



July 2026

Lisa Norwood, District Governor

Issue 1



Happy New Rotary Year!

What an incredible way to begin our year together! Just a few days after officially becoming your District Governor, I had the honor of throwing out the first pitch at our District Changeover celebration at the Rochester Red Wings game. Seeing Rotarians from across District 7120 gathered together, celebrating friendships, welcoming new leaders, and sharing their enthusiasm for Rotary reminded me why I am so excited for the year ahead.

This year, Rotary International President Yinka Babalola has challenged us to **Create Lasting Impact**. *It's a simple phrase, but one that speaks directly to what Rotary does best.*

I've witnessed that impact firsthand. Many years ago, my daughter Tiffany attended Camp Haccamo and Camp Sunshine, two of the camps supported by Rotarians throughout our district. Tiffany faced significant physical and developmental challenges throughout her short life, and those experiences meant the world to her and to our family. The volunteers who gave their time may never have known the difference they made, but their kindness created memories that still inspire me today.

That's Rotary...

We don't always see the full impact of our efforts. We may never know how a scholarship changed a student's future, how a service project strengthened a community, or how a simple act of kindness encouraged someone who needed it most. Yet those moments matter. They create lasting impact.

As your District Governor, one of my hopes for this year is that more Rotarians will discover opportunities beyond their own clubs. Whether it's supporting one of our youth programs, volunteering at a district event, serving on a committee, participating in a Rotary Friendship Exchange, or mentoring a newer member, there is a place for everyone to make a difference.

I'm especially excited about helping newer and younger members become involved and develop as leaders. The future of Rotary isn't something waiting in the distance, it's already sitting beside us at our meetings.

Over the next few months, I'll be visiting clubs and making area visits throughout the district. I look forward to hearing your stories, learning about your projects, and celebrating the many ways you are making a difference in your communities.

Thank you for all you do. Together, let's create lasting impact for our clubs, our communities, and the people whose lives we may never even realize we've changed. **I can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together this year!**

Yours in Rotary,

Lisa Norwood
Rotary District 7120
District Governor 2026-27

2026 District Changeover Event Photos from the [District 7120 Facebook](#) page.



By DGE Pete Vogt

As I read Governor Lisa's message about creating lasting impact, I found myself reflecting on what first drew me to Rotary. While our projects, fundraisers, and service initiatives often receive the most attention, it is the people behind those efforts who truly define Rotary.

Each of us has a reason for joining. Some came looking for fellowship. Others wanted to give back to their communities. Many stayed because they discovered something unexpected—a sense of purpose, lifelong friendships, or the realization that even a small act of service can change someone's life.

Rotary's greatest strength has never been measured by the number of meetings we hold or the dollars we raise. It is measured by the lives we touch. Sometimes those impacts are immediate and visible. More often, they unfold quietly over months or even years.

A student receives encouragement from a mentor and gains the confidence to pursue a dream. A family facing hardship receives support when they need it most. A young person attends a leadership program and one day becomes a leader in their own community. These stories begin with ordinary Rotarians who simply decided to say "yes" when an opportunity to serve appeared.

As we begin this Rotary year, each of us has the chance to write another chapter in those stories. Whether you have been a Rotarian for thirty years or thirty days, your ideas, your talents, and your willingness to serve matter. There is room for every member to contribute in ways both large and small.

This is also a wonderful time to invite others to experience what Rotary has meant to us. Our communities are filled with people who are looking for connection, purpose, and opportunities to make a difference. When we share our Rotary story with enthusiasm and authenticity, we open the door for someone else to discover a place where they can belong.

The coming year will bring new projects, new partnerships, and new opportunities to serve together. Let us embrace them with the same spirit of fellowship and optimism that has always defined Rotary.

President Yinka Babalola has challenged us to "Create Lasting Impact" and Governor Lisa has asked us to step up. That impact begins not with extraordinary moments, but with ordinary people choosing to care, to serve, and to lead.

Thank you for being one of those people. I look forward to seeing the many ways our clubs and our members will continue to strengthen our communities and inspire one another throughout the year ahead.

Here's to a Rotary year filled with service, friendship, and lasting impact.

District Governor Elect
Pete Vogt



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Nominations are Now Being Accepted for 2029-30 District Governor

The District 7120 Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for District Governor for the Rotary Year 2029 – 2030. Are you an experienced Rotarian, with interests in getting deeper into the operation of our district? Do you have leadership skills, perhaps underutilized, that need to be exercised? Can you assemble and lead a team of like-minded, enthusiastic people?

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

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

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

A candidate should **NOT** contact any member of the Nominating Committee, as this would be construed as electioneering, which is forbidden. If prospective candidates have any questions they should contact District Governor-Elect Peter Vogt walkingpete1947@gmail.com or District Governor-Nominee Richard de Asis rdeasis911@gmail.com.

Important information for prospective candidates:

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

- Must have served a full term as a club president and been a Rotarian for seven years;
- Must be physically fit and able to withstand at least two rigorous years;
- Must be willing to devote the required time and be able to perform as hereinafter set forth;
- Should have at least one year working at the district level in a leadership position;
- Should have a good working knowledge of Rotary;
- Must not be a member of the sitting Nominating Committee;
- Must have the support of his/her club.
- The application must be signed by the candidate, the President and Secretary of the Rotarian's club.
- The application must be returned to the Chair of the District Nominating Committee by the due date on the Application (October 14, 2026).

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

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

District 7120 Nominating Committee 2026-2027

Wendy Winnett (Chair)

Kelsey Holland

Kelly Comfort

Jim Crane IPDG

ExOfficio: Lisa Norwood DG

Nancy Stelnyk

Gary Reilly

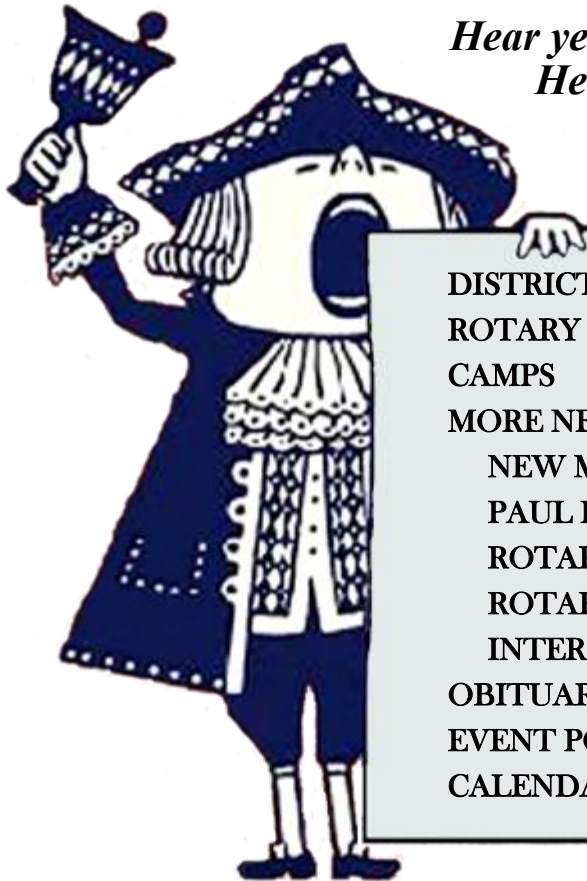
Reita Lynch

Mike Slovak PDG

Dave Hannan PDG

Linda Kohl PDG

Observer: Richard de Asis DGN



*Hear ye!
Hear ye!*

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Rotary



RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is about to be underway at Finger Lakes Community College. Students move in on Sunday, July 12th and stay through graduation on Thursday, July 16th. Whether your Rotary Club is sponsoring a student or not, we welcome you to join us for a portion to see what RYLA is all about.

Graduation begins at 1:00 and for \$10 can include lunch.

Please reach out to Carrie Grove (585-721-9950 or grovecar75@gmail.com) to determine the best time on the day that works for you to visit and/or RSVP for the RYLA Graduation luncheon.

Carrie Grove
District 7120 RYLA Chair

Rotary



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do

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

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
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4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Service-Leadership-FUN

Rotary District 7120 Interact News July 2026



Here we are in a new Rotary year with new opportunities for Interactors to participate in Service-Leadership-FUN!! We wish our graduates the best and look forward to letting our new Interact boards lead the way! For those who have updated your 2026-2027 Interact Advisor with RI, thank you and for those who have not please do so soon.

1. **District Interact Student Council Forming 2026-2027** Interested Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible to join. A District Interact Student Council brings together high school age youth leaders to foster collaboration, service, and leadership across local clubs. It acts as a bridge between individual clubs and Rotary, aiming to maximize community impact, develop leadership skills, promote international understanding, and organize district-wide service projects. If Interested contact Drew Ashley andrew.ashley@gmail.com
2. **Rotary Program Alumni Community Based Hybrid (in person and zoom) Rotaract Club Forming (Interact, RYLA, School Based Rotaract and other Rotary Program Alumni):** We are starting an Alumni Rotaract to keep in communication with graduating Interactors and RYLA grads as well as other Rotary Alumni. We are hoping to maintain interaction with our graduating seniors even if they are not in the area for college or beyond, as it will be a zoom hybrid club. There will be planned social and service events throughout the next Rotary year including summer and holidays. Even if they do not join the Rotaract club, we would like to get their contact information from them to keep them updated on what the club is doing so they can join in on activities. Please send info to andrew.ashley@gmail.com
3. **Rotary Youth Exchange: Needs Host Families:** There is a real need for local families to host an exchange student from another country. Also, it is a real opportunity for High School Students to experience another country's culture, and gain friendships abroad for a short- or longer-term exchange. For more information <https://rotarydistrict7120youthexchange.org/>
4. **NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE** is a customizable, short-term international exchange program for university students and young professionals up to age 30, designed to help participants connect their professional aspirations with impactful humanitarian projects. Through **NGSE**, individuals can explore new cultures, build professional skills, and develop a lifelong appreciation for international understanding and peace. More information can be found at <https://www.ngse.net/>
5. **Interact Club Scoreboard (Active and Terminated)**
 - a. 17/29 Advisors of Active Interact clubs show listed with Rotary International and are not in jeopardy of having their Interact clubs Chater being pulled and terminated. The rest need to be updated as soon as possible. This needs to be updated yearly as soon as possible and recommended by July 1 (See 6b below)
 - b. 29/ (guessing 50+) Interact clubs show Active with RI the rest have been Terminated with RI and need to recharter. They did not, yearly send in their Interact Advisors contact information (See 6a below to recharter)
 - c. To check if you club is in good standing (See 6c below)
6. **Rechartering Active, Terminated Interact Clubs with RI / Updating Active Interact Club Advisors with RI and 7120 District Interact:** Thank you for your progress in rechartering Active Interact Clubs that were Terminated by Rotary International for not updating their Interact Advisor yearly.
 - a. If you need to recharter, use this online form for a quicker process. https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Q-C0Z_0K-0qLIL-WNwyOfwns9ja2i05EuzNcd9-XjG5UM1pXVlo5MktlQIBPODVVUVk3UDg5UUwxNSQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl
 - b. Then current Active Interact Clubs, please update your Interact Advisor **yearly** in July - September using this online form. <https://my.rotary.org/en/report-your-interact-club-advisor> 14 Active Interact Clubs have yet to update their Interact Advisor. You will need your Interact ID (available in the status report below) and your Rotary ID if applicable is available in ClubRunner in your profile.
 - c. To check your Interact Clubs status (please check your existing Interact Club shows Active and if an Interact Advisor has been updated), please visit <https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/interact> Scroll down to Files on the left-hand side and select 7120 Interact Club Status (You will need a ClubRunner login to view this page as it has Rotarians contact information).
 - d. Please also send Advisor contact information to District 7120 Interact at andrew.ashley@gmail.com This is so we can keep you informed of information about Interact and send updates from Rotary International.
7. **Interact Student/Advisor Learning Opportunities Rotary Learning Center:** Service- Learning Manuals for Interactors and Advisors are available. This gives Interactors a guide to learning about Service Projects and Service in their Communities and Worldwide. Students 16 and above and Non-Rotary Advisors can sign up for a My Rotary account <https://my.rotary.org/> (Information is not saved by RI after registration if they are under 18). Once signed in, Advisors and Interactors can go to this link for online training and handbooks.
 - a. For Students: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/courses/1306/youth-guide-to-service-learning/lessons>
 - b. Advisors: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/courses/1304/getting-started-service-learning-for-advisers/lessons>
 - c. Advisor Essentials Training Series <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/learning-plans/659/interact-adviser-essentials>
 - d. Interactors also have their own version of the Interact Handbook <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-handbook-guide-for-interactors>
 - e. Advisors Handbook <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-handbook-guide-for-sponsor-clubs-and-advisers>

Please celebrate Interact club accomplishments, including advertising in the Grapevine and 7120 Rotary Facebook page (Has to be sent to Linda Kohl) or Interact District 7120 Public Facebook page send to Drew Ashley at andrew.ashley@gmail.com Make sure your communities know what these young leaders are doing

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



7120 Alumni Rotaract Forming

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

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

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

Club Focus:

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



District Interact Student Council Reforming

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

A District Interact Student Council brings together youth leaders (ages 12-18) to foster collaboration, service, and leadership across local clubs. It acts as a bridge between individual clubs and Rotary, aiming to maximize community impact, develop leadership skills, promote international understanding, and organize district-wide service projects.

Key purposes and functions include:

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

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

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

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/>

Human Trafficking *Is in Your Area!*

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

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

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

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

rotary7120eht@gmail.com

Submitted by David DeMers



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

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

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

Format: 4-person Scramble

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

\$35 per person dinner only option.

To register: *Scan Here:*



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

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

Deadline for all registrations is Sunday, August 30th.

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

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

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

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

Additional Sponsorships:

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

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

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

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

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

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH
2026**

A DISTRICT LEARNING EVENT

Rotary
District 7120



LOCATED @

**HARRIS
BEACH
MURTHA**

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

PITTSFORD NY

More details to follow!

DISTRICT 7120 PRESENTS:

ONE ROTARY SUMMIT

IGNITING PASSION - DRIVING ACTION



**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF**



Literacy Corner



DID YOU KNOW, Lack of Financial Literacy has an impact to local Communities!

A lack of financial literacy causes communities to suffer from entrenched poverty, higher rates of predatory lending, and a widening wealth gap. Residents without basic money management skills often struggle with debt, lack emergency savings, and miss out on local wealth-building opportunities, which drains the overall economic health of the area. *National Education Association*

- **Vulnerable to Predatory Practices:**

Those with less financial knowledge often become victims of high interest credit traps, payday lenders and other predatory practices.

- **Intergenerational Poverty:**

When Parents lack foundational financial knowledge, they cannot pass on essential money management skills to their children, perpetuating a cycle of financial instability for the next generation.

United Way of York County

- **Wealth Disparities:**

Communities with lower financial literacy do not take advantage of wealth building tools such as retirement accounts, homeownership, the stock market which leads to income inequality.

- **Stifled Local Economy:**

Those with less money contribute less disposable income into the local businesses community, resulting in less job growth and a stunted economy.

- **Elevated Stress and Health Issues:**

Stress caused by lack of financial instability leads to higher health issues and overall lower community well-being.

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

September 26, 2026

9:00 am to noon

Clifton Springs Hospital Rotary Room

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

The 2026 Theme is Financial Literacy

Panel Discussion on the following topics

Budget & Saving

Karen Hoad, Reliant Credit Union

Credit & Debt Management

Charles Parkhurst, Lyons National Bank

Housing

Wendy Winnett, Warren Homes

Taxes

Scott Healy, CPA

Insurance

Rhett VanScoter, VanScoter Insurance

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

Submitted by Nancy Marrer



Criteria for the 2025-2026 Literacy Recognition

Theme: Literacy/Financial



Must Complete 5 Different Projects to Qualify

General Ideas and Suggestions:

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

Name of Club:

Contact person w/email:

Form must be submitted by April 20, 2027

Send to: JoAnn Terry, 100 McAuley Drive, Apt. 150, Rochester, NY 14610,

or email to: JoAnn @ joannterry7@gmail.com

Please use the back of this form if you need more room

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



Event

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACT | BELONG | CHANGE

DISTRICT 7120 CONFERENCE 2027

JUNE 5, 2027 | ROCHESTER, NY

FRIDAY
6/4

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

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

SATURDAY
6/5

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

EARLY BIRD TICKETS

\$135

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



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

Register at: bit.ly/DC-2027



District 7120
Lisa Norwood, District Governor



MAKE A DIFFERENCE | FIND YOUR PEOPLE | CREATE AN IMPACT

ROTARY ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP

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

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



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

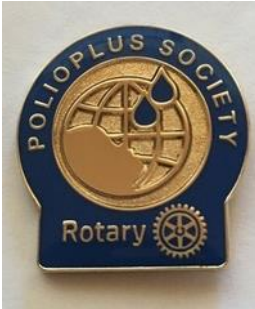
Here are a few comments from previous participants of the D7120 Rotary Action Planning Workshop.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

By the numbers:

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

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



The Polio Plus Society

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

Club Name _____ District # _____

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

Sign up today!



2027 Rotary International Convention

📅 26-30 June 2027 📍 Barcelona, Spain



Registration opens September 2026

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





2026

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



2026

August 9 to 14
Ages 6 - 12



HERE IS LOVE

2026

August 9 to 15
Ages 8 - 21



2026

August 15 to 29
Ages 8 - 16



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

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



Booty Bike to Support GVRC 2026

Join us in supporting Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC) through our annual Booty Bike ride! Staff and supporters will be biking about 65 miles from Hamlin Beach to Camp Samwood to raise funds that help make camp possible for incredible kids and families.

Thursday, August 6, 2026

Hamlin Beach → Camp Samwood

Your donations directly support GVRC programs and campers. You can give through Venmo to individual riders or directly here.

Let's ride together for a cause and keep the GVRC spirit strong!

<https://gvrc.org/2026/07/booty-bike-to-support-gvrc-2026/>



Celebrating 70 Years of Camp Haccamo And Rotary History



Remember the Penfield Rotary Variety Shows? If you were around the Rochester and Finger Lakes region in the '50s, '60s, or '70s, you probably remember the packed auditoriums, live music, and comedy sketches of the famous "Command Performances." As we celebrate Camp Haccamo's 70th Anniversary this year, take a trip down memory lane with us, and learn about Eddie and Kay Hawkins, whose dedication tied these spectacular shows directly to the early days of our amazing camp.

Read the full, heartwarming story on our blog here <https://bit.ly/3SQYV1J> or visit www.CampHaccamo.org and navigate to our blog.

What is Your Camp Haccamo Story?

As we celebrate 70 years of magic and memories at Camp Haccamo, we want to hear from *you*! *Did you volunteer at the camp in its early days? Did you perform in or attend the Penfield Rotary variety shows? Or maybe you have a favorite memory of seeing the campers' smiling faces? Whether your story is from 1956 or 2026, your memories are a vital part of our history. Please email us or feel free to contact Neal Gorman at (212) 203-3889.*

Celebrate 70 years of smiles, joy and unforgettable memories with us. Please save the date for our milestone anniversary event on **Saturday, September 19, 2026, 5pm**, at the **Pittsford Fire Station (465 Pittsford Mendon Road)**. We're pulling out all the stops with dinner, awesome prizes, a live performance by the Pittsford Fire Department Band, and more. Ticket pricing, formal invitations, and RSVP details are coming your way soon. You won't want to miss this!

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Submitted by Neal Gorman



Corning Rotary Club

Five new members were inducted into the Corning club at the change-over picnic !

Bryan Bender is the current pastor and administrator at The Salvation Army in Corning which serves all of Steuben County. He arrived here in Corning at the end of June last year from serving in Ohio for the past ten years. He has experienced many different communities each with their own challenges and opportunities and looks forward to building relationships and serving the people here in Corning.

Angela Daniels brings a background in classroom education as well as fine and performing arts to her work in the community. She currently serves as librarian at the Alternative School for Math and Science in Corning and is actively engaged with the Philanthropic Advisory Board of the American Library Association. Angela has contributed her time and

experience to numerous community organizations, including the Rockwell Museum, YMCA, Watson Woods, 171 Cedar Arts, Elmira Little Theatre, and the Salvation Army, among others.

Darro Snyder, after serving in the Army as a military police officer, lived in Syracuse for 10 years starting a career as a union carpenter. Moving to Corning, he is still a union carpenter but also has started his own business as a NYS licensed home inspector. His personal time is spent in quality time spent with his family and helping Veterans in any way that he can.

Rose Coluccio is the Director of Engineering, Manufacturing Technology and Engineering, North America at Corning Incorporated. She has led the MTE North America organization since 2024. In this role, she is responsible for engineering strategy, technology development, and the execution of programs that improve cost-effectiveness, capacity, quality, and capability across the enterprise. With 25 years of service at Corning Incorporated, Rose has held a wide range of leadership roles spanning engineering, new product introduction, quality engineering, and manufacturing. Her experiences include work in six manufacturing plants across three different divisions, encompassing both division-level and corporate engineering leadership positions.

Scott Sayre is a retired museum leader, educator, and digital strategist with more than three decades of experience advancing innovation at the intersection of culture, technology, and public engagement. Most recently, he served as Chief Digital, Information and Education Officer at the Corning Museum of Glass from 2014 to 2024, where he led strategy for digital initiatives, information systems, and education, helping expand how the museum engaged both onsite and global audiences. In 2003, he co-founded Sandbox Studios, an independent consulting practice that partnered with leading museums including the Andy Warhol Museum, Art Institute of Chicago, Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. His work focused on early innovations in digital learning and online access to collections. In retirement, he is focused on community service in Corning where he serves as a board member and secretary for Steuben County Habitat for Humanity. He also founded and manages Steuben County's first Tool Library, which provides access to tools, promotes skill-sharing, and supports sustainability. In addition, he has organized Corning's first Repair Café program, bringing together volunteers to repair household items, reduce waste, and strengthen community connections. Throughout his career and into retirement, he has remained committed to education, innovation, and service, with a focus on building stronger, more connected communities.



Left to right: Bryan Bender, Angela Daniels, Darro Snyder, Rose Coluccio, and Scott Sayre

Submitted by Jan Harvey

WELCOME

Corning Rotary Club

President Jennifer Batzing recently welcomed Eric Biribuze into the Corning club. Sponsored by Rotarian Yannick Basabakwinshi (right), Eric (left) is looking forward to being a contributor to Rotary's work in the community.

Eric is a senior global business leader at Corning Incorporated and currently leads Corning Environmental Technologies' Global Customer Service and Commercial Excellence. In this role, he is responsible for driving commercial strategies to achieve business growth through exceptional leadership skills, a deep understanding of customer service principles, and a strategic, results-oriented approach to business development.

Eric brings nearly three decades of experience at Corning, having held leadership roles across strategy, sales, new business development, manufacturing, finance, and product line management in the United States and internationally. He is widely respected for his ability to scale global businesses, lead complex transformations, and build high-performing, diverse teams.

Born in Burundi, Eric's early academic excellence launched a remarkable global journey. After ranking among the top students nationally, he earned a prestigious scholarship to study in China, where he mastered Chinese and English while completing both undergraduate and graduate education entirely in Chinese. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and a Master's degree in Management Information Systems from Northeastern University, as well as an MBA from the Walker College of Business at Appalachian State University.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Waterloo Rotary Club

Waterloo Rotary Change Over Dinner Awards were presented by President Rene Dombek.

Rotarian of the Year went to Coreen Lowry "For Service Above Self".

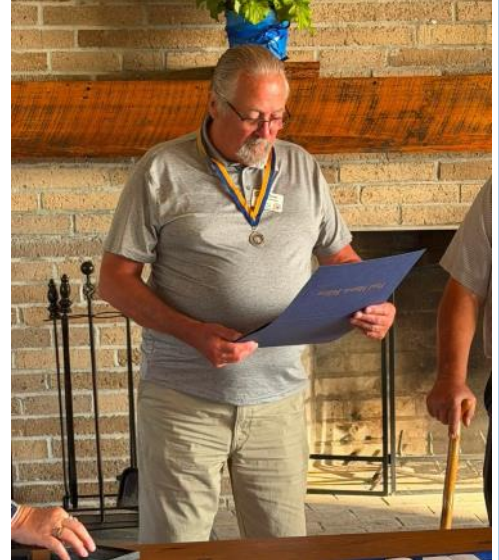
The Club's Paul Harris Award was voted and bestowed upon to Tom Freeman!

Waterloo Rotary congratulates tonight's Rotarians who were award Paul Harris pins: Bill Sigrist +6, Jeff Cassim Major Donor +1, and Chris & Jane Shaffer Major Donor +2 by Assistant Dist 7120 Gov Stacy Wyant, President Renee Dombek and Foundation Chair Jeff Cassim.

Submitted by Jane Shaffer



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Pal-Mac Rotary Club

What a great evening, Wednesday, June 24th, at Bob and Dianne Sloan's hilltop home in Palmyra as we celebrated Change-Over. We gave thanks for Leslie Vecchiotti's year of leadership as our president and welcomed our new president, Kim Clement.

We began by each club member sharing a joy, proceeded to dinner, meat grilled by Chef Bob, and then presented a few awards. Joan Shaffer received a Paul Harris Plus One, and Bev Crawford was honored as Rotarian of the Year.



We concluded with the "Gavel Exchange!"

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Clifton Springs-Phelps Rotary Club

At the Rotary Club of Clifton Springs-Phelps Changeover Dinner on June 23, Amanda Cheney and Hannah Williams, pictured with Club President Mary dePorter, were named Paul Harris Fellows. Both of these young ladies have demonstrated the ideal of service in their lives. As Community Coordinators of the Phelps Business Development and Tourism Council “their efforts consistently bring people together and strengthen the sense of community that makes Phelps and Clifton so special...always going above and beyond to improve and uplift our community.” Congratulations to Amanda and Hannah!

Submitted by Scott MacDonell



Bath Rotary Club

Recently the Bath Rotary Club recognized two remarkable individuals with one of Rotary's highest honors, the Paul Harris Fellow Award. Bob Cole, Jr., who retired as an attorney on March 4, 2015, received a Paul Harris Fellow +2 Award. Bob joined the Bath Rotary Club in 1983, transferred his membership to the Corning Rotary Club in 1998, and transferred his membership back to the Bath Rotary Club in 2023. He has been a valued member whose kindness, wisdom, and willingness to serve have enriched the Bath Rotary Club and the local community. He embodies the very spirit of Rotary, quietly stepping up wherever he is needed and supporting the mission of making the community a better place. Bob serves on the club's Board of Directors as the Sergeant-at-Arms and was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc., the scholarship arm of the local club.



At a recent meeting of the Bath Rotary Club, Bob Cole, Jr. received a Paul Harris Fellow +2 Award, and Marie McKee, his wife, received her first Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Marie McKee, Bob's wife, received her first Paul Harris Fellow Award. Although Marie is not a Rotarian, she has spent her career enriching the lives of countless people through her leadership and vision. As President of the Corning Museum of Glass, she helped elevate one of the region's most treasured institutions, sharing the artistry, history, and innovation of glass with visitors from around the world. Her commitment to education, culture, and community has left an enduring legacy. Marie retired from the museum on December 31, 2014.

Bob and Marie have exemplified philanthropy, leadership, service, and a deep commitment to improving the world around them. Their individual accomplishments are impressive, but it is their shared dedication to giving back that makes their recognition especially meaningful.

Written by Elaine Tears, Picture by Cheryl Muller

Gananda Rotary Club

At Gananda Rotary Club's Annual Changeover picnic, outgoing president Jerry Tavormina congratulates his successor, Wanda Arnold who will serve as the Club President for 2026-2027. Wanda has been dubbed: "Wanda From Gananda" to make her stand out to other Rotary members in the District.



Outgoing president of the Gananda Rotary Club, Jerry Tavormina (holding his granddaughter Charlie) was presented with the Paul Harris Award for being so active in the club, that he is called the "Yes" man. Holding his award is his Rotary sponsor Sandy Pagano, and Club Secretary Patti Holdraker in the back. The Paul Harris Award is Rotary's highest service honor.

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Ontario Walworth Rotary Club

Ontario Walworth Rotary Crossover June 23rd at Young Sommers Winery Williamson NY
NY state senator Pamela Helming was in attendance. Awards given Doze Guyz Entertainment recognized as the Town of Ontario business of the Year for 2026 - 2027. Owners of the business Thomas and Daniel LoDestro have provided DJ and MC services, along with photobooth to many organizations. This a joint award presented by Rotary past president Dom Paz, and Ontario Chamber Directors Susan Tripp and Brain Natale.

Charles Monsees recognized as Rotarian of the Year 2026 - 2027.

Paul Harris plus four to past president Michael Havens.

Senator Pam Helming honored President and past district governor Mark Wyse with a citation from the New York State senate for all his great community service.

Also receiving their first Paul Harris Christine LoDestro, Steven LoDestro and Daniel LoDestro.



Submitted by Steven LoDestro

Corning Rotary Club

At the recent Corning club's changeover picnic, two Paul Harris recognitions were given by Rotarian Les Rosenbloom to two Rotarians surprising them with this honor.

Peter Winnett was stunned when he received his Multiple Paul Harris Fellow double sapphire pin. A 34-year Rotarian, Peter has served the club and the district in many capacities over the course of his membership.

Dr. Jim Webb was also surprised when he was awarded his Multiple Paul Harris Fellow triple ruby pin. A 21-year Rotarian, Jim currently serves as the chair of the New Generations committee and has filled many other roles in the past.

It is truly an honor to recognize both of these dedicated Corning Rotarians!

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Paul Harris Fellow

Naples Rotary Club

On Monday evening June 29, 2026, Naples Rotary held its Gavel Crossover Dinner at Reservoir Creek Golf Club. In addition to 38 Club members, we welcomed 14 family and friends as our guests. We were honored to be joined by outgoing District Governor, Jim Crane, Area Assistant Governor Nancy Latour and incoming District Governor, Lisa Norwood. 2025-2026 Naples Rotary President, Jack Fredericks passed the Gavel to incoming Co-Presidents Carrie Grove and Judy Miller, a great daughter and mother team.



Forty-year plus Naples Rotary member, Skip Miller was awarded his Paul Harris Fellow +4 pin by his wife Judy. We are looking forward to a great Rotary year ahead, Creating Lasting Impact!

Submitted by Cindy Scoda





Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

Yumi Morino (YEX- JAPAN) made her final appearance before the Victor - Farmington Rotary Club in late June to bid farewell and speak briefly on her year with the club. She began her presentation with a quip of humor: "Well, I made it through." With that opening she went on to discuss her year in the Victor – Farmington community and her activities with host Rotarians, club members, and the many new friends she made via Victor Senior High School and Rotary Youth Exchange. Yumi noted that she arrived as a stranger but thanks to the warmth and friendship she encountered it became an easier transition.



L to R - Club President John Summers - Yumi - DG Jim Crane

When asked about her memorable travel experiences during the past year she spoke of her trips to Washington, DC, and visiting the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. She also enjoyed her trip to NYC. Having come from an urban life in Japan she had her first-ever opportunity to visit a farm. Yumi was impressed by the spaciousness and size of the USA. At school, she was able to attend her Senior Prom, and as another first, she wore a formal gown for the first time in her life.

Yumi concluded her presentation by thanking everyone for making her YEX experience meaningful, memorable and enjoyable.

Submitted by David Luitweiler



Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

Yume Morino Departs for Home - Rochester Airport June 24th



L to R Rotarians Nancy Loughlin (W-Montour), Judy Luitweiler (V-F), Galen Powers (V-F), Country Officer Hanna Kristensen (Rotex), Brianna Michielsen (V-F), Angel Cotton Sanz (YEX - Mexico), DG Jim Crane, Dave Luitweiler (V-F) - CENTER: YUME MORINO

Submitted by David Luitweiler

Geneva Rotary Club

The Interact Club of Geneva High School raised \$1,029.25 this year in various projects, including a bake sale at a Geneva Rotary Club meeting. The club decided to donate \$257 to the Geneva Center of Concern. Director Cheryl Toor accepted the check at a recent meeting.

The Interactors also donated \$257 to the Council on Alcoholism & Other Chemical Dependencies and \$515.25 to Give2Cuba.

Submitted by Ted Baker

Interact
Rotary Sponsored Club



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Gananda Rotary Club

Gananda Rotary Club members and student volunteers collected snack items to include in 500 bags to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester, for families who stay at the House during their child's hospitalization. It was a nearly two hour event, filled with fun and efficient packing. Well done!

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Gananda Rotary Club

The Gananda Rotary Club hosted a Meet the Candidates night for the Gananda Central Board of Education candidates running for election. Pictured are candidates Debbi Napolitano, John Finnegan, guest moderator Rotarian Patti Holdraker, and candidate Crystal Yarnes.

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



Service Above Self



Clifton Springs-Phelps Rotary

"Nub", a loyal and dedicated member of the Clifton Springs Rotary since 2010, was recently proclaimed an "Honorary Member" by the board of directors of the Clifton Springs-Phelps Rotary Club. Pictured are PDG Scott MacDonell and club treasurer Hugh Kane presenting the Honorary Member certificate to a very pleased "Nub" at his home on June 10.

Submitted by Scott MacDonell



PHILLIP "NUB" ALLEN NAMED HONORARY MEMBER OF THE CLIFTON SPRINGS-PHELPS ROTARY CLUB

Newark Rotary Club

Haiti support from the Newark Rotary Club

Since 2010 Newark Rotary has been supporting a group of school children in Haiti. Below is a recent photo.



Submitted by John Zornow

Bath Rotary Club

Recently several Bath Rotarians participated in a Flag Day Ceremony, hosted by the Bath Elks Lodge, a fraternal organization which promotes and practices the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Flag Day is the annual holiday that commemorates the Second Continental Congress's adoption on June 14, 1777 of the Stars and Stripes as the official U. S. flag. The resolution established the official design for the first American flag to have thirteen stripes, alternating red and white, with a blue field featuring thirteen white stars.



Cheryl Muller, a Bath Rotarian, sang the "Star-Spangled Banner" during the remarks at the Flag Day Ceremony, held recently in Bath, NY. Standing next to Cheryl is Denis Oliver, a Past Elks Exalted Ruler.

As part of the local ceremony led by Denis Oliver, Past Elks Exalted Ruler, Cheryl Muller, a Bath Rotarian, sang the "Star-Spangled Banner". During the remarks by Oliver, the Bath Rotary Club was recognized as helping with the serving of hotdogs, watermelon, and bottled water at the concession stand.

The local Rotary Club was most pleased and honored to have been asked to participate in this ceremony of American patriotism and cultivation of fellowship.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Susan Jackson



Bath Rotarians served hotdogs, watermelon, and bottled water to attendees of the recent Flag Day Ceremony, held in Pulteney Park in Bath, NY. Standing left to right are: Eddie VanStine, Bill White, Mike Slovak, Michelle Smalt, Tess McKinley, and Nancy Latour. Absent from the picture is Susan Jackson who was taking the picture.



Several Bath Rotarians attended the recent Flag Day Ceremony, hosted by the Bath Elks Lodge. Sitting left to right are: Brandi Graham, Cheryl Muller, Tess McKinley, Bill White, Mike Slovak, Michelle Smalt, Nancy Latour, and Eddie VanStine. Absent from the picture is Susan Jackson who was taking the picture.

Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary Receives Literacy Award – 10 Years Straight Years

This year, the Greece Rotary provided 600 Early Learning Kits to the Greece School District's Early Learning Center to support literacy and communication skills for Pre-K and kindergarten students.

Each kit is thoughtfully curated with 2 books, a journal for creative expression and imagination, alphabet cards, crayons, a pencil, and a pencil sharpener to inspire young minds. Additionally, a heartfelt letter to parents accompanies each kit, acknowledging the generous gift from Greece

Rotarians, expressing gratitude for NY State Senator Cooney's vital support with funding, and offering valuable guidance on maximizing the kits' impact with their education.

This was the 10th year in a row for The Greece Rotary was recognized as a leading Rotary club in the promotion of Literacy.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary Club is proud to honor **Gregg Sadwick** as the **2026 Rotarian of the Year**, recognizing a leader whose dedication, generosity, and unwavering commitment to "Service Above Self" have strengthened both the club and the community it serves.

A longtime member and **Past President**, Gregg has shaped the culture of Greece Rotary through steady leadership, humility, and a deep belief in the power of service. His influence is felt in every corner of the club - from mentoring new members to stepping in wherever help is needed.

Gregg's most visible and enduring contribution is his exceptional work as **Chairperson of the Italian Festa Dinner**, the club's signature fundraiser. Under his guidance, the event has grown into a beloved community tradition that raises vital funds for local and international service projects. His ability to organize volunteers, engage sponsors, and create a warm, welcoming atmosphere has made the Festa a highlight of the year.

Beyond leadership, Gregg is also one of Greece Rotary's most **generous sponsors**, consistently supporting events and initiatives that help the club expand its reach. His contributions - both financial and hands - on - reflect a genuine commitment to making a difference.

Whether he's coordinating behind the scenes, rolling up his sleeves at an event, or offering thoughtful guidance, Gregg embodies what it means to be a **Greece Rotary Hero**. His service, spirit, and reliability have made a lasting impact on the club and the community.

The Greece Rotary Club proudly celebrates **Gregg Sadwick**, a leader whose actions speak louder than words and whose dedication inspires us all.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Rotary e-Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children



Rotary Clubs Partner to Spread Hope, One Sandwich at a Time for the Open Door Mission

Demonstrating the power of Rotary collaboration, Sharon Spencer, Ann Demers, and Helen Gormont from the Rotary e-Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children joined Past District Governor Dave DeMers of the Spencerport Rotary Club and members of the ROC City Rotary Club in a community service project benefiting the Open Door Mission in Rochester, New York.

Working side by side, the volunteers prepared and donated peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to help nourish individuals experiencing homelessness. While the sandwiches were simple, their impact was meaningful - providing both a meal and a reminder that the community cares.

The project also showcased one of Rotary's greatest strengths: collaboration. Rotarians from multiple clubs built friendships, shared ideas, and united in Service Above Self. Together, they demonstrated that when Rotary clubs work in partnership, they multiply their impact and bring hope to those who need it most.

Submitted by Bill Gormont

Rotary e-Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children

The Rotary e-Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children Touches Lives in Cambodia

Small Personal Experiences Can Result In Hi-Impact For Everyone. Pennsylvania members of the *Rotary e-Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children*, Michelle and John Bailey, recently visited Cambodia and toured a rural school where students were learning English. They spent time reading with the children and sharing stories about their hometown in Pennsylvania and life in the United States.

For the students, it was a rare opportunity to practice speaking with native English speakers, helping build both confidence and cultural awareness. During their visit, John and Michelle met an inspiring young boy named Berry, who became a memorable highlight of their trip. Touched by the experience, they donated school supplies and made a financial contribution to support the school and its students.

Submitted by Bill Gormont



Canandaigua Rotary Club

The selection committee recently announced the Rotarian Rookie-of-the-Year as Jody Wilbur. She has been very involved since the day of her induction last September, especially with the Monte Carlo Night. Last April she was also Rotary Radiance team for the Light Hill Walk-a-Thon.

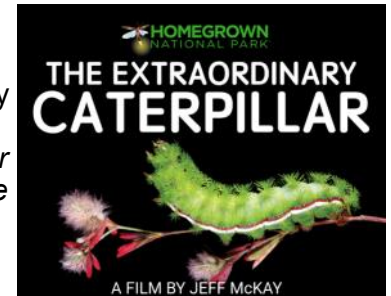
Pictured are Club President Elect Dr. Paul Harvey, Jody Wilbur and Friend:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg



Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest

Kailee's Garden, the Rotary Club of Rochester Southwest's signature project, received special recognition on June 29, 2026, at the Dryden Theatre, courtesy of Laurie Broccolo of B-Friendly Farm and Gardens (A Broccolo Company). The occasion was a screening of *The Extraordinary Caterpillar*, a fundraiser for the Saunders Finger Lakes Museum that drew several hundred attendees. The film highlights the vital role caterpillars play in a healthy ecosystem. Following the screening, Laurie Broccolo spoke to the audience and shared before-and-after photos showing the remarkable transformation of Kailee's Garden from an abandoned city lot into the thriving green space it is today. Having not visited the garden in several years, Laurie was overwhelmed by its beauty.



Our thanks go to Eleanor Coleman and Kim Rivers VanNess, who tend the garden faithfully, and to Dennis Coleman for his steady support of Eleanor's efforts. Special recognition also goes to Mary Gerlach — our club secretary and the garden's neighbor — whose generosity in providing water access and equipment storage has been instrumental to the garden's success

Submitted by Karen Emerson

Bath Rotary Club

The Bath Rotary Club held its Annual Changeover Dinner on June 19 at the Charles E. Westcott Post 173 American Legion at which time the club's 2026 – 2027 Board of Directors was installed, and several club members were honored. The invocation was given by Brandi Graham, 2023 – 2024 Bath Rotary Club President; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jane Russell, Finance Chair. Finally, Cheryl Muller, Youth Services Chair, led the attendees in the singing of "God Bless America".

Upon arrival to the dinner the attendees were able to purchase 50/50 tickets. The drawing supported Potter's Hand, a faith-based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, committed to serving survivors of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking as they work through the restoration and healing process. It provides a safe, secure environment where females receive physical, emotional, and spiritual healing and learn the skills necessary for self-reliance and reintegration to society.

In his opening remarks, Eddie VanStine, 2025 – 2026 Bath Rotary Club President, stated, "As we gather this evening for our Annual Changeover Dinner, I find myself reflecting on what has truly been an extraordinary year for the Bath Rotary Club. This year our club has continued to build upon an extensive legacy. We strengthened our foundation, expanded our reach, experienced membership growth, strengthened our commitment to youth, and elevated our impact throughout the Greater Bath community and beyond."

Michael Slovak, Bath Rotarian and Past Rotary District 7120 Governor, administered the Oath of Office to the 2026 – 2027 Board of Directors in attendance, including: Nancy Latour, President and Fundraising and Events Chair; Eddie VanStine, Past President; Benita Nesbitt, Foundation Chair; Cheryl Muller, Youth Services Chair; Bill White, Membership Chair; Elaine Tears, Public Relations Chair; Jane Russell, Finance Chair.

Other members of the Board of Directors for 2026 – 2027, who were unable to attend the dinner, were also recognized: Tess McKinley, Secretary and Service Projects Chair; Jay Maslyn, Treasurer; Amanda Cronin, Planning Chair; Bob Cole, Jr., Sergeant-at-Arms; Angela Mattoon, Webmaster.

Recognition was given by President VanStine to those who have strived to achieve the ideal of humanitarian service and high ethical standards under the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self".

- **Rotarian of the Year:** Tess McKinley. McKinley has helped organize and lead countless club projects, fundraisers, and community initiatives, including serving as the club's Strategic Planning Committee Chair, being a most valuable member of the Bath Rotary Student Fund, Inc. (the scholarship arm of the club), serving as the club's Service Projects Chair, and chairing the club's Pi Day fundraiser. She has also agreed to serve as the 2026 – 2027 Bath Rotary Club Secretary. In addition to her valuable service to Rotary, she serves on the Bath-Haverling Central School Board of Education, is an active member of 4-H, and is a Master Gardener. McKinley is able to balance most effectively her participation in community activities with a demanding career as the Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Steuben Chapter and her family responsibilities.
- **Rookie of the Year:** Susan Jackson. Since joining the club in August 2025, Jackson has been very involved, including: helping with Camp STAR, attending Pi Day, chairing the club's floral bouquet fundraiser, attending Flag Day, and attending most weekly club meetings. Beyond Rotary, Susan is a tremendous advocate for mental health awareness and community wellness.
- **Citizen of the Year:** Tim Marshall. As Steuben County Public Safety Director, Marshall stands at the center of some of the most critical operations in Steuben County. From emergency communications and the county's State-of-the-Art 911 Center to fire services, emergency medical services, disaster response, emergency planning, and public safety coordination, Tim is often the steady hand guiding efforts behind the scenes. He works with FEMA, state agencies, local governments, first responders, and community partners to protect lives, restore infrastructure, and help communities recover from disasters.

Nancy Latour, Club Secretary, asked those Bath Rotary Club Past Presidents in attendance to stand and be recognized. They included: Michael Slovak (2007 – 2008); Benita Nesbitt (2014 – 2015); Elaine Tears (2016 – 2017); Nancy Latour (2017 – 2018); Jane Russell (2019 – 2020); Brandi Graham (2023 – 2024).

As the evening's program came to a close, VanStine remarked, "It is hard to believe that my term as Bath Rotary Club President is coming to an end. Serving as your President has been one of the greatest honors of my life, and I am deeply grateful for the trust, friendship, and support each of you has shown me throughout this remarkable journey. I stand before you humbled and proud, not because of what I have accomplished but because of what we have accomplished together. Let us now welcome Nancy Latour as the 2026 – 2027 Bath Rotary Club President. Nancy's experience, leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to Rotary makes her the ideal person to lead our club into its next chapter."

Latour then stated, "When I agreed to serve as the Bath Rotary Club President for a second time, I thought about all the reasons someone might say yes to serving in such a role – duty, service, commitment, leadership, etc. However, those of you who know me know that the big question that kept coming back to me was much simpler will it be fun? Indeed, Rotary does serious work. However, after years in Rotary, I have learned something important: the clubs that thrive aren't just the ones that work hard – they're the ones that enjoy working together and have fun because Rotary gives us the opportunity to serve while building lasting friendships."

Written by Elaine Tears

Pictures by Jami Long & Susan Jackson



Service Awards and Attendance/Participation Recognitions were announced at the 2026 Bath Rotary Club Changeover Dinner. Seated: Susan Jackson, Hilda Lando (accepting award for Tess McKinley), and Tim Marshall. Standing (Middle Row): Nancy Latour, Elaine Tears, Benita Nesbitt, Brandi Graham, and Jane Russell. Standing (Back Row): Bill White, Terry Bilancio, Cheryl Muller, Eddie VanStine, and Michelle Smalt.



Some of the 2026 – 2027 Bath Rotary Club Board of Directors attended the club's Changeover Dinner on June 19. Seated: Nancy Latour and Eddie VanStine. Standing: Benita Nesbitt, Elaine Tears, Bill White, Jane Russell, and Cheryl Muller.



Several attendees at the Bath Rotary Club's Changeover Dinner were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows and proudly wore their Paul Harris Fellow medallion and pin. Seated: Benita Nesbitt, Nancy Latour, Brandi Graham, and Elaine Tears. Standing: Michael Slovak, Jo Slovak, Bill White, Jane Russell, Terry Bilancio, Cheryl Muller, and Woody Latour.

Canandaigua Rotary Club



The Canandaigua Rotary Club chose its Rotarian-of-the-Year as Dr. Paul Harvey. He is also the Club's current President Elect and has had a busy year. Historically he has been active in the Club for over 30 years, has been on 31 different committees, and chaired 7 of them. He is also active in the community as board member at Sonnenberg Gardens, and was recently named Optometrist of the Year by NY State Optometric Association.

Pictured are Dr Paul Harvey, Presenter Donna Miller, and Club President Kent Gilges:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg

Pal-Mac Rotary Club

On Saturday, June, 13, 29 foursomes played Silver Creek Golf Club in Waterloo in support of Camp ONSEYAWA, a two-week camp held at Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake in August. It provides a wonderful experience for teens with disabling conditions.

Our Rotary Club provided five teams. We had great fun while helping to raise needed funds. Here are three of our five.

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Webster Rotary Club

On July 1, 2026, the Webster club was excited to welcome new club President Alexandra Scialdone!

Although a new member to the club, Alexandra has been a very active member to the club and will bring new ideas and a new energy to the club. We are excited to welcome new club President Alexandra and wish her all the best on a successful 2026-2027 Rotary Year!

Submitted by Joseph Corona



Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

Ontario County District Attorney presentation to V-F Rotary Club

On January 2, 2026, Jason MacBride was sworn in as District Attorney of Ontario County. A career prosecutor with previous service in both Ontario and Monroe counties, he spoke to the V-F Rotary club in early June. MacBride has hired a fresh staff for his office. Many have past prosecutorial experience, including several from Monroe County.

MacBride, a Victor resident, has moved the DA's office from the Ontario County Courthouse to a new location in the former YMCA building in Canandaigua. His long-term goals include building a strong relationship with local law enforcement agencies, the Board of Supervisors, local agencies, and groups that interact with the DA's office, and the local citizens. DA MacBride engaged in a lengthy question and answer session with the assembled Rotarians.

Submitted by David Luitweiler



Jason MacBride being sworn in as Ontario County District Attorney

Geneva Rotary Club

Geneva Rotary Club President Kerry Lippincott presented incoming President Ethan Fogg with his gavel at the July 1 club meeting.

Submitted by Ted Baker



Newark Rotary Club

The 100th annual Newark Rotary Changeover was held recently with a special invitation to the 2026-2027, 7120 District Governor Lisa Norwood attending.

The new Newark Rotary President David Christler was handed the President's gavel by outgoing club President Chuck Waterman.

President Christler retired as Deputy Supt. of the NYS Police, later served as Director of Fingerlakes Law Enforcement, and Newark Chief of Police.

Photo: Lisa Norwood, David Christler, Chuck Waterman

Submitted by John Zornow



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

Each year the Honeoye Central School District honors a "Graduate of Distinction". This year the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club is proud to claim one of the recipients as a member of our club.



Gary Hubble was nominated by his Rotary peers and was selected as a Graduate of Distinction for 2026. His name was announced at the June 26th graduation ceremony and he will receive his actual award in the fall at Homecoming Happenings.

As a Rotarian, Gary has been a member for several years and has served as President and on several committees. His construction expertise allows him to be involved in several of our community service projects. He is also good at fundraising and serves as our representative to Camp ONSEYAWA.

In the community, Gary has served on our town board, helped to construct the gazebo in town and is very involved in our current playground build.

At work, Gary is a supervisor for Hamilton Stern and is currently working on a major project based in Niagara Falls.

Congratulations to Gary for his achievements in life and for being honored as a HCSD "Graduate of Distinction".

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club



The Honeoye Lake Rotary Club honors graduating seniors at HCSD with special awards. We recognize the Salutatorian and at least two Memorial Award winners with awards of \$750 each.

This year Chloe Brunk earned the status of Salutatorian based on her hard work academically through her time at HCS. Chloe was presented with her award at graduation on June 26, 2026.

In addition, Payton Slade and Marley Frick were recognized by the HLRC as recipients of their annual Memorial Award. This award is presented to students from the club's memorial account which is funded by donations given in memory of Rotarians, family members and friends. To receive this honor students must fill out an application provided by the HLRC and participate in an interview process. This involves a series of questions presented by members of the club. Students are then ranked based on their answers. Names are kept secret and this year the two highest were Payton and Marley who received their awards at their graduation ceremony.

Congratulations to all our HCS graduates and good luck in your future endeavors.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Waterloo Rotary Club

Waterloo Rotary held their Change Over Dinner at the Vista at Seneca Lake Resorts whereas the following Rotarians were elected for the 2026-27 year:

President - Carl McCullough, President Elect – Gina Suffredini, Vice President – Tom Freeman, Secretary – Kathy Jarlenski, Treasurer – Tom Dombek and Past President – Rene’e Dombek. Directors are Lee Boise, Rosemary McCullough, George Poormon, Chris Shaffer, Bill Sigrist



Submitted by Jane Shaffer

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Corning Rotary Club

As with all Rotary Clubs, the Corning club's Annual Changeover Picnic is the "changing of the gavel." We celebrated a highly successful year under the leadership of President Jen Batzing (left). In her farewell address, Jen enumerated all the achievements of the club, projects completed, scholarships and grants given, and new members brought into the fold. She then introduced our new president, Pauline Emery (right). Pauline enthusiastically promised to not only continue the success of this past year but to also continue to grow on it.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Lima Rotary Club

Lima Rotary Club has been busy! Our summer fundraising campaign has been a Hit !!

Bean your neighbor is catching on and everyone wants their turn. !!! Crossroads Festival is right around the corner and it's 4 days for FREE Music, Fun and Food for the whole Family... Don't forget to stop by the Rotary Big Dog Hot Dog Stand! Grab a dog and raffle ticket.

Submitted by Lisa Keeler



Lima Rotary Club

Last Night was our Pass the Gavel ceremony, We would like to welcome Susan Gaiter as our new President of the Lima Rotary.

Good Luck in the incoming year we look forward to all you can offer our club and community.

Submitted by Lisa Keeler



Penfield Rotary Club



Food, Fun, and Fellowship: Discover Penfield Rotary

The Penfield Rotary Club is inviting the community to its "Discover Penfield Rotary" Family Picnic on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, from 5 to 7:30 PM at the Shadow Pines Open Shelter (275 Whalen Rd, Penfield, NY).

This relaxed event is the perfect opportunity to introduce your area friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to the energy and fellowship of Penfield Rotary. Guests can meet members, learn about the club's local impact, and enjoy a fun, family-friendly evening. We'll have food and beverage tickets for Mr. V's Street Vending and the Rohrbach Beer Truck. We'll also have a dedicated Kid Zone! It's also a service project so please bring gently used shoes to donate to the Soles4Souls Shoe Collection.

RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/3STXq2K>

Penfield Rotary and Friends Parade Spectacular!

The Penfield Rotary Club marched in the annual Penfield July 4th parade, and it was an absolute blast! This year, the club was thrilled to welcome new friends, guests, and a special new partner Cub Scout Pack 260 from St. Joseph's Church. We hope to make this joint march an annual tradition.

Both the kids and adults showed incredible patriotism and team spirit as they marched, handed out candy, and celebrated together. To make sure everyone could participate comfortably, Penfield Rotary arranged a support van for anyone who needed a break from walking.

Want to catch the action? Check out the parade video

HERE: <https://bit.ly/4f7NJoW>.

You can spot Penfield Rotary showing our community pride around the 32-minute mark.

For more details on these and other events, please visit our website at <http://PenfieldRotary.org>.

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Rotary E-Club of District 7120: Changeover Dinner at Flaherty's

The E-Club of District 7120 gathered at Flaherty's restaurant in Macedon, NY for the 2025-2026 annual changeover dinner. At the beginning of the program, a plaque was presented to Mr. David J. Watt, owner of Flaherty's restaurant (Macedon in Wayne County, New York) for his generous services to the community and the Rotary E-Club of District 7120 membership. Past Presidents Tom Mizelle, Carol Schwartz-Mizelle, Co-Presidents Ebo Ocran and Tassie Demps made this presentation on behalf of the E-Club.



Co-President Tassie Demps and International Service Chair, Nana Esi Atta-Fynn joined this event via ZOOM from Concord, North Carolina and Windsor Mill, Maryland, respectively. Outgoing Co-President Ebo Ocran and Martina Ocran, Club Service Chair, pinned incoming Club Foundation Chair Maame Esi Ocran (also Paul Harris Fellow recipient, 2026) and incoming President-Elect Dr. LaToya Scott, in preparation for their tenure in office during the 2026-2027 Rotary Calendar Year, respectively.

Incoming President Tassie Demps and the 2025-2026 Rotarian of the Year recipient will receive her presidential pin and certificate of recognition/pin via mail in Concord, North Carolina. The E-Club was also happy to recognize Past President/Treasurer Carol Schwartz-Mizelle as a 2025-2026 Paul Harris + 1 Fellow recipient. She was pinned by Immediate Past President Thomas Mizelle who was also recognized as a benefactor of Rotary International. Anthony Akil Manning, Executive Secretary/Director, 2026-2027 was also pinned by Thomas Mizelle.

Nana Esi Atta-Fynn, International Service Chair, 2025-2026 was thanked for the profound role that she fulfilled via slide presentations made about the E-Club's participation in the SOYODI Global Grant II (Uganda), alongside Co-Presidents Ebo Ocran, Tassie Demps and the Rotary E-Club of District 7120. Her husband and fellow Rotarian Dr. Jerome Atta-Fynn was also acknowledged and thanked for his commitment and dedication to the ideals of Rotary. Outgoing Co-President Ebo Ocran was recognized and thanked for his stellar services to the Rotary E-Club of District 7120 during the 2025-2026 Rotary Calendar Year, alongside the Rotary E-Club Executive Leadership Team. He was pinned by Past President Carol Schwartz-Mizelle. Indeed, the fellowship and fun enjoyed by all Rotarians and family, gathered at the changeover dinner was nothing short of amazing.



Submitted by Immediate Past President Ebo Ocran and President Tassie Demps(E-Club of D7120)

Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Rotary E-Club of District 7120: Rotary Night at the Red Wings

Rotarians from across District 7120 gathered for a fun, family-friendly evening at Rotary Night at the Red Wings and our District Changeover Celebration! Rotarians enjoyed a picnic-style dinner before the 6:05 pm game, fellowshiped with Rotarians, families, friends and actively participated in a vibrant changeover ceremony, prior to the start of the game at 6:05 pm. District Governor Lisa Norwood threw out the first pitch.



Take Me Out To the Ball Game!
Take Me Out To The Crowd!
Show Everyone that Rotarians Are Fun!
We're not going to leave until the ballgame is done!

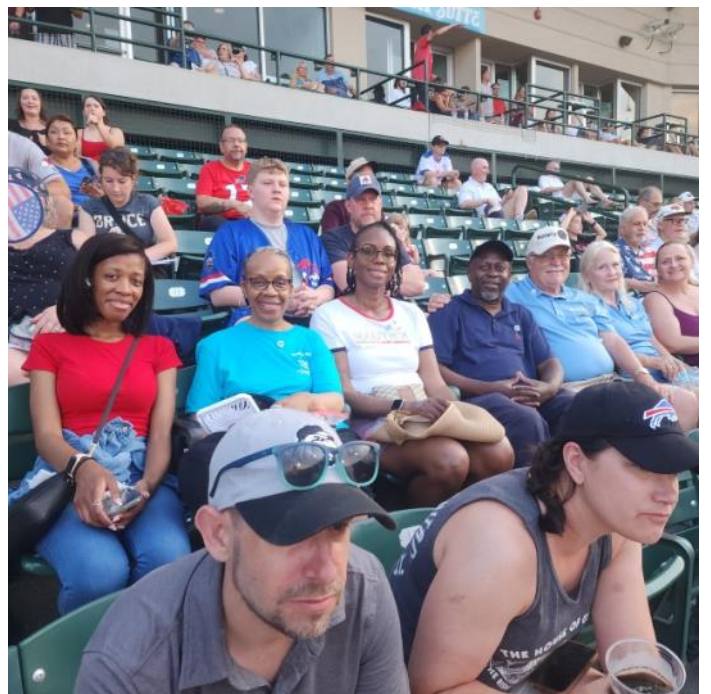
Rotary E-Club of District 7120 Leadership Team
(Maame Esi, Martina, LaToya, Ebo, Thomas, Carol)
Tassie, Nana Esi, Akil, Jerome- Not in Photo, Rotary
District 7120 Rotarians, Families and Friends.

Submitted by Immediate Past President Ebo Ocran &
President Tassie Demps (E-Club of D7120)



Post highlights of the Game: Music from the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and post-game fireworks!

July 3rd, 2026 District 7120 Governor Lisa Norwood and Family, Immediate Past District Governor Jim Crane and Family, Past District Governor Scott MacDonald and Family, District Governor Nominee Richard de Asis and Sally, District Governor-Elect Pete Vogt, Camp Haccamo Board President Neal Gorman and Family



Dansville Rotary Club

Dansville Rotary Club President Joyce Davies welcomed Past President (2018-2019) Barb Frazer as the NEW President of the Club for the 2026-27 Rotary Year. The Changeover Dinner was held at Jack's Gaslight Grille, Main Street, Dansville. President Barb joined Dansville Rotary May 10, 2011. She joins other former Dansville Presidents who have agreed to serve a second term while our newest members receive training and experience in our Club.



Submitted by Teresa Dearing

Dansville Rotary Club

Dansville Rotary Club is pleased to acknowledge another very successful and cooperative fundraising effort with the Lions Club. The golf tournament was held on June 20th. This year the funds raised from the tournament and basket raffle event will be donated toward the community's efforts to renovate Dansville's Veterans Memorial on Clara Barton Street.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Spencerport Rotary Club

Spencerport Rotary Club was happy to be part of the local America 250th celebration. The club purchased items for 500 kiddie bags to be given away at the event which proved to be very popular. The celebration featured live music, a bounce house, vendors, food trucks, booths for area non-profits and a great fireworks show.

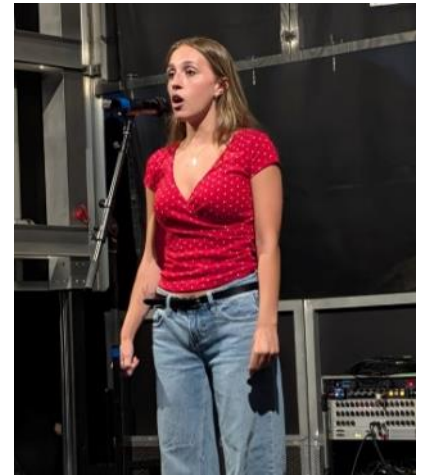


In addition to Rotary, booths were set up by the local library, Kiwanis Club, the Spencerport Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society.

The Committee Chair planning the booth was Sophia McCabe. Volunteers at the event included 2025-2026 Club President Kathy Magin, Sean and Annette McCabe and Ann Forberg.

Just prior to the fireworks, the Star Spangled Banner was sung by Isabella Eichelberger, the daughter of Rotarian Maggie Serapilio.

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Obituary



John Haynes
Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

John Haynes was born in Brooklyn, New York. He came to Rochester, and earned Bachelor's degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Manufacturing Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology.

John Haynes, along with John Beiter and Michele Randall, founded Rochester Deaf Rotary. John's extensive leadership and volunteering experience in several other deaf organizations was instrumental in the successful chartering of RDR in June 2004, and its subsequent growth. John served as President Elect, President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Foundation Chair and also chaired several committees over the past 22 years. He also helped the club manage two Global Grant projects. He was recognized by former Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar at the 2006 Rotary International's Annual Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark, for helping co-found the world's first and only deaf club. The club's unique flashing bell, designed by deceased PDG Jim Holden, was used during the convention's proceedings.

Since 2004, John's unwavering support for the club has never once faltered. He was always there for the club meetings, club events and district events. He also managed to find time to help other Rochester Deaf based organizations, including Rochester Recreation Club for the Deaf, Rochester Deaf Kitchen, Rochester School for the Deaf, Boy Scouts, and much more,

giving his time, talents, and energy. He truly lived by the Rotary ideals and followed the 4-Way Test.

John is survived by his devoted wife, Sharon L. Haynes; his two daughters; his stepson and spouse; and his grandchildren. He was also a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

John Haynes was 70. He will be truly missed by the entire Rochester community.

Memorial services will be privately held at a later time - thank you for respecting John's family at this time.

Submitted by John Beiter, Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Photo by Bob Green, Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

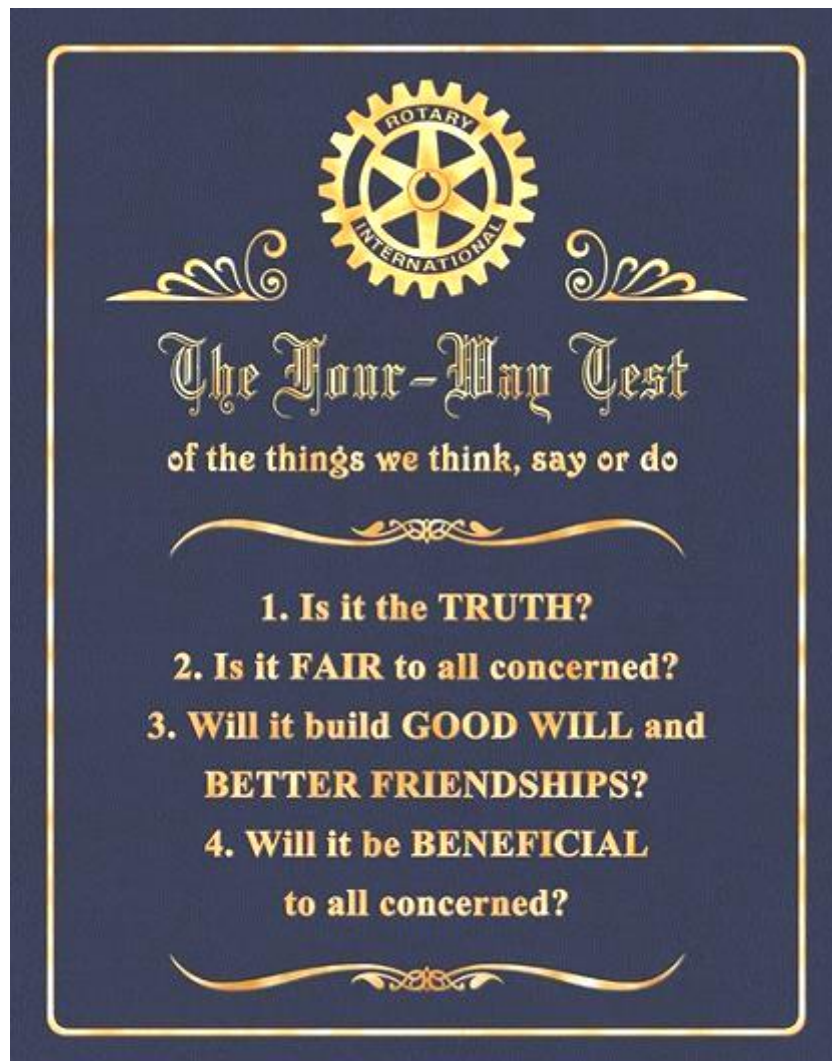
DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

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

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

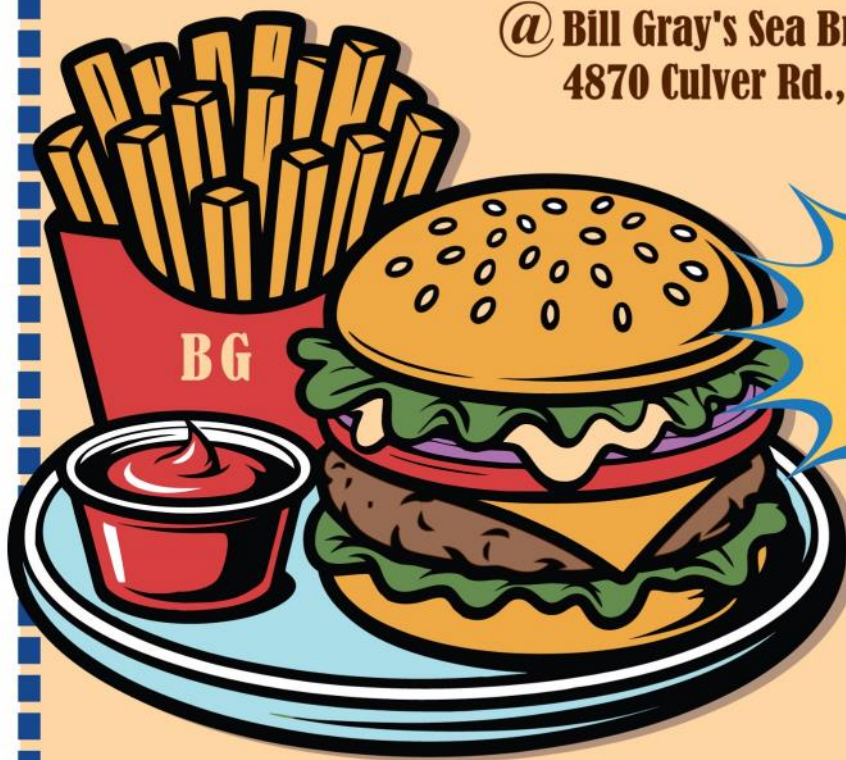
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And the article will help you create an event.



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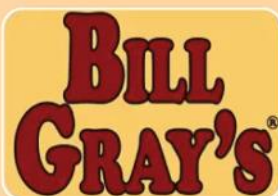
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**Friday July 17, 2026
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Rotary Club of Geneva Annual Golf Tournament

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| 10:00am | Tee Time |
| | Lunch on course |
| | Putting Contest, Hole in One Contest |
| | Longest Drive, and Closest to the |
| | Hole Contests! |
| 3:00 - 5:00pm | Dinner, Awards, Raffle Drawings |

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\$100 Per Person / \$400 Per Team



Spring 2026

Dear Sponsor,

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

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

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

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

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

Door prizes are always welcome!

Respectfully yours,

Marianne Kalc

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



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Horseheads, NY 14845
607-738-2819

Camp Star Golf Tournament

4 4 Person Scramble Indian Hills Golf Course

Monday July 20, 2026

Sign in at 11:00 Shotgun at 12:00

Player's Application



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A \$90.00 entrance fee for each player must accompany this application. Please write the check to Camp Star and mail to:
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PO Box 697
Horseheads, NY 14845

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

Fee includes golf, cart and dinner



Golfer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____



Golfer's Name: _____

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Golfer's Name: _____

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NEW START TIME 9:00 AM



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Mail to: Honeoye Lake Rotary, P.O. Box 674, Honeoye, NY 14471 by 7/6/2026

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Questions: Jeanne Hamele 585-729-9118 or innhamele@aol.com

Please print information and send the payment to above address

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NEW START TIME 9:00 A.M.

43RD ANNUAL SPENCERPORT ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

TIMBER RIDGE GOLF CLUB

7061 W RIDGE RD, BROCKPORT

11:30 AM - REGISTRATION/LUNCH/PUTTING CONTEST

1:00 PM - SHOTGUN START

Cost - \$130 entry fee per player/ \$520 per foursome

- Mulligans will be available at sign in
- Includes gift bags with 2 Beer Tickers (No outside alcohol allowed)
- Automatic entry into 50/50 - \$15 value
- Basket raffle tickets - \$10
- Extra basket raffle tickets available \$10 each

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- Shotgun start with scramble format
 - Awards for men, ladies, and mixed teams
 - Beverages on course
 - Lunch at registration (hot dog or hamburger, chips, and soft drinks)
 - Buffet Dinner

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FUN AUCTION & BINGO!

DINGO GAMES
★ 100% PROFIT TOWARD ★
ROCHESTER DEAF KITCHEN FUND

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19 2026

TICKET ADVANCE \$20
INCLUDES DINGO GAMES AND SUB LUNCH

TICKET AT DOOR \$25

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 AM
GAME BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

1564 LYELL AVENUE, ROCHESTER, NY 14606

GAMES, COMMUNITY, GIVING, AND FUN! | LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER!

BINGO

12	25	41	51	63
3	30	37	54	70
7	22	★	59	68
15	28	33	48	73
9	17	45	50	67

★ EACH BINGO CARD IS JUST **ONE DOLLAR**, MAKING IT EASY TO JOIN IN THE EXCITEMENT.

★ BRING A \$2 BILL, AND YOU'LL RECEIVE **THREE BINGO CARDS** TO ENJOY EVEN MORE CHANCES TO WIN!



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NEWARK ROTARY FAMILY FEST

SATURDAY
22ND AUGUST 2026
11.00AM TO 7.00PM

FREE ENTRY

FIREMAN'S FIELD
100 BARKER PKWY
NEWARK

the Marbletones

UNPARALLEL BAND

CASH RAFFLE

VENDORS

SILENT AUCTION

FOOD AND GAMES

Newark
Rotary
Club

Family Fest



♦ WATERLOO ROTARY PRESENTS ♦

FALL FROLIC

1ST ANNUAL MINIATURE GOLF
& CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

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



6040 State Route 96A, Romulus, NY

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

\$2500 in Cash Raffle Prizes

For questions or to submit
registration e-mail:

RotaryFallFrolic@gmail.com



Download Registration Form

BUILD-A-CHAIR ENTERS A NEW ERA!

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

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

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

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

WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS



Welcome to the shop where our wheelchairs are made!

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



venmo

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

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

OUR MISSION

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



Bike Rack Fundraiser

The Ultimate
Bike Rack

- Secure
- Stylish
- Sturdy



Measures:

48 x 48

x22H

Holds:

6-12 Bikes

- Promote your club name and/or share w/a sponsor
(Recognize a past or deceased member)
- Fits all types of bikes including e-bikes
 - Heavy-duty steel construction
 - Durable & weather-resistant

GREAT FOR: SCHOOLS—COMMUNITY CENTERS—ALONG WATERWAYS—PARKS

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Add \$20 for each Bike Rack end



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Wanda Arnold, 585-747-8147 or,
wfarnold17@gmail.com

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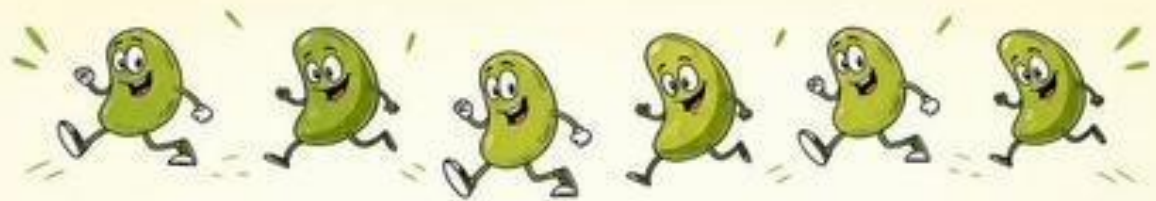
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Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

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BEAN YOUR NEIGHBOR
OR TO BUY YOUR INSURANCE TODAY!

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

RYLA

July 12-16

Graduation begins at 1:00 and
for \$10 can include lunch.

District Golf Tournament

September 11, 2026

One Rotary Summit

September 12, 2026

Literacy Seminar

September 26, 2026

Mt. Morris Remote Area Medical Event

October 3-4, 2026.

District Governor for 2029-30 Search

Apply by October 14, 2026

2027 District 7120 Conference

June 5, 2027 Rochester, NY

Upcoming CLUB Events

Build-A-Chair

Rotary e-Club of International Service
Impacting Women and Children

Gananda Rotary Club

Bike Rack Fundraiser

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Coupon Book Sale

Lima Rotary Club

Bean Your Neighbor

July 13 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

RDR Day at Bill Gray's Sea Breeze

July 17 Geneva Rotary Club

Annual Golf Tournament

July 20 Camp Star

Annual Golf Tournament

July 26 Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

Euchre Tournament 1-4 pm

Sycamore Golf Club

1148 Wayneport Rd.

Macedon, NY

July 27 Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

41st Golf Tournament

August 8 Spencerport Rotary Club

Golf Tournament

August 16 Lima Rotary Club

Sing Along Brunch

August 19 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Dingo Games

August 22 Newark Rotary Club

2026 Newark Rotary Family Fest

September 2 Waterloo Rotary Club

Fall Frolic

September 19 Camp Haccamo

70th Anniversary Event

October 24 Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

Masquerade Ball 6pm–10pm at

Champion Hills Country Club in Victor, NY



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