ACCELERATION KINEMATICS
- PID ALGORITHMS**: FEEDBACK-BASED CONTROL LOOPS
- PURE PURSUIT**: DYNAMIC TRAJECTORY GENERATION

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR COACHES, MENTORS, PARENTS, AND SPONSORS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR JOURNEY TO WORLDS! WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OF YOU!**

## Corning Rotary Club

Corning Rotary Literacy Program's Christmas Celebrations On Tuesday, December 16th, Corning Rotary members Ernie Danforth, Ray Defendorf, Pauline Emery and Interact students from the CPP High School Learning Center provided a fun-filled interactive telling of "The Night Before Christmas" at Winfield Elementary School.

First grade students and their parents were in attendance to enjoy the story and complete a holiday craft. Students also received their monthly book from the "Rotary Reads" program, and they joined in reading the book aloud together. It was a fun and energetic program that the children and their parents enjoyed. Rotary members, Gil Sweet, Tom Samuels and Pauline Emery shared another fun-filled afternoon of music and storytelling with Severn Elementary School first and second grade students and their teachers on Wednesday, December 17th. Over 120 students attended at Severn and it was truly a joy to see their smiling faces. These events are part of Rotary's school year long program to inspire a passion for reading and is organized by Pauline, chair of the literacy committee. Corning Rotary donates new, age-appropriate books which are distributed to the students every month. Rotarians hand out the books and then read them with the students.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



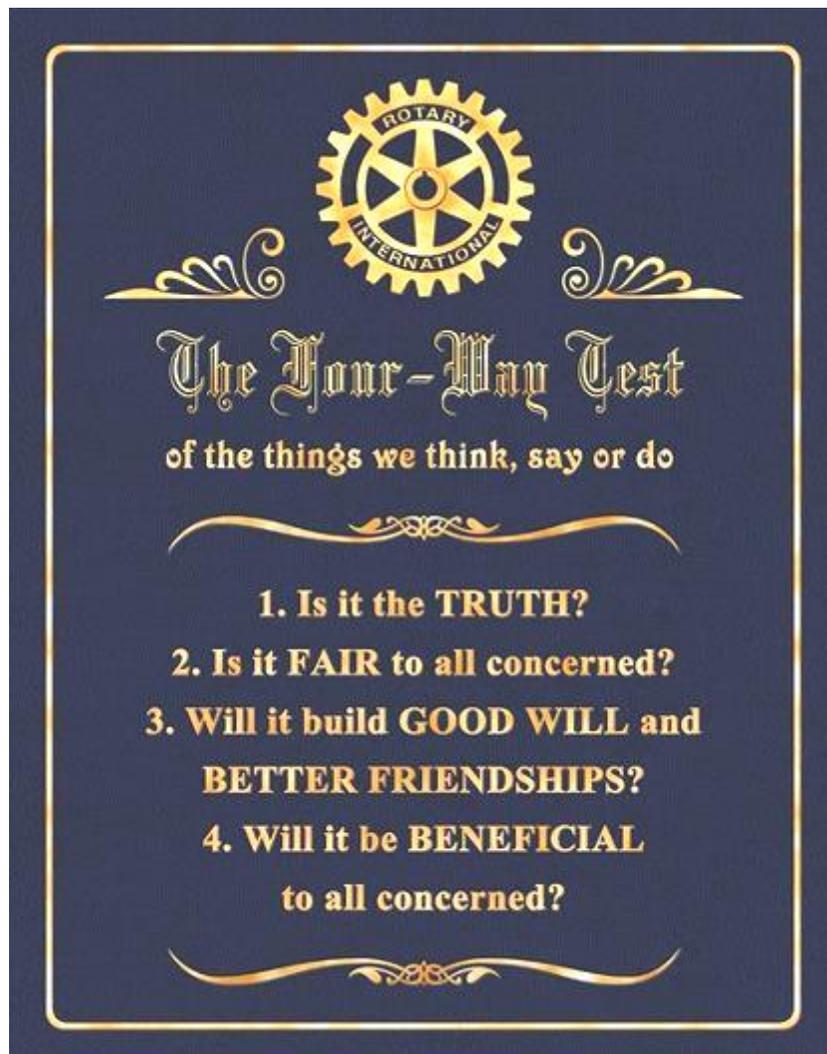
## DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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](mailto:jim.koz65@gmail.com) and mention the name and date of your event.**

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*Newark Rotary Club*

# **Pancake Breakfast**

*Newark High School*

**625 Peirson Ave • Newark, NY**

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**7:30 am - 11:30 am**



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## Upcoming CLUB Events

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club  
Coupon Book Sale

Rotary Club of International Service  
Build-A-Chair Project

Gananda Rotary Club  
Bike Rack Fundraiser

**March 1** Fairport Rotary Club  
Savor the Flavor of Fairport  
Egal Vale Golf Club

**March 14** Newark Rotary Club  
Pancake Breakfast  
Newark High School

## Upcoming DISTRICT Events

### District 7120 Conference

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

### Rotary Friendship Exchange

To Scotland  
Deadline February 1, 2026

### Grant Management Seminar

**Bath** January 17, 2026  
**Rochester** February 21, 2026

### Club Achievement Award

Deadline April 1, 2026

### District Learning Assembly

Waterloo High School  
April 11, 2026



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