



March 2026

Jim Crane, District Governor

Issue 9



Fellow Rotarian, Rotaractor, Interactor.

This is a wonderful time of the year. Spring is just around the corner. As the days gradually become longer and sunnier, it's common to experience fluctuating weather patterns, including occasional chilly mornings followed by warm afternoons. We see our friends and neighbors out and about. Many people enjoy the refreshing breezes and blooming flowers that signal the arrival of this vibrant season.

As Rotarians, we are now rotary in action planning our events. With the change in season, it's the perfect opportunity to engage in activities that bring our community together and celebrate new beginnings. We look forward to hosting meaningful gatherings that reach and foster fellowship and Service Above Self.

>We have a variety of activities planned for District 7120 in March. One of the highlights is our ongoing partnership with Rotary District 7180, as we come together once again for the Multi-District President Elect Learning Seminar (MDPELS). Whether you are a current officer, a future leader, or simply curious about Rotary's organizational structure, MDPELS is designed to foster growth, connection, and shared knowledge.

> On April 11th, we will host our District Learning Assembly at Waterloo High School in Waterloo, NY. This event is designed to offer a valuable opportunity for anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of Rotary's operations, from Club Administration to Fundraising.

Attendees will have access to a variety of breakout sessions. These sessions will cover essential topics such as Navigating Club-Runner, information for Club Secretaries and Treasurers, Rotary Foundation Basics, and Grants information. For additional details, please refer to this newsletter.

> On April 12th, the highly anticipated "Polar Bear Plunge" returns. This exhilarating fundraiser is organized by the Rotary Youth Exchange and Rotex Rotaract Club, continuing the tradition of bringing together Rotarians, friends, and supporters for a great cause.

For further details about the Polar Bear Plunge, including how you can get involved or support the event, please refer to the announcement found elsewhere in this newsletter.

> Mark your calendars for the 2026 District 7120 Conference, which will take place from May 1st to May 3rd at the Holiday Valley Mountain and Conference Center. This special weekend is dedicated to bringing Rotarians from throughout District 7120 together to connect, celebrate accomplishments, and find inspiration for the future.

Under the message "Unite for Good," attendees will enjoy a powerful program designed to foster fellowship, develop leadership, and spark new ideas. The conference promises meaningful opportunities for networking, learning, and sharing with fellow Rotarians in an energizing and uplifting environment.

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Again, for further information about registration and lodging, please refer to the details provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

March Focus: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Rotary International is deeply committed to improving access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene around the world. Through a variety of projects and partnerships, Rotary clubs work to provide communities with reliable sources of safe water, construct sanitation facilities, and promote hygiene education. These efforts help reduce the spread of waterborne diseases, improve health outcomes, and empower people, especially children to reach their full potential.

Rotary initiatives often include building wells, installing water filtration systems, and supporting handwashing stations in schools. Members also collaborate with local leaders to ensure that solutions are sustainable and culturally appropriate. By focusing on education and community involvement, Rotary aims to create lasting change that benefits generations to come.

In addition, Rotary partners with other organizations to maximize impact, leveraging resources and expertise to address complex challenges in water and sanitation. Their holistic approach recognizes the interconnectedness of clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, emphasizing the importance of all three in creating healthy communities worldwide.

Yours in Rotary
Jim and Nancy

Rotary Archive

The 100th club of the International Association of Rotary Clubs is formed on 1 March in Phoenix, AZ, USA. However, on that particular Sunday, and only that one day in March, there was not one qualified application but six. There is no record of how #100, of the six (#100 – 105) was determined from that selection.

Unite For Good in Service Above Self.

Let's gather, grow, and celebrate the difference we make together.

Save the Date! May 1-3, 2026

Mark your calendar today and plan to attend the District 7120 Conference 2026.

Conference Registration:

\$250 per person

Registration includes:

- General Sessions
- Breakout Sessions
- Conference Materials
- Select Meals & Fellowship Events
- Endless Entertainment for All



Lodging Information:

Rooms must be booked separately through Holiday Valley.



Call Holiday Valley Reservations:

Visit: www.holidayvalley.com

Be sure to mention:

"Rotary District 7120 Conference"

Holiday Valley "Tamarack Club" Room Charges:

*Deluxe Hotel Room Queen Bed, & Sofa Sleeper with Kitchenette



\$188.30 per night

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

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



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

Special Dietary Needs:

Call Linda Wyse @ (315) 524-7561

Email: lwys@rochester.rr.com

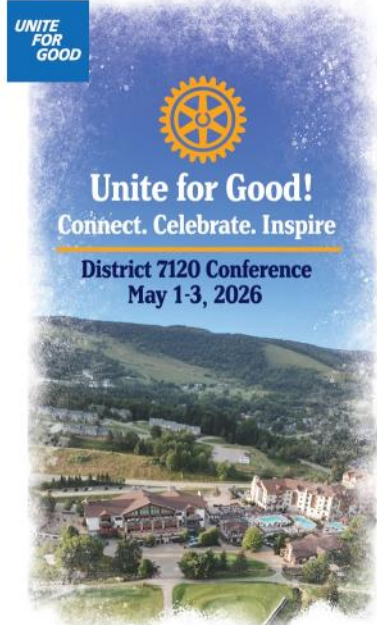


Connect. Celebrate. Inspire.



FREE TOTE BAGS & MORE!

SIGN UP TODAY!



Unite for Good!
 Connect. Celebrate. Inspire

District 7120 Conference
 May 1-3, 2026

Holiday Valley
 ESTABLISHED 1957

6557 Holiday Valley Rd, Ellicottville, NY 14731

Host Club Victor-Farmington
Rotary

Booking Information

Conference Registration:

www.rotary7120.org OR

Link: 7120DC.com



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Questions?

Contact - Mark Wyse

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call (585) 739-4486



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District 7120

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FreePublic.com • VillageofEllicottvilleNY.com • TownofEllicottvilleNY.gov
Holidaymount.com

Assistant Governors Needed for the Following Areas

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

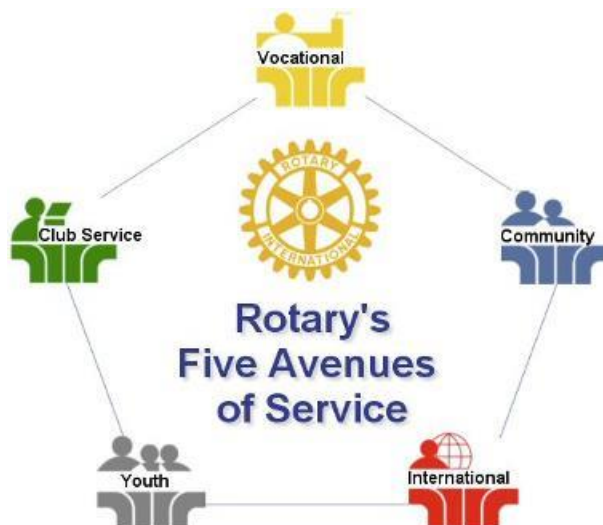
Area 1 – Chemung Sunrise, Corning, Elmira Heights, Elmira, Horseheads, and Watkins - Montour

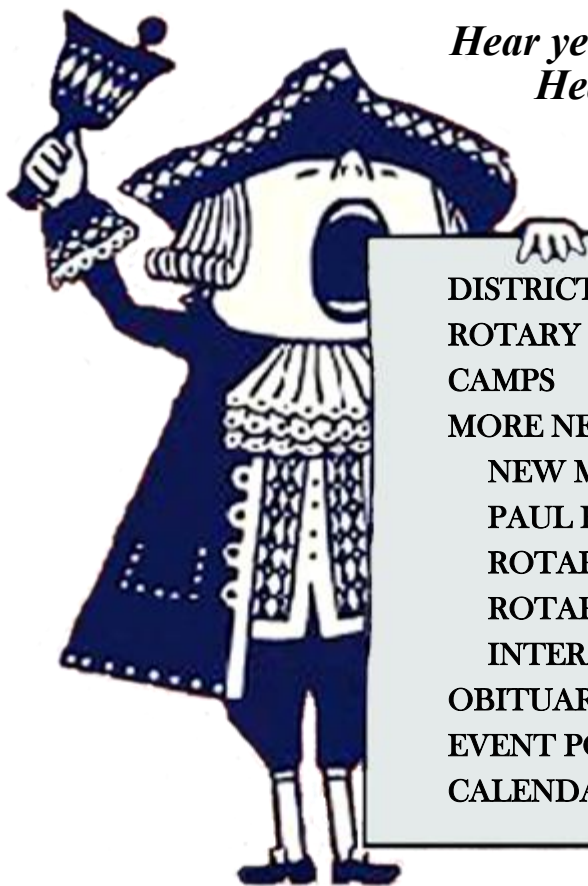
Area 5 – Lima, Bloomfield, Honeoye Falls Mendon & Honeoye Lake

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

Role and Responsibilities

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





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

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District Learning Assembly

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

Have you registered yet?

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

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

[Click here...](#)

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

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

❖ **The District learning Committee**

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

❖ **DGE Lisa Norwood**

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

Renee Dombek, Chair

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

- **Creating Your Club Focus & Direction**

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

- **Club Secretary & interested members**

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

- **Club Treasurer**

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

- **Membership #1**

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

- **Membership #2**

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

- **Club Meetings**

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

- **The Rotary Foundation 101**

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

- **The Rotary Foundation 102**

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

- **Public Image #1**

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

- **Public Image #2**

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

- **Rotary Youth Programs**

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

- **Interact**

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

- **Rotary Beyond Your Club**

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

- **International Service**

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

- **DEI (Enhancing Member Experience)**

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

- **Fundraising**

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

- **Community Needs**

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

- **Literacy**

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

- **Rotary Friendship Exchange**

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

- **Mental Health Committee**

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

- **Human Trafficking**

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

- **Re-energizing your Rotary Club**

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

Club Achievement Awards NOMINATION FORM

Name of Rotary Club:
Title of Project:

Number of Members: (as of March 15) _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Give a brief description of the project.

Who and how many benefited from the Project?

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

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

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

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

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

Date _____

NOTE:

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

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

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

Ellen Hughes
2461 Brewer Rd.
Waterloo, NY 13165

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

Donald Alhart

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE



100th Annual Eastern Cities Fellowship Event

Francesco Arezzo

2025-2026 RI President



**APRIL 17TH
2026**

**Registration opens
January 2026**

Space is limited

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

The additional sessions will be held:

Wednesday, February 11th at 8:30 p.m. Eastern
Sunday, February 15th at 9:30 p.m. Eastern

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

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

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

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

Cindie Kish cindie.rotary@gmail.com



**NEW MEMBER
ORIENTATION**

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

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

Scan to join zoom 

Rotary 
Zones 28 & 32

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



APPLICATIONS FOR ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TO FRANCE BEING ACCEPTED

Our District 7120 Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) program will be sending a team of up to eight people to District 1770 in north central France in September of this year. This district encompasses part of the city of Paris and the region to the east of the city which includes such cities as Bobigny, Compeigne, Clermont, Chantilly, and Fountainbleau. The full itinerary is in the process of being developed.

The RFE will begin on September 27 and conclude on October 4.

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

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

Simply complete the application and submit it to RFE Chair Cat Jensen at: catwomyn19@gmail.com before the **deadline of May 15, 2026**.

RFE outbound team participation is open to all D7120 Rotarians and their spouse/partners **who have previously hosted during an inbound exchange**.

Couples AND singles are encouraged to apply.

If you have questions or would like further information contact team leader PDG Bill Gormont of the Rotary Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children at: billgormont1@gmail.com.

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**REGISTER
TODAY!**



Second Annual



Polar Bear

Plunge

Fundraiser

Hosted by rotary
youth
exchange

Rotaract
District 7120



April 12, 2026

@ Noon



at the Beachcomber
Conesus Lake



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rotaryyouthexchange7120@gmail.com

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ROTARY POLAR BEAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2026

Dear Valued Sponsor,

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

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

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

WHAT IS ROTARY?

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

ROTARY CLUBS

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ROTARY DISTRICTS

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



OUR DISTRICT

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



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

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

BRONZE SPONSOR (\$250+)

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

SILVER SPONSOR (\$500+)

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

GOLD SPONSOR (\$1000+)

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

PLATINUM SPONSOR (\$2500+)

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

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

ROTARY
SERVICE Above Self

WHY PARTNER WITH US?

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

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

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Rotary District 7120
Second Annual
REGISTER TODAY!
Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser
Hosted by rotary youth exchange | Rotaract District 7120
April 12, 2026 @ Noon
at the Beachcomber Conesus Lake
rotaryyouthexchange7120@gmail.com
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District 7120 Club Bulletin/Newsletter Contest

Club Bulletin Award Evaluation Criteria

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Click for Application](#)

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

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

Service-Leadership-FUN

Rotary District 7120 Interact News March 2026

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

1. **Interact Club Scoreboard (Active and Terminated)**
 - a. 15/29 Interact Advisors show listed with Rotary International and are not in jeopardy of having their Interact Clubs terminated. The rest need to update ASAP. This needs to be updated yearly by September (See 8b below)
 - b. 29/ (guessing 60ish) Interact clubs show Active with RI the rest of been Terminated with RI and need to recharter. They did not, yearly send in their Interact Advisors contact information (See 8a below to recharter)
 - c. To check if you club is in good standing (See 8c below)
 2. **District Learning Assembly:** Saturday, April 11th at Waterloo High School. There will be three Interact sessions:
 - a. For current Interact Advisors, we will cover Interact Advisor roles and how to access Interact related topics in the Rotary Learning Center.
 - b. The other two sessions will go over general questions anyone may have about Interact in general. Hopefully some sharing on accomplishments. We would love to have Interact student members join Rotarians and share, as that would add value to the session. Interactors could attend the first session as well, as there are topics/handbooks in the learning center for them.
 - c. More information on Interact topics in the Rotary Learning Center (see section 8).
 3. **Interact Elections:** Time to think about next year's elections for Interact Officers. Please have your next year's Interact team transition with the current team of Officers and Committee Chairs, for smooth transition and greatest success.
 4. **RYLA 2026:** Consider sending one of your next Interact year Officers to RYLA (Hopefully President-Elect) This will give them a great base to lead your Interact club in the next Rotary/Interact year. Dates are July 12th–16th, 2026. Applications due by May 15th. Another reason to hold elections early. More information at <https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/ryla-1/ryla>
 5. **Consider sending your Interactors to District Conference** weekend of May 1-3 at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, NY. There will be activities planned for youth including spending time with Youth Exchange Students. More details at [https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-conference-\(dc\)](https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-conference-(dc))
 6. **Rotary Program Alumni Community Based Hybrid Rotaract Club Forming (Interact, RYLA, School Based Rotaract and more):** Information coming soon. (Please approach your graduating students for their voluntary contact info for interested alumni 18 and over even if heading out of the district after graduation.
 7. **Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner:** Please consider sending your Interact offices/board members to this event to meet the RI President. It is April 17th at Locust Hill Country Club. See more at <https://www.rochesterrotary.org/event/eastern-cities-fellowship-dinner/>
 8. **Rechartering Active, Terminated Interact Clubs with RI / Updating Active Interact Club Advisors with RI and 7120 District Interact:** Thank you for your progress in rechartering Active Interact Clubs that were Terminated by Rotary International for not updating their Interact Advisor yearly.
 - a. If you need to recharter, use this online form for a quicker process. https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Q-C0Z_0K-0qLIL-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.
 - 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.
- Interact Student/Advisor Learning Opportunities Rotary Learning Center:** Service- Learning Manuals for Interactors and Advisors are available. This gives Interactors a guide to learning about Service Projects and Service in their Communities and Worldwide. Students 16 and above and Non-Rotary Advisors can sign up for a My Rotary account <https://my.rotary.org/> (Information is not saved by RI after registration if they are under 18). Once signed in, Advisors and Interactors can go to this link for online training and handbooks.
- a. For Students: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/courses/1306/youth-guide-to-service-learning/lessons>
 - b. Advisors: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/courses/1304/getting-started-service-learning-for-advisers/lessons>
 - c. Advisor Essentials Training Series <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/learning-plans/659/interact-adviser-essentials>
 - d. Interactors also have their own version of the Interact Handbook <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-handbook-guide-for-interactors>
 - e. Advisors Handbook <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-handbook-guide-for-sponsor-clubs-and-advisers>

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



LEARNING IN ACTION

DEVELOPING ROTARY LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD



Help shape the future of Rotary Learning
We're inviting volunteers to test Learning and Development courses and materials available to members. We are seeking people who want to make a difference and share feedback on content. Your input will help create better learning experiences for Rotarians and Rotaractors worldwide. Write to us at learn@rotary.org to let us know what topics interest you most.

Submitted by Lisa Norwood



Updated course

The District Vibrant Club Workshop Leader's Guide has been updated to help members energize their clubs. This workshop can help you strengthen member engagement, increase your club's impact, and put Rotary's Action Plan into practice. The session on innovation focuses on developing new ideas, solving problems, and finding better ways of working

[Download Leader's Guide](#)

<https://msgfocus.rotary.org/c/111pCsUjCENVQoF69Y9IYQ91B71nI5>

Submitted by Lisa Norwood



District Vibrant Club
Workshop Leader's Guide

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E-learning

Enhance participant engagement

New Rotary Fellowships

Four new Rotary Fellowships open opportunities to pursue unique passions and make global connections:

- The [Rotary Fellowship of Sea Lovers](#) unites those who cherish the sea and marine life.
- The [Rotary Fellowship of Sub-Saharan Culture](#) explores and celebrates the rich traditions and heritage of sub-Saharan Africa.
- The [Rotary Fellowship for Agriculture and Farming](#) connects people who are dedicated to sustainable farming and food security.
- The [Rotary Fellowship of Hypnosis and Healing](#) connects people who use hypnosis and healing to bring about positive change.

[Join a fellowship today](#) to enhance your Rotary experience.

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/>



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY

Literacy Corner

THE TICKET OUT OF POVERTY IS FINANCIAL LITERACY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ROTARY ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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 : LGNorwood@gmail.com.

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

January 10, 2026
PDG DAVID HANNAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

POLIO:

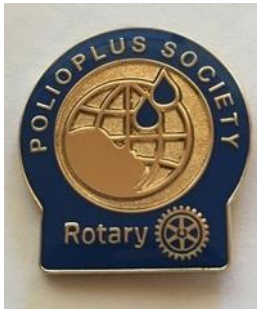
1. A resident of Rockland County, who had not traveled overseas, contracted Polio in 2022 and the Polio Virus has been detected in sewage samples in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Nassau Counties, and in New York City. Fortunately, there have been no other cases in the US.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

By the numbers:

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

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



The Polio Plus Society

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

Club Name _____ District # _____

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

Sign up today!





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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



Summer 2026 Registration is Open!

Calling All Campers & Counselors

Fellow Rotarians, the season we've all been waiting for is almost here! We are officially accepting registrations for the 2026 season at Camp Haccamo. Please share this with friends and colleagues in the Monroe County area:

- **Youth Week (Ages 7–18):** July 27 – July 31
- **Adult Week (Ages 19–30):** August 3 – August 7

Know a family who could benefit? Encourage them to [Register Today](https://www.camphaccamo.org) (<https://www.camphaccamo.org>).

Join our Staff: We are also seeking compassionate, energetic individuals to join our team as camp counselors.

• [Apply to be a Counselor Here](https://bit.ly/4goZoOj) (<https://bit.ly/4goZoOj>)



Attention Hot Rod Rotarians!

Showcase Your Ride for a Great Cause

The **Camp Haccamo Car, Truck, and Cycle Show** is rolling into the Mall at Greece Ridge on **June 6, 2026**. We're inviting all automotive aficionados to join the fun!

As our biggest fundraiser of the year, this is a premier opportunity for community camaraderie and supporting the vital work we do at Haccamo. It's more than just a car show; it's a chance to connect with fellow enthusiasts and showcase the impact of Rotary.

• **Details & Vehicle Registration:** [camphaccamo.org](https://www.camphaccamo.org)



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Thank you for your continued support!

Submitted by Neal Gorman

Canandaigua Rotary Club

Recently, the Canandaigua Rotary Club inducted Peter Wolak as a new member. Mr. Wolak is the CEO of Josephine's Cleaning Service, LLC

Pictured are Club President Kent Gilges, Peter Wolak, Past Governor Janet Tenreiro, and Ed O'Connor:

Information and photos by:
Jack Kellogg



Welcome

Horseheads Rotary Club

Horseheads Rotary welcomes its newest member, Rachel Bradley!

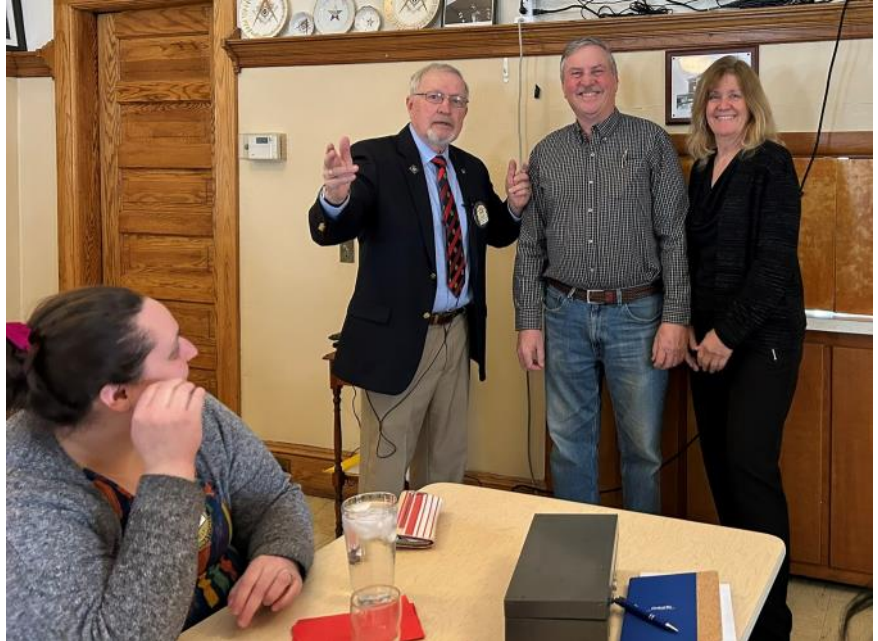
Congratulations to Rachel Bradley; she was inducted to the club on January 21st at our noon meeting. Rachel works as a clerical support to the assistant superintendent at the Horseheads School District. Rachel is very active between her work, raising her daughter who is a junior in high school and a Horseheads Interact club member, and participating in a wide variety of experiences in volunteer work in the community through the years. She supported our club even before becoming a member by helping with our community dinners and helping pack for the Arctic League. We welcome you, Rachel, and look forward to you being part of our team!

Submitted by Grace Dalton



Perry Rotary Club

Perry Rotary Club inducted three new members, Jim Slusser, husband of member Christina Slusser of Perry; and spouses Tom and Michelle Hess of Silver Lake in recent weeks. Past president Jeff Fitch presided. This brings to six the couple-members.



It also presented multi-Paul Harris awards to Perry businessman Randy White of Conesus Lake, past president/retired banker/columnist/birdwatcher Hans Kunze; past president, Perry businessman Sam Gullo and Perry business owner Trini Kuzmicki of Hart's Insurance. They have been great supporters of Rotary.

Rotarian Deanna Wallace introduced the club to the new Wyoming County Interact Club that is growing in its teen membership and outreach to area public schools. This group meets monthly and completes charitable service projects with help from co-advisers Adrene Redding and Perry Rotarian/past president Jeff Rase. See this great gang of kids at April's Polar Plunge on Conesus Lake.

Lately, the club has donated to a "Unlocking the Trades" programs with Perry and Letchworth Central students and the Bliss family, owners of Elitsac Building and Lumber of Castile, NY; an adaptive sports program for area youngsters that will take to fields this spring; area food pantries; the PCSD snack program; a breast cancer fundraiser; Neighbors Nourishing Neighbors, a new community endeavor led by local ministers to help those with food insecurities and a pledge to send one or two students to Rotary Youth Leadership Camp. Already, 2026 is a very busy year!-L. Sturm, Secretary, Perry Rotary Club

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm

Newark Rotary Club

Our Rotary Club was pleased to welcome two new members on February 26, 2026: Fred Barker and Rev. Leigh Holder. Fred Barker serves as Commander of the American Legion Post in Newark. Rev. Leigh Holder is the pastor of Park Presbyterian Church. Both bring years of service to the community and are eager to share their skills with the club.

Submitted by Marc Kreuser



WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

Newark Rotary Club

The Newark Rotary Club was pleased to induct Mark Collins as our newest member on March 5, 2026. Recently retired, Mark is eager to dedicate his time and energy to serving the community, and we are delighted to welcome him to the club. Mark was sponsored by Karen Hoad and formally pinned by PDG Norma Madayag Reilly during the induction ceremony. We look forward to Mark's involvement and the many ways he will contribute to the club's ongoing service in the Newark community.

Submitted by Marc Kreuser



Pal-Mac Rotary

On Saturday, February 21st, Margaret Brooks was awarded a Paul Harris Plus One. The occasion was Margaret's 95th Birthday Celebration.

Margaret was inducted into membership on August 1, 1990. She was the second woman to become a Rotarian, both locally and in our District.

She has served as club secretary (20 years plus), and in many other capacities during her thirty-five plus years of "Having Fun While Getting Things Done" (club motto).

Margaret was awarded "Rotarian of the Year" in 1999. In 2006 she was given an award created in her name. It is called "The Margaret Brooks Award," and she was the first recipient.

This award recognizes service and leadership that is truly exemplary and unique in its positive impact on the club and the communities we serve. It highlights exceptional integrity and leadership recognizable as a model for the "ideal Rotarian." It is a non-monetary recognition and is awarded only rarely.

Congratulations to our long-time member and "mom" to our club! Presented by thirty- three year member, Mark Clement, and club president, Leslie Vecchiotti.

(Submitted by Mark Clement and Jeff Crawford)



Dansville Rotary Club

Dansville Rotary Club President Joyce Davies proudly presented Rotarian Jenni Leuzzi with her 5th Paul Harris Fellow Award at the Club's recent lunch meeting. This award acknowledges significant humanitarian contributions and exceptional service to the community. Jenni's dedication to our community goes above and beyond!

Jenni became a member of Dansville Rotary Club in May of 1998, serving as Club President in 2007 and 2018.. She currently serves as Editor of the Club's weekly "Spokesman" newsletter.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Canandaigua Rotary Club

A Paul Harris recognition was awarded to Kim and Greg Kane, both of whom are music teachers in the Canandaigua School District. Kim teaches music at the Primary School and Greg at Canandaigua Academy.

They were recognized for the outstanding dedication they both have demonstrated to enriching students' lives through music.

Pictured are Kim and Greg Kane:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg



Canandaigua Rotary Club



The Canandaigua Rotary Club is pleased to announce that another Paul Harris Fellowship Plus 2 has been bestowed on Judi Gorenflo of Canandaigua. A Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to a living individual who exemplifies a community inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community. Recipients are Rotarians or community professionals in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary by placing Service Above Self. Recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow is an opportunity to show appreciation for a person, either Rotarian or non-Rotarian, who share these values.

Pictured are Judy Gorenflo and the Club's First Vice President Dr. Paul Harvey:

Information and photos by: Jack Kellogg



Bloomfield Rotary Club

Bruna (Inbound from France) gave us a wonderful presentation about her life in her home country.



Rose (Outbound to Brazil) has a fundraiser to help fund her year abroad. In the picture Cyndi (her grandma), Lisa and Wade Norwood, Brunna, and Marce Chavez.

We also have our Euchre Tournament on March 21. Plus our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th.

Submitted by Marce Chavez



DISTRICT 7120 POLAR BEAR PLUNGE RETURNS FOR YEAR 2 – Sunday, April 12, 2026



District 7120's **Rotex Rotaract Club** is excited to announce the **Second Annual District-Wide Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser!** Last year, thanks to the incredible support of our participants, donors, and corporate sponsors, the inaugural event **netted over \$30,000 after event expenses.**

From those funds, **\$21,937 was distributed directly to Rotary programs and partner organizations across District 7120,** including:

- **\$15,659** distributed to the **five Rotary-sponsored camps** for children with disabilities
- **\$3,139** to **The Rotary Foundation**, in the name of Friendship, Geneseo, and Dansville Rotary Clubs
- **\$3,139** returned directly to **participating Rotary clubs** through the Rotary Club Challenge

In addition, the **Rotex Rotaract Club** used a portion of proceeds to fund **\$3,500 in Rotary Youth Exchange outbound scholarships**, helping ensure that students from all socioeconomic backgrounds have the opportunity to participate in Rotary's life-changing exchange programs.

The **Rotary Club Challenge winners** in our inaugural year were:

[Friendship Rotary](#), [Geneseo Rotary](#), [Dansville Rotary](#)

Friendship Rotary's incredible participation resulted in **over \$1,000 raised per active Rotarian**, demonstrating how even smaller clubs can compete and win through strong community engagement.

In our first year we visited **22 Rotary clubs across the district.** Ultimately **29 different clubs participated** through teams, individual fundraisers, or corporate sponsorships affiliated with Rotary clubs.

This year the event continues to grow. We have already **visited or scheduled presentations at 41 Rotary clubs (22 new!)** across District 7120.

In response to that success, we have **intentionally reduced our own share of net proceeds this year** in order to further expand funding for Rotary clubs and youth-focused initiatives across the district.

Revised Fund Allocation

Profits from the Polar Bear Plunge will benefit:

- **Rotary-sponsored summer camps for children with disabilities**, including [Camp Haccamo](#), [Camp Onseyawa](#), [Camp Star](#), [Genesee Valley Rotary Camp](#), & [Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp](#)
- **Five local Rotary clubs**, recognized as winners of the Rotary Club Challenge
- **The Rotex Rotaract Club**, which provides scholarships enabling students from all socio-economic backgrounds to participate in international youth exchange programs
- **The Youth-Oriented Micro-Grant Pilot**, supporting youth initiatives across the district

The Rotary Club Fundraising Challenge (Newly Expanded)

All donations made to the Polar Bear Plunge may be credited to a specific Rotary club within our district.

At the conclusion of the event, totals will be calculated and the **top five clubs that raise the most funds through individuals, teams, and corporate sponsors** will receive a **descending share of net proceeds.**

Final rankings are determined based on **total funds raised per Active Rotarian**, ensuring an equitable and competitive framework for clubs of all sizes.

This year **100% of awarded funds will be disbursed directly to the winning clubs** to support their local programming and community initiatives.

The **first-place club will also receive special recognition at the [Rotary District 7120 Conference](#)** at Holiday Valley Resort, May 1–3, 2026.

Youth-Oriented Micro-Grant Pilot (New)

This year, Rotex Rotaract is launching a **new grant initiative for eligible participating clubs.**

These micro-grants are designed to support **youth-focused initiatives at the local club level** and expand Rotary's impact within our communities.

The application process is intentionally streamlined to minimize administrative burden while ensuring thoughtful project planning. The goal is to support programs that **increase youth engagement, strengthen community presence, and build awareness and membership among younger generations.**

Please refer to our [Youth-Oriented Micro-Grant Information Guide](#) for full program details.

How You Can Get Involved

We are seeking **individual participants and teams** to take the plunge (or go *chicken* and just fundraise!).

Rotarians are encouraged to participate and share the event within their **wider community networks.** Participants raise funds through donations from family, friends, colleagues, and community members.

To register, individuals and teams can visit the [event website](#).

Please see our [How To Register & Fundraise Guide](#) for assistance using [Zeffy](#), our online fundraising platform. The guide also includes information on alternative donation methods and fundraising tips.

Businesses or organizations interested in becoming sponsors can review our [Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities](#) document and contact [Rotex Rotaract](#) for more information.

Event Schedule

Once again, the **Rotary Youth Exchange Committee** and the **Rotex Rotaract Club** invite you to join us at:

[The Beachcomber](#) 5909 West Lake Road Conesus, NY 14435

Sunday, April 12, 2026 Starting at **11:30 AM**

Timeline

Registration: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Live Music: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Awards Ceremony: 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Dedicated Changing Time: 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Polar Bear Plunge: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Après-Plunge Happy Hour: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Attendees are encouraged to **minge and enjoy the music before and after the plunge.** Hot food, coffee, and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase throughout the event.



Submitted by Thomas May

Geneva Rotary Club

One of the highlights of the Geneva Rotary Club year is the baked goods auction conducted by the Interact Club. Interact members run the meeting that day and auction off baked goods either made by them or their families. This year's auction raised \$745 that will be donated by the club to worthy projects. Rotarian Ted Baker helped out the Geneva High School students as the auctioneer.



Submitted by Phil Beckley



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Dundee Rotary Club

At the February 11th meeting of the Dundee Rotary Club, two Dundee Central School students received Student of the Month awards.

The January Student of the Month was Caleb Bartlett, son of Brian and Kerri Bartlett, who was accompanied by Jr/Sr High Principal Chad Johnson. Mr. Johnson stated that Caleb represented academic excellence, is Co-President of his class, a member of Natural Helpers, and is a Section 5B3 Wrestling champion. Caleb aspires to be an Agricultural Engineer.

The February Student of the Month was Brennan Rhode, daughter of Melvina Rhode, who was accompanied to the meeting by Elementary Principal, Tiffany Cohrs. Principal Cohrs said that Brennan was selected because she is a STARS leader, and demonstrates the highest level of responsibility, assisting younger tudents on the bus, and consistently making good choices.

Rotary President Lynda Kimball presented Caleb and Brennan with certificates and checks for \$25.00.

Submitted by Lauren Snyder



Pictured are Principal Johnson, Caleb, Brennan, and Principal Cohrs.



Geneseo Rotary Club

A free bowling event held by the Geneseo Rotary and Geneseo Kiwanis Clubs on February 18. 69 people with 55 bowlers attended. Free pizza and drinks were provided, and children could choose a book on the way out the door to bring home.



All participants were asked if it was okay to share their picture in publications and social media. Everyone shown in these pictures answered yes.

Submitted by Heather Ferrero



Pal-Mac Rotary

This happened at our annual Foundation Gala on February 11th.
Thank you, Jeanna Skinner for capturing it so well!



Beaming with pride! What an honor for our family as Ellie Rouland becomes the first teenager to receive Honorary Membership in Palmyra-Macedon Rotary Club! She's following in the footsteps of two generations of Rotarians in our family! This was a total surprise for her, and Club President Leslie Vecchiotti wrote such a wonderful testament to her passion for volunteering ♥

Grandparents of Ellie are club members, Jeff and Beverly Crawford. Daughter, Jeanna, who wrote this, is also a club member,

Submitted by Jeff Crawford

Pal-Mac Rotary

Our annual Foundation Gala raises money for the Rotary International Foundation, through which massive good is accomplished around the world, as well as in our own communities. Money is raised through bidding on delicious homemade food selections provided by our members and friends. It is also an opportunity to have a blast!

Here are some of the WINNAS from our evening gala on February 11 with their goodies. You can see that they include entrees, sides, desserts, and appetizers! (We couldn't have done this without auctioneer, Kim Clement, and Assistant, Marie Fessler!)

Submitted by Jeff Crawford



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

On February 19th, the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club honored Jemma Coon as the Middle school Student of the Month and Eli Stumbo as the High School Student of the Month for January. Students were invited to a club meeting here they received their award certificates and a gift card.

Each of these students was nominated by his/her teachers and models the motto "Service above Self". They also follow our "Four Way Test". Setting a role model for their peers is important to each of them. Both are very active in school activities and community service projects.

Thanks to the guidance counselors at HCS as well as the teachers who help us each month to recognize students who reflect the standards we strive for.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

Once again, on February 25th and 26th, the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club presented each elementary student with a book for his/her own personal library. This monthly community service project allows each student to select a book from the display on the riders in the K wing at Honeoye Central School. This month the project was extended to include home schoolers as well.

Students enjoy being able to pick a book that fits their interest and reading level. Once they select their books, students visit with the Rotarian volunteers to have their books stamped as a gift from HLRC and write their name in the book (usually on the inside cover) so it is theirs personally.

Most books are purchased through the Scholastic Learning Partnership program at reasonable cost along with free bonus books adding to each monthly supply. Club members also donate books they find on sale or are able to pick up for free. Members also volunteer to help man the event and enjoy the greetings they get when they encounter students around town. The smiles generated as the students recognize the volunteer members is so rewarding.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Newark Rotary Club

Throughout the month of February, Newark Rotarians came together to support Laurel House, the comfort care home in Newark. At each weekly meeting, members brought items requested by the organization to help meet the needs of residents and staff. Thanks to the generosity of our members, Rotarians donated enough supplies to fill two carloads. Contributions included kitchen supplies, snacks, beverages, and postage materials. Our club is grateful to everyone who contributed to making this project a success.

Submitted by Marc Kreuser



Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

The large Eastview Mall complex in the northwest corner of the Town of Victor, including both the mall and surrounding plazas, is well known to shoppers in the metro Rochester area. Less well known to many is that in the immediate area is a four-story building, built in 1879, that served as a shopping plaza for the local community of that era. Originally known as Valentown Hall, the building is on the National Register and is a rare example of the 19th century architecture that has remained intact since it was built.

The Valentown Hall contains a collection of display cases and room settings that preserve the history of the building and the shopping venue of the late 19th century commercial world.



Valentown Hall/Museum



L TO R - Kathryn White, President Victor Historical Society, Rotarian Rose Hogan, DG Jim Crane, Rotarian Nancy Loughlin



L TO R - Club President John Summers, Rotarian Kim Yourch & husband Tom Yourch

On Valentine's Day, The Victor – Farmington Rotary Club joined up with the Victor Historical Society for a Valentine Day fund raiser and wine tasting event at a downtown Canandaigua wine bar to provide the historical society additional funding for their preservation efforts.

Submitted by David Luitweiler

Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

The V-F Rotary Club recently adopted a new monthly schedule for designating the third Wednesday of the month as an evening combination social/business meeting in lieu of the traditional noon hour meeting at the Ravenwood Golf Club. The change was instituted to give members who often have trouble making a noon hour meeting the opportunity for an evening venue. This change also recognizes Paul Harris's advice for making Rotary a fun experience.



In February, the club held an evening meeting at the Victor Village Tavern where club member, and District YEX chair Pam Rosbrook Schlerf, presented an extensive program on the current state of the district's YEX program. A sizable percentage of club members were in attendance and discussions were held on strengthening the YEX program and increasing club participation.

The club's current YEX student, Yumi Morino (Japan), was in attendance and was able to see first-hand how issues such as these are handled at a club level.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



Corning Rotary Club



Mid-winter brings the groundhog and his shadow. It also brings Corning's Breakfast for Dinner Groundhog Day Fundraiser in honor of The Rodent.

Held February 2nd, club members working with the staff at the Corning-Painted Post High School cafeteria, served pancakes, French toast sticks, sausage and hash browns to several hundred people.

Entertainment was provided by The Rodent's cousins, Punxsutawney Phil and the Repeats.

Proceeds of this fundraiser go towards Corning's youth programs. These include the Rotary Reads "I Can Read" book giveaways, elementary school classroom readings and special assembly programs, the High School Learning Center Interact, the GorillaBots and other such

initiatives.

Submitted by Jan Harvey



Fairport Rotary Club

“Unite for Good”

Our “Savor the Flavor Event” was a huge success. As Marybeth Christianson, our current club president stated, “The definition of successful fundraisers for nonprofits are strategic initiatives that exceed financial goals while building long term donor relationships, increasing community awareness and fostering engagement.” Our club worked as a team, Uniting for Good, which resulted in setting the foundation for our fundraising efforts for the year.



Pat George, our event chairperson, summarized our efforts with the following statement: “To all the members and friends of Rotary who made Savor the Flavor 2026 a big hit. Yet another proud display to the Community of how a group of wonderful people working together can accomplish so much. A great way to show everyone what Fairport Rotary is all about and the activities and organizations we support.”



Fairport Rotary would like to thank all those who supported our event this year and you weren't able to attend this year, get your tickets early for next year.

Submitted by Thomas Wolanski

Lima Rotary Club



Greetings from the Lima NY Rotary Club. We would like to highlight our upcoming events on March 28 along with the Lima Legion we hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt it is at mark Tubbs Park at Noon. We are also having western NY York first sing along Brunch. The Lima Rotary club also sponsors our local Scouting Clubs. This year we have several scouts about to earn their Eagle badge. This is a summary of one of the projects, Brian Pedicone is diligently working on his Eagle Scout Project in Lima, NY. After much insight, and numerous trips around town, he realized that our small town does not have any bike racks available to residents. By adding six racks around town, with two of those in Mark Tubbs Park, he hopes to drive families into town to use local businesses, find a niche in Blues Fest 'parking', and to promote a healthy lifestyle while seeing the sights of the county. With environmentally friendly bike racks, the community can use this Scouts project for years to come, making it a truly self- sustaining project! Our Rotary club also recognizes a Business of the month, picture below are the January and February business of the month recipients with members of the rotary. Corby's collision and The Lima Library. Submitted by Daniel Proctor

Spencerport Rotary Club

Spencerport Rotary's 4th Annual Trivia Night proved to be another great success with a sell out crowd - 20 teams of 4 vied to win by answering 80 questions - 20 questions in each of 4 categories. Many Rotarians played including PDG Julie Carney, PDG Ralph Brandt and DGN Pete Vogt with PDG Dave DeMers serving as a host to read off a set of questions.

Two teams tied for the top spot, so after 5 tie breaker questions, the winning team honors went to the Bloomfield team with PDG Ralph Brandt, DGN Pete Vogt and Rotarians Bonnie Stauffer and Kathy Conratt. Kathy even walked away with the 50/50 raffle winnings...so Bloomfield will probably be back next year!

Submitted by Colleen Farley



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Penfield Rotary Club

Annual Euchre Tournament Come join Penfield Rotary on Saturday, April 18, for our Annual Spring Charity Euchre Tournament to support the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf and the Student Summer Lunch Program. Enjoy a fun day of cards, laughs, and raffles, knowing your \$30 entry fee helps provide lunches for students and families when school is out. Please share with your friends and Euchre enthusiasts! Doors open at Baywinde, 200 Kidd Castle Way, Webster, at 10 am, play starts at 11 am sharp, and it's \$30 to enter. Parking shuttle available.

[Euchre Registration Link \(https://penfieldrotary.org/\)](https://penfieldrotary.org/)

Fire Department Tour and Filling 60 Care Packages! At last month's meeting the club gathered to support SpiritNYS, an organization that helps homeless teens stay in school. We filled 60 care packages. The club also paused for a fun night of pizza and camaraderie with our local fire department.

Save the date, Monday, June 15 at Shadow Lake, for the Penfield Club's annual Golf Tournament in partnership with the Town of Penfield and the Kiwanis Club. We need foursomes and sponsors!

Save the date, Sunday, May 31, at Shadow Pines, Chasing Chains for Charity Disc Golf Tournament. We need golfers and sponsors here too for this brand new tournament for us!

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

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Geneva Rotary Club

Dr. Jim Dickson (right), former Geneva Rotary Club President and former District 7120 Assistant Governor, was honored for his 50 years in Rotary at the club's March 4 meeting. Rotarian John Oughterson presented Dickson with a 50-year pin.

Submitted by Phil Beckley



Obituary



Ralph J. Adams, a loyal, dedicated, and beloved Clifton Springs Rotarian since 1992, passed away on January 7, 2026 at the age of 98. He was a man whose life was embodied by love, devotion, and family. He was our club's unofficial "poet laureate".

Ralph was born on May 18, 1927, to the late Edward and Sarah Adams in Clifton Springs, New York, where he was raised. Before he was able to graduate from high school in 1945, he was drafted to the United States Army for World War II. Upon cessation of the war, Ralph was able to return home and complete his senior year, officially graduating from Clifton Springs High School in 1946. Post graduation, his decision to re-enlist led him to being stationed at the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY, where he was then called to duty for the Korean War in 1950. During his overall time in the service, Ralph had the privilege to work as a medic for the Army football team, but his title as surgical technician was one he carried with the most pride.

After his honorable discharge, Ralph returned to life in Clifton Springs and went on to receive a degree for Business Administration from Rochester Business Institute. But, life truly began in the summer of 1959 when he met the love of his life, Mable (Davison) Adams of Endicott, New York. The two were married on October 24, 1959, beginning a beautiful marriage that spanned 66 joyful years. Ralph adored his beautiful bride and never hesitated to express his devoted love to her through a spontaneous (yet routine) song or poem as a testament to his enduring love.

Ralph and Mable had three children: Mark (Lynn) Adams, Valerie (Eric Ford) Adams, and Jeff (Ogla) Adams. They also welcomed a foreign exchange student from Peru, Rueben Vasquez, who lovingly earned the title of son. Ralph was an extremely proud father, although arguably an even prouder grandfather to 11 and great grandfather to 17:

He was a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, and treasured his time with his grand-dog Dutch. He also valued the love and care his neighbors, Charlie and Betty Hall, extended to him throughout the years.

Ralph retired from Eastman Kodak, but his dedication to service did not end there. He remained deeply committed to volunteering and supporting his community, proudly wearing many hats throughout his life. He was an active member of the Rotary, Phelps American Legion, and he served faithfully as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church of Clifton Springs. His service extended even further through his involvement as a cemetery caretaker, hospital greeter, and food cupboard volunteer.

In the summer of 2000, Ralph participated in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic where he helped build a school, continuing his lifelong passion for service.

Ralph's commitment to his family, friends, community and country never went unnoticed. He was honored with the Paul Harris Award and nominated for the Veterans Hall of Fame. Among his most humbling honors was his involvement in the Honor Flight of Rochester, traveling to Washington D.C., in recognition of his military service.

During retirement, Ralph found great joy in flowers, a good round of golf, and starring in numerous family movies created by his nephews, Gary, Charlie, and Richard. It was also no secret Ralph's love for poetry. If he knew you, chances are he wrote a poem about you. His poems captured all his greatest joys, love for his family, told stories, or even a joke. His words told stories that will live on just as vividly as the memories he created.

Ralph was the kindest soul and loved so deeply. His stories, his poems, love, and life will be forever cherished by those who loved him, especially his beloved family.

Submitted by Scott MacDonell



Obituary

Margaret R. Kerr
August 28, 1936 – March 5, 2026

Margaret R. Kerr, an honorary member of the Fairport Rotary Club, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2026, at the age of 89.

Marg was a cherished friend of the Fairport Rotary Club for more than two decades. As an honorary member, she remained closely connected to the life of the club and the fellowship that Rotary provides. She was a familiar and welcome presence at weekly meetings and rarely missed the opportunity to gather with fellow Rotarians.

Marg contributed to the club in many meaningful ways. She served for many years on the Fairport Rotary Sunshine Committee, helping ensure that members experiencing illness, loss, or other difficult times were remembered and supported by their Rotary family. Her thoughtful outreach reflected the kindness and compassion that defined her life.

She also took part in recognizing young people in the community through the club's scholarship program, joining fellow Rotarians in presenting scholarships to local students as they prepared to begin their college studies.

Marg also brought a special energy to club meetings. A devoted fan of the Rochester Americans hockey team, she enjoyed sharing updates about the Amerks and their players, often bringing smiles and lively conversation to the room.

Marg's commitment to service extended well beyond Rotary. Born August 28, 1936, in Peterborough, Ontario, she devoted much of her life to helping others through faith, education, and community involvement. After moving to Rochester with her husband, the Reverend William Kerr, Marg continued her education, earning her GED and later both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Nazareth College. She went on to serve as a special education teacher at the BOCES Rush Campus, where she touched the lives of many students with patience and compassion.

Marg and her husband were also deeply involved in the Fairport community through their church. During Reverend Kerr's years of ministry, the church helped establish the Perinton Food Shelf. Marg was an enthusiastic volunteer and supporter of that effort to help families in need, a cause that remains one of the Fairport Rotary Club's major community service projects.

Marg is survived by her children David Kerr, Peter Kerr, and Julie Wood, along with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Reverend William Kerr.

We extend our deepest condolences to Marg's family and friends. The Fairport Rotary Club is grateful for the friendship, warmth, and spirit of service she shared with our club for many years. Her life reflected the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.

By Kareen Zeitounzian

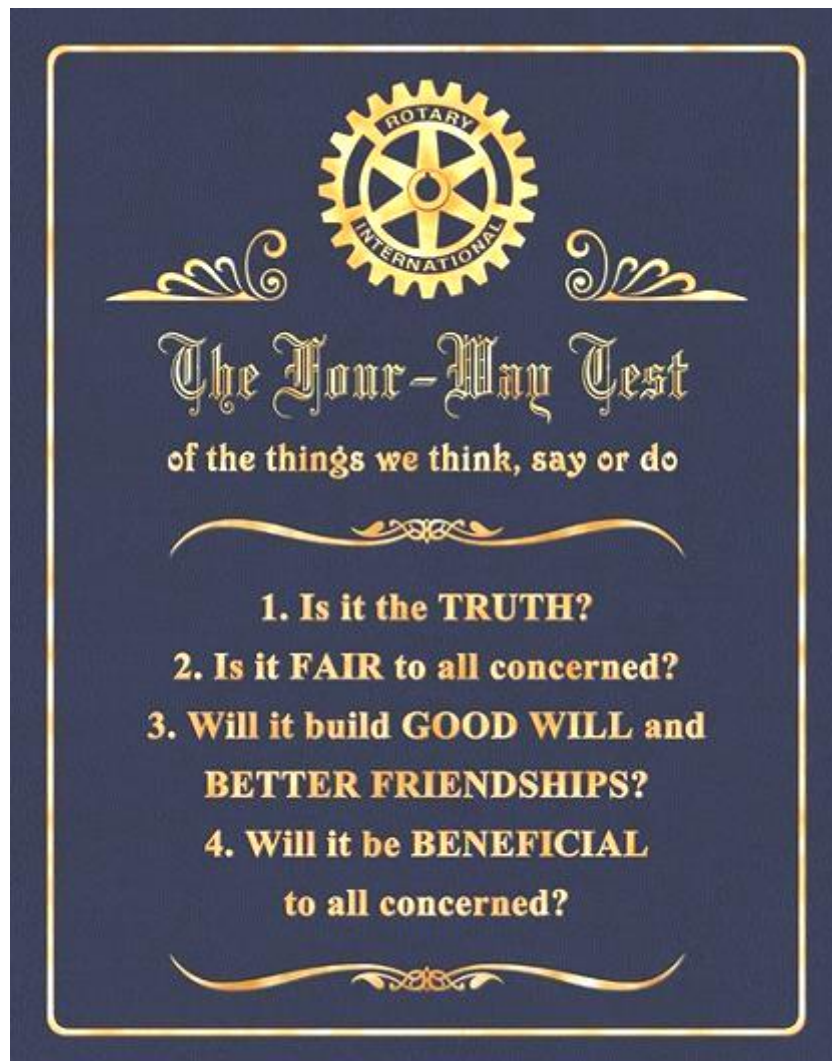
DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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

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

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

2)) If your club **does use** Club Runner, go to :
<https://www.clubrunnersupport.com/kb/articles/how-do-i-create-an-event-in-event-planner>
And the article will help you create an event.





Newark Rotary Club

Pancake Breakfast

Newark High School

625 Peirson Ave • Newark, NY

Saturday, March 14, 2026

7:30 am - 11:30 am



To purchase online,
scan the QR code

Tickets: Presale \$10.00

Purchase from any Newark Rotarian or call (315) 447-0276

At the door \$12

Children 3 years & under are FREE

**Pancakes, eggs, sausage, muffins,
coffee, milk, local real maple
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Proceeds benefit the many Newark Rotary Club projects • **Rotary**

Club of Newark, NY



ROCHESTER DEAF ROTARY π -DINGO Fundraiser

Doors Open 2:00 pm Dingo Game 2:30 pm
Henrietta Moose Family Center

Rochester Deaf
Rotary
Club



5375 W. Henrietta Rd.
West Henrietta, NY 14586



SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026



Food & Snacks Available for Purchase
Pie slices provided during the break
Cash Prizes! Wine Raffles!

50/50 Raffle



Tickets:
\$20
Entry

After March 8:
\$25



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www.deafrotary.org

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Rochester Deaf Rotary, Dingo, P.O. Box 18465, Rochester, NY 14618

Will benefit: The Rochester Deaf Rotary Fundraising Fund



Pi Day Fundraiser!

Silent Auction 50/50 Raffle

Bid on a pie to support a graduating senior!

March 14, 2026
Saturday 2-4 pm

Krooked Tusker Distillery
10303 Co Rd 76, Hammondsport, NY 14840

Come have fun with the Bath Rotary Club to raise funds for the Bath Rotary Scholarship Fund, Inc. The BRSF Inc. gives over \$10,000 every year to graduating seniors in Avoca, Bath, Bradford, Campbell-Savona and Hammondsport.



Rotary
Bath, NY





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

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

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

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

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

THE GENEVA ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS:



Rotary

Club of Geneva NY



Saturday
March 21, 2026

5:00pm Cocktails

6:30PM Dinner

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GUEST SPEAKERS:
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MARCH 22ND

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MARCH 21, 2026

11AM-3PM

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LOWEST SCORE \$25

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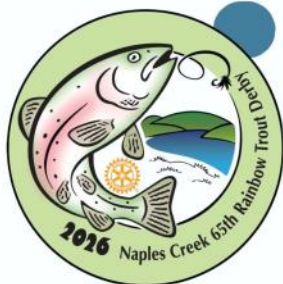
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Wednesday April 1, 2026
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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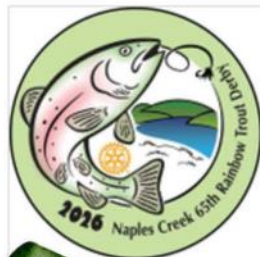
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Naples Creek Rainbow Trout Derby



2026 Naples Creek Rainbow Trout Derby Registration

Excitement is in the CREEK! Get ready to be part of something extraordinary at Naples NY Rotary Club's 65th...

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Chasing the Rainbow

Fishermen will be out in force for the Rainbow Trout Derby April 1. Will anyone come close to matching Jim Grove's 15.5-pound catch?

When the fishermen line up along Naples Creek for the 38th annual Rainbow Trout Derby on opening day Thursday, April 1 they'll be chasing a derby record that has stood for 37 years.

The late Jim Grove, who passed away a few months ago, landed a huge 15.5-pound male rainbow using a fly fishing lure back in 1962, the second year of the derby's existence. On the same day -- in the same spot near the old fairgrounds -- he hooked another lunker, a 10-pound female.



And if last week's annual "shocking" in Naples Creek by the Department of Environmental Conservation is any indication, the creek will be full of rainbows on opening day.

"Unless we go right into summer in the next few days there will be a lot of fish in the creek for opening day," Bill Abraham said after last Thursday's shocking. Abraham is the...

JOIN OUR **FREE** EGG-CITING

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY
APRIL 4, 2026 1PM

ELTON PARK
(RT 5 & 20)
BLOOMFIELD

Bloomfield Rotary,
E. Bloomfield Methodist Church,
and Bloomfield Public Library

LOTS of Eggs
Loads of fun & games
Hot Chocolate
Face Painting



Registration begins at 12:50pm

**EGGS HUNTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR
12-15 KIDS PER HUNT EVERY 6-8 MINUTES**



Rotary
Lima NY



YOU ARE INVITED TO

A SING ALONG BRUNCH

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026
11AM-2PM

FANATICS PUB 7281 WEST MAIN STREET LIMA

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

FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT LIMA AMBULANCE
&
LIMA ROTARY COMMUNITY FUND.

A DJ WILL BE SPINNING TUNES
EVERYONE CAN BE A STAR





Honeoye Lake Rotary sponsored Euchre Tournament Fundraiser
to benefit the new playground at Honeoye Central School.

100% of proceeds go to HCS to help fund any extras that are not covered by HCS capital project funds.

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

Place: Richmond / Honeoye Firehall

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

Entry Fee: \$20 per person

You may pay at the door.

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

Will also be doing a 50/50 Raffle

Prizes structure:

1st place - \$50.00 Visa Gift Card

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

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

LAST place - \$25.00 Runnings Gift Card

All prizes have been donated by Rotary members

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

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

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

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Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

District 7120 Conference

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

Club Achievement Award

Deadline April 1, 2026

Club Bulletin Award

Deadline April 1

District Learning Assembly

Waterloo High School
April 11, 2026

Polar Bear Plunge

April 12, 2026
Beachcomber, Conesus Lake

Mt. Morris Remote Area Medical Event

October 3-4, 2026.

Upcoming CLUB Events

Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Coupon Book Sale

March 14 Newark Rotary Club

Pancake Breakfast
Newark High School

March 14 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

π - Dingo Fundraiser

March 14 Bath Rotary Club

Pi Day Fundraiser

March 16 Pittsford Rotary Club

Taste of Pittsford

March 21 Geneva Rotary Club

Unite for Good Service Above Self Gala

March 21 Bloomfield Rotary Club

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Mach 22 Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp

Pancake Breakfast

April 1 Naples Rotary Club

65th Rainbow Trout Derby

April 4 Bloomfield Rotary Club

Easte Egg Hunt

April 12 Lima Rotary Club

Sing Along Brunch

April 6 Honeoye Lale Rotary Club

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