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Lisa Norwood, District Governor

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What Does “Lasting” Really Mean?

We've been talking all year about *Creating Lasting Impact*. But lately I've been thinking about one particular word in that phrase: Lasting.

It's relatively easy to do something good once. Hold an event. Write a check. Volunteer for a few hours. Serve a meal. Plant a tree. All of those things matter. But lasting impact asks something more of us. It asks: *What happens after we leave?*

October is Rotary's **Community Economic Development Month**, and that's a particularly good question to ask when we're trying to strengthen communities. Sometimes the greatest impact isn't what we do *for* someone. It's what we're able to build *with* them. Maybe it's helping someone gain the financial knowledge to make better decisions. Maybe it's supporting an entrepreneur, helping someone develop a new skill, connecting people with resources, or bringing organizations together around a community need.

We've seen examples of that kind of partnership right here in District 7120, including this month's [Remote Area Medical clinic](#) in Mt. Morris. You'll read more about that elsewhere in this Grapevine, so I won't steal that story!

But October gives us another extraordinary example of lasting impact. **October 24 is [World Polio Day](#)**. Rotary began its first polio vaccination project in the Philippines in 1979. More than 45 years later, we're still at it. Together with our partners, we've helped reduce polio cases worldwide by 99.9 percent and protect billions of children.

Think about that...Rotarians who began this work decades ago knew they might never personally see the finish line. Yet they started anyway. Other Rotarians picked up the work. And others after them. That's lasting impact.

It's also a reminder that lasting doesn't necessarily mean *fast*. This month, clubs throughout District 7120 are finding their own ways to support our effort to end polio. Check the [District 7120 calendar](#) for World Polio Day activities happening around the district and join one! And if you're ready to make a longer-term commitment, consider joining the [District 7120 PolioPlus Society](#). Members pledge at least \$100 each year until the world is certified polio-free. It's a wonderfully simple way to say, *I'm staying with this until the job is done*. Some problems require patience. Some require persistence. Some require generations of people willing to keep showing up because the goal is worth pursuing.

So, this month, I'd like you to think about the work your club is doing and ask: What will still matter after we're gone? Maybe the answer is a healthier community, a stronger local organization, a young person whose possibilities have expanded, or one more child who will never know what polio was.

We don't always get to see where the work we begin will ultimately lead. We just have to be willing to begin it, and sometimes, to keep going. Never give up. Never quit. Never surrender.

That's how we **Create Lasting Impact**.

Yours in Rotary,

Lisa Norwood
Rotary District 7120
District Governor 2026-27

World Polio Day & The Rotary Foundation: A Moment for Us to Lead

Every year on Oct. 24, Rotarians around the world pause to recognize World Polio Day, a reminder of Rotary's unwavering commitment to ending polio once and for all. It's not just a date on the calendar; it's a celebration of Rotary's leadership in one of the most ambitious public-health efforts in history. Because of Rotarians, about 3 billion children have been immunized, and polio remains endemic in only two countries. We are so close to making history.

As we move from October into November, Rotary's monthly theme shifts to The Rotary Foundation, the engine that powers our service, our grants, and our global impact. It's fitting that this season of gratitude and generosity includes one of District 7120's signature events: the District Foundation Brunch on November 8.

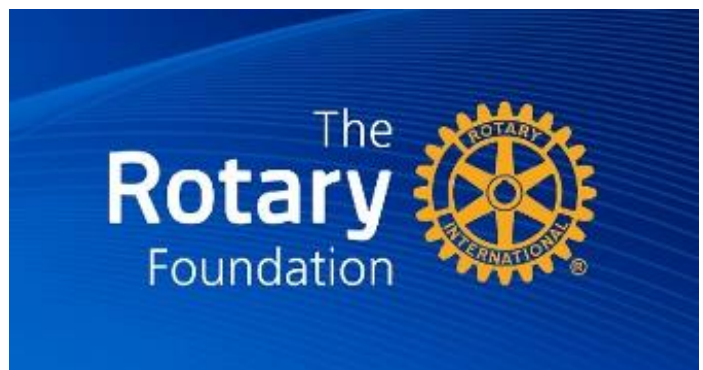
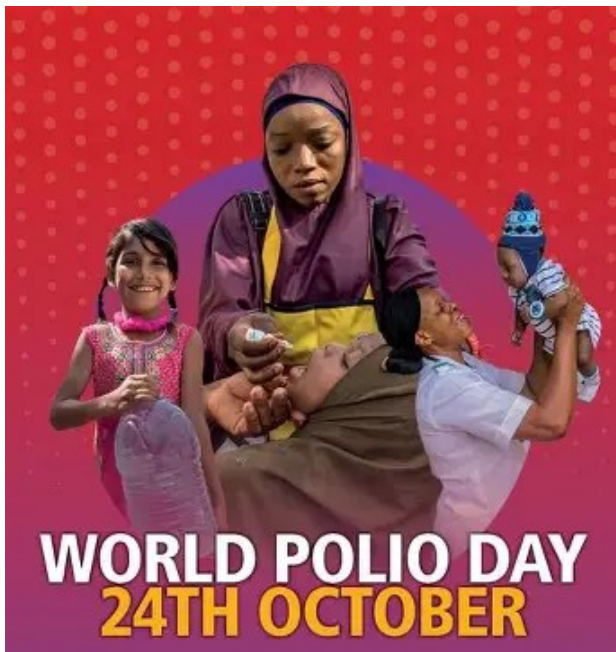
This year let's make both moments count. I challenge every Rotarian to give to PolioPlus. Your gift, no matter the size, directly fuels vaccinations, surveillance, and rapid response teams. Every dollar is matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation, multiplying your impact. I also challenge every club to send at least one representative to the Foundation Brunch on Nov. 8. Celebrate our district's achievements, hear powerful stories of Rotary's work, and strengthen the fellowship that keeps our clubs vibrant.

World Polio Day reminds us of what Rotary can accomplish. November reminds us how we sustain that momentum. Let's honor both by giving generously and showing up proudly.

Rotary District 7120
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District Governor 2027-28



District Governor Elect
Pete Vogt



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rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-7120-governor-track

QUESTIONS?

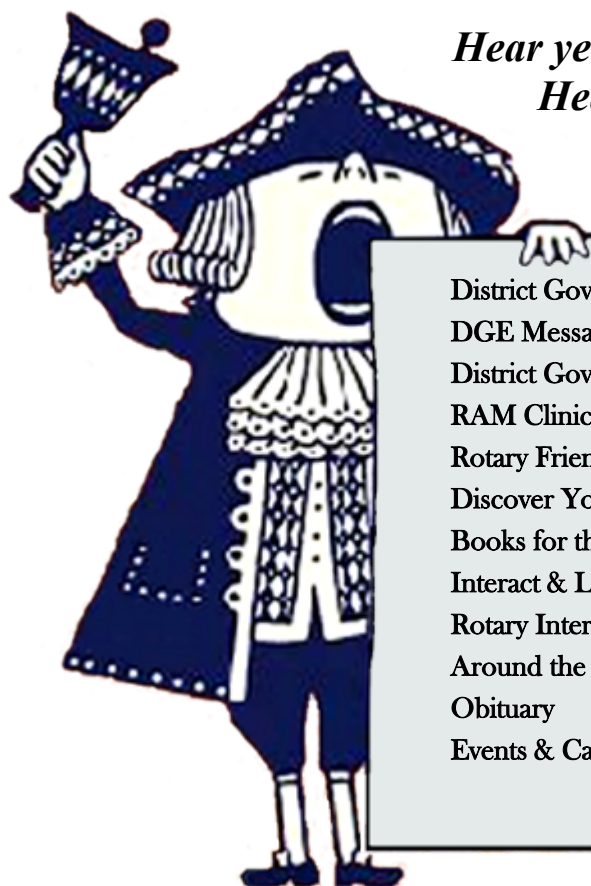
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SCAN FOR
DETAILS



Candidates must meet Rotary eligibility requirements and have the support of their Rotary club.

LEADERS DON'T ALWAYS RAISE THEIR HANDS. SOMETIMES SOMEONE HAS TO ASK.



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Behind the Scenes: What It Takes to Bring a RAM Clinic to Our Community

Submitted by DG Lisa Norwood

Walking into Mt. Morris Central School during the [Remote Area Medical \(RAM\) Clinic](#) on October 3-4, 2026, it was easy to focus on the patients receiving free medical, dental and vision care. But during a behind-the-scenes tour, I was struck by everything required to make that care possible.



A school had essentially been transformed into a temporary healthcare facility. Tables held hundreds of eyeglass frames. Dental instruments and supplies were meticulously organized. Specialized equipment had been transported and installed. Treatment and sterilization areas had been created. Throughout the building, healthcare professionals and volunteers worked together to make it all function.



The vision area especially fascinated me. After an eye exam, patients could choose their frames, be fitted by an optician, and have their prescription lenses made right there on site. Some could return about an hour later and leave with their new glasses. One volunteer told me about a little girl receiving her first pair. She chose pink frames and was thrilled. Think about the impact of that one moment—a child potentially able to read, learn and experience her world more clearly.

I also learned how much RAM relies on experienced core volunteers who bring specialized skills from clinic to clinic. They work alongside local healthcare professionals, community volunteers and organizations to create something none could accomplish alone.



That may have been my biggest takeaway: **the impact doesn't begin when a patient sits in the chair. It begins when people decide to work together.**

By the end of the weekend, more than 275 people had received free medical, dental and vision care. The Rotary Clubs of [Avon](#), [Dansville](#), [Geneseo](#), [Mt. Morris](#), [Nunda](#) and [Rochester SW](#) helped make the clinic possible in partnership with RAM,

local healthcare professionals, community organizations and the Mt. Morris Central School.

This is the kind of Rotary service I hope we continue to embrace, not simply asking, “*What project can our club do?*” but “*Who else cares about this problem, and what could we accomplish together?*”

Sometimes **Create Lasting Impact** looks like a school transformed into a healthcare facility. And sometimes it looks like a little girl walking out the door in her very first pair of pink glasses.





Castles, Pirates and Friends.

I would like to take a moment to share thoughts concerning our recent experience with District 7120's Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) Program to Scotland. And I'd like to encourage broad support and participation in this program. My wife and I are avid travelers who enjoy small group cultural experiences. Most of our prior experiences pale in comparison to our recent experience with our first RFE.

Three words describe our experience: Royal, Fantasy and Historical. Our group of ten was divided into pairs who were each hosted by a Rotary family in their homes for three days. We traveled to three separate Rotary Clubs in the Aberdeen/Dundee area.



Our first hostess was a docent at Balmoral Castle and gave us a truly "Royal" tour while sharing walks in quiet glens and close family stories.

Our second host shared the story of his town and the "Fantasy" associated with their home town author of Peter Pan. We sang Scottish folk songs with his extended family and shared a few "wee drams".

Our visit with our third host was "Historical" as he shared some of the vast array of Scottish history from Edinburgh to the Highlands. His son gave us a private bagpipe recital.



The entire RFE experience underlined the community spirit which is the heart and soul of Rotary. It reinforced that we are all part of a larger family with shared values, desires and commitment. This exchange occurred because two of our participants had traveled to the same area years before and formed close friendships with their hosts. It made this exchange into a kind of family reunion. Our participants came from four separate clubs in our district and has had the effect of bonding us closer together just as we have made new friends abroad.

My wife and I look forward to hosting Rotary Friendship Exchange participants in the near future. We are assured of the common bonds that unite us all.

Submitted by Michael Lischak

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DISTRICT 7120



**Rotary Action
Planning Series**
Chapter 1 of 6

"Don't Just Plan Your Rotary Year. Plan Your Clubs Future"

DISCOVER YOUR CLUB'S WHY

What do you want your Rotary club to be known for?

Why does our Rotary club matter?

If our club were even more successful three years from now, what would be different? What would our community say about us? What would our members say about their Rotary experience?

Every club deserves the opportunity to pause, reflect and rediscover its purpose.

COULD YOUR CLUB BENEFIT?

YOUR NEXT STEP

Click on this link for the full article: [DISCOVER YOUR CLUB'S WHY](#)

Invite the District Action Planning Committee to conduct an Action Planning Workshop with your club. Contact any Action Plan Committee member, all are listed on the Action Planning page on the District website.





Books for the World Western New York, Inc.

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Board Members

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Books for the World (BFTW) is a global literacy and educational project sponsored and supervised end-to-end by Rotarians. It's a major, world-wide, non-profit organization sponsored by the Rotary Club of Seabrook, Texas and funded by the Second Wind Foundation. The overall goal of this project is to enhance literacy and education in third world countries while also promoting international understanding. Working with Rotary Clubs around the United States, BFTW collects books scheduled for disposal which might otherwise be thrown into landfills, shredded or incinerated and ships them to third world countries around the world where educational resources are greatly needed.

The BFTW project began in 2001 from a conversation between two Rotarians, one from Texas and the other from South Africa. They discussed how the two clubs might work together and became aware that schools in South Africa needed school and library books, while schools in Texas were disposing of hundreds of thousands of valuable textbooks every year.

Books are distributed to needy schools, some of which have no building, no books and no school supplies, with many teachers saying they never before had books from which to teach. Many of the children this project reaches have never held a book, let alone learned how to read one.

The BFTW project, together with the Second Wind Foundation has shipped more than 410 40- foot containers, providing over 17 million pounds of books, valued at \$176 million, to more than 25 countries across southern Africa, Central and South America, India, Afghanistan, Pakistan and others. Once recipients receive the books, the steel ocean shipping containers are put to good use by converting them into school rooms, libraries, child care centers, medical clinics, community centers, polio immunization vans, etc.



Books for the World, Western New York (BFTW WNY) was created in 2008 to collaborate with BFTW in collecting books from Rotary clubs operating within Rotary District 7120. Since its inception in 2008, BFTW WNY has collected, packed and shipped over 392 tons of books to the Second Wind Foundation in Texas. Once there, they are combined with books received from other U.S. locations, placed into shipping containers, and shipped to their final destinations around the world.

On July 8th 2026, BFTW WNY sent a shipment of books to Second Wind Foundation, traveling 1,610 miles by truck to their warehouse in Texas. The shipment contained 28 pallets of books with 24 boxes per pallet, weighing approximately 2 tons. This equates to 672 boxes, containing an estimated 12,500 books. Estimated value of the shipment is \$30,000. The total cost of shipping and supplies was \$6,447.

The types of books included in the shipment were:

- 1/3 Primary text books
- 2/3 YA/Adult library

These books came from schools, libraries and individuals via the following Rotary clubs: Canandaigua, Fairport, Gates-Chili, Honeoye Falls-Mendon, Odessa, Palmyra-Macedon, Rochester, Rochester Northwest, Rochester Southwest, Victor-Farmington, Watkins-Montour and Wolcott.

In addition to book and monetary donations received from Rotary Clubs in our district, the following have contributed to our ability to collect, store and ship books:

Buckingham Properties for many years has graciously donated an area in one of their warehouses where we can store, sort, pack and prepare pallets of books for shipment.

The Second Wind Foundation located in Houston, Texas is a 501(c)(3) corporation whose board is comprised of Rotarians, pays for the shipping containers and shipment of books from the Port of Houston to Rotary Clubs overseas. Edie Houlden is the current president of the foundation.

Books from BFTW WNY plus the books from BFTW Central New York, BFTW Wisconsin, BFTW Texas and other locations around the U.S. are received and warehoused by Excel Inc. in LaPorte, Texas. These services of warehousing and loading the shipping containers are provided at no charge.

In addition to working with the foreign Rotary clubs to direct shipments of books, they also contact foreign governments willing to work with Second Wind to oversee local distribution of the books. This has often allowed the reduction or elimination of the cost of customs in the receiving country.

Additional information, photos and recipient testimonials about Books for the World - The Second Wind Foundation are available at:

<https://booksfortheworld.org>

Submitted by Robert Hunt





Experience Customs, Cultures, and Rotary Around the World on an RFE

As you read this, you will learn how this is possible. A group of Rotarians from our district recently completed a trip to Rotary District 1770, which is located east of Paris. The trip went from September 27 – October 4. The team led by Bill & Helen Gormont (Intl Service Impacting Women & Children), included Susan Salvaggio (Red Creek), Diane Bargvall (Wayland), Matt (Elmira) & Susan Weibel, Kim Clement (Palmyra-Macedon), and Ann (Intl Service Impacting Women & Children) & Dave (Spencerport) DeMers. The trip was a part of **the Rotary Friendship Exchange program**. The team was housed by Rotarians of District 1770 and transported to local sites, restaurants and Rotary club meetings at no cost. The program allows immersion in the culture of the host club's country as well as establishing new lifelong friends.

The program is open to all Rotarians in our district. More information about the program can be located at: <https://www.rotary7120.org/sitepage/rotary-friendship-exchange>

Submitted by David DeMers



November 1st



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ANNUAL FUND

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and programs that
address today's
most pressing needs
in our communities
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ENDOWMENT FUND

Invests for the future
by building lasting
financial strength
so we can do more
good for generations
to come.



POLIOPLUS FUND

Supports Rotary's
top priority to
end polio forever
and protect every
child from this
devastating disease.



DISASTER RESPONSE FUND

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support and
long-term recovery
for communities
impacted by
natural disasters.



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throughout the
world.



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in our community
**and around
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that improve lives
around the world



457
DISTRICT GRANTS
that strengthen
communities locally



57
DISASTER RESPONSE GRANTS
that provide hope
when it's needed most.

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TOGETHER, WE CAN *Create Lasting Impact.*

DOING GOOD
IN THE WORLD.

DISTRICT 7120 · ROTARY FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Help decide where our Foundation dollars go next

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

OPEN POSITIONS



Grants Subcommittee Chair

3-YEAR TERM

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



Stewardship Subcommittee Chair

3-YEAR TERM

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



Grants Subcommittee Member

3-YEAR TERM

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

Where it goes

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

Who you'll work with

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

What it takes

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

Interested in serving?

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

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

Service-Leadership-FUN

Rotary District 7120 Interact News October 2026



Rotary Youth Exchange: Needs Host Families! There is a **crucial** need for local families to host an exchange student from another country. This would be a fantastic opportunity for Interact families to experience another culture. After all Interact is short for International Understanding. Another growth opportunity is for High School Students (Interactors) to experience another country's culture, and gain friendships abroad with a short- or longer-term outbound exchange. For more information <https://rotarydistrict7120youthexchange.org/>

World Polio Day is observed globally on **October 24th** each year, a date established by [Rotary International](#) to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who developed the first successful polio vaccine. Consider donating and/or sponsoring an event to help rid the world of polio as we are so close to ending this terrible disease.

We are looking for people interested in the Interact program to join our District Interact Committee to support our Interactors throughout the district. If interested, please contact me at andrew.ashley@gmail.com

Interact International Conference November 7th: This virtual 2-hour interactive conference will feature four exciting presentations on the involvement by Interactors around the world with:

1. Sustaining & Restoration of the Environment
2. Positive Peacebuilding
3. Interact Global Schisto Project
4. Interact's Connections with other Rotary programs

In addition, there will be opportunities for Q and A about these presentations, plus viewing a composite video presentation, edited from videos submitted by world-wide Interact clubs, showing what Interact is doing in each of their countries.

Identical Worldwide Interact Conference live sessions will be held via Zoom on November 7 at 10:00 a.m. EST Time (-5 UTC), and again 12 hours later at 10:00 p.m. EST. To register in advance for either of these sessions, use the link below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the conference. Here is that Conference Registration Link:

<https://usfca.zoom.us/joining/register/HnpuaylToKUBkQ78JeJfA>

THE DON'T BOTTLE IT UP Interact art competition to: CREATE ART THAT EXPRESSES WHAT WORDS CANNOT. See the attached flyer and contact Liz Yee for questions lizeerotary@gmail.com. Please see Rules at <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050098/en-ca/files/sitepage/interact/don-t-bottle-it-up-rules/Don'tBottleItUpDraftFlyerandRules.pdf>

The Istanbul Rotary Club International Essay competition is the third edition of a program launched in conjunction with the establishment of the Rotary International Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University and the Rotary International Presidential Peace Conference held in Istanbul in 2025.

The competition (with prizes) aims to inspire thoughtful dialogue, critical thinking, and meaningful reflection among high school students aged between 14–19. By bringing together participants from different countries, it provides a global platform for sharing ideas, perspectives, and practical solutions that contribute to building a more peaceful world.

- For inquiries contact us via email: PeaceEssay@istanbulrotary.org
- For inquiries and updates visit website: <https://istanbulrotary.org/3rd-essay-competition-on-international-peace>

Please see flyer at <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050098/en-ca/files/sitepage/interact/istanbul-rotary-peace-essay/IRC-Peace-Essay-Guidelines-2026-27.pdf>

Interact Planning: It is time as you get back together this school year for Interact Student Officers and Committee Chairs to talk about planning their Interact year. Your incoming Interact Board should get together (if they have not already) and talk about goals, so you are ready to go. I encourage you to review the Interact Club Constitution and your club's Bylaws with the new Interact board. Consider Interact club collaboration with other Interact clubs. If you need to know what Rotary Clubs sponsor Active Interact clubs, see the spreadsheet in 2(c)

1. **Interact Club Scoreboard (Active and Terminated)** a. 29 Active and 1 Suspended Interact clubs are listed with Rotary International. 10 advisors are not updated for 2026-2027. This needs to be updated yearly as soon as possible and recommended by July 1 (See 2b below).
- b. Terminated Interact clubs with RI that are indeed Active, need to recharter. They did not, yearly send in their Interact Advisors contact information (See 2a below to recharter). If you are sponsoring a new Interact club you will use the same form.

- c. To check if your club is in good standing (See 2c below)

2. **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 or are forming a new Interact club, use this online form for a quicker process.

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Q-C0Z_0K-OqLIL-WNWyOfwns9ja2i05EuzNcd9-XjG5UM1pXVlo5MktlQIBPODVVUVk3UDG5UJWxNSQIQCN0PWcu&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> Some Active Interact Clubs have yet to update their Interact Advisor. You will need your Interact ID (available in the status report below) and your Rotary ID if applicable is available in ClubRunner in your profile.

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

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

3. **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. Unfortunately the Learning App may still be experiencing some problems and if so you will have to use a browser like Chrome to access these learning modules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



7120 Alumni Rotaract Forming

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

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

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

Club Focus:

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



District Interact Student Council Reforming

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

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

Key purposes and functions include:

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

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

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



Don't Bottle it Up Campaign for Interact Clubs

September 15, 2026-November 15, 2026



Taking care of yourself is not selfish — it's essential. Prioritize self-care, set boundaries, and seek support when you need it!

CREATE ART THAT EXPRESSES WHAT WORDS SOMETIMES CAN'T

Use color, shape, texture, images, and symbols to show an emotion, experience, challenge, hope, or source of strength. Your work may be personal or universal, serious or uplifting, abstract or realistic.

PRIZES: 1st place \$75.00, 2nd place \$50.00, 3rd place \$25.00, Honorable mention T-shirt with their artwork printed on it

District 7120 Mental Health Action Committee





Literacy Corner

FINANCIAL LITERACY SEMINAR



Life as we know it would be very difficult without essential reading skills. This year the Literacy Committee seminar concentrated on *Financial Literacy*. Financial literacy includes such abilities as balancing a checkbook, knowing how to devise a budget, planning savings for your future, housing and the accompanying mortgage, a variety of insurances (i.e., health, household, automobile, renters, etc.), taxes, funding higher education for yourself and your children, credit and debt management. To assist with the above financial obligations, assistance may be sought from investment advisors, certified public accountants and bank officers. Dr. David Hannan coordinated this seminar's program and served as moderator the day of the seminar.

Expert speakers from the following agencies addressed the 2026 seminar: Reliant Credit Union, Lyons National Bank, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, Certified Public Accountant, VanScoter Insurance, and Clover Financial.

One of "life's biggest financial decisions" is the differences and considerations in whether to rent or buy a house. Considerations include cost comparison, mortgage (principal and interest), lifestyle trade-offs, insurance, taxes, utilities, reviewing your credit expenses and maintenance. Ensure you will have enough money for entertainment and unplanned events. There is no universal answer.

New this year is a **Banner** that presents the District 7120, Literacy Committee, Rotary, that will be displayed at literacy functions.

The Literacy Bug. The Literacy Committee is holding a contest to name our mascot, the *Literacy Bug*, that appears on our correspondence, in our Grapevine articles and on the new banner.

Contest deadline is 13 March 2027. Entry forms may be submitted to Joann Terry, Committee Chair, at joannterry@gmail.com.

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



Criteria for the 2025-2026 Literacy Recognition

Theme: Literacy/Financial



Must Complete 5 Different Projects to Qualify

General Ideas and Suggestions:

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

Name of Club:

Contact person w/email:

Form must be submitted by April 20, 2027

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

or email to: JoAnn @ joannterry7@gmail.com

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



RLI North East America

Greetings Rotarians! Come join us!

It's time to register for RLI www.rlinea.org

Saturday, October 17, 2026

8 AM to 3:30 PM at Victor Central Schools

Cost \$70 (Rotaractors \$50) – includes breakfast & lunch

Please register ASAP – see instructions below

Part I – The Rotary World, Ethics & Vocational Service, The Rotary Foundation basics, Engaging Members, Service Projects, and Leadership

Part II – Opportunities, Effective Leadership, Member Attraction, Club Communications, Team Building, and Targeted Service with respect to The Rotary Foundation

Part III – Strategic Planning (or Action Planning), Public Image, Building a Stronger Club, Making a Difference, and The Rotary Foundation – International Service

Graduate – NEW THIS YEAR – Developing a Club Action Plan – offers practical techniques for Rotary clubs to assess their strengths and weaknesses and develop actionable plans, enhancing member engagement, fostering new and existing community partnerships, and ensuring sustainable impact through improved project planning and execution.

Come join us for an exciting day of learning about topics relevant to our daily Rotary activities!

Registration instructions:

Go to www.rlinea.org and scroll the events on the left-hand side to find the Victor event

Click on "More Information" for Victor

If this is your first time registering for RLI, choose "guest registration."

If you have registered previously and remember your login, use the "member registration."

If you do not remember your login, use "guest registration" and note which session you are taking in the comments section.

If you have any questions, please contact vvorhauer@gmail.com or text 585-705-5238

Vicky Vorhauer, RLINEA Site Chair, Victor

Rotary District 7120
Rotary Foundation
Brunch

*Together, We Do Good
in the World!*



**Sunday,
November 8, 2026**
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Locust Hill Country Club
2000 Jefferson Road
Rochester, New York 14534



Celebrate



Learn



Fellowship



Fun



Food

Celebrate the generosity of Rotary members and the projects and lasting impact made possible by Rotary Foundation giving.



Discover how Foundation giving supports communities and the world.



See what District 7120 clubs are accomplishing through Rotary grants.



Imagine what Foundation resources could make possible for your own club.



Everyone is Welcome!

All Rotarians and Rotaractors, including those new to Rotary.
Bring a fellow member, new Rotarian or Rotaractor!



**Scan to
Register**

**Ticket Sales end
on November 1.**



Business-casual
Rotary club gear
encouraged.



Vegetarian and
gluten-free dietary
needs can be
accommodated.



Seating is limited
and ticket sales end
November 1.

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DISTRICT 7120 CONFERENCE 2027

JUNE 5, 2027 | ROCHESTER, NY

FRIDAY
6/4

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

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

SATURDAY
6/5

CONFERENCE TICKET

\$150

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



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

Register at: bit.ly/DC-2027



District 7120

Lisa Norwood, District Governor



MAKE A DIFFERENCE | FIND YOUR PEOPLE | CREATE AN IMPACT

ROTARIANS TELL THE WORLD.

*Your story.
Your community.
Your impact.*

From club projects to life-changing partnerships, Rotary is making a difference every day in District 7120.

Help us share these stories and inspire even more People of Action.



JOIN THE DISTRICT 7120 PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE!

*We're looking for Rotarians with a passion for communication
and a talent for making an impact.*

AREAS WHERE YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:



PUBLIC RELATIONS & PRESS RELATIONS

Build media connections and share our good news.



SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT

Create and share content that engages and informs.



GRAPHIC DESIGN & BRANDING COMPLIANCE

Design with purpose and keep our brand strong and consistent.



PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO STORYTELLING

Capture moments that show the power of People of Action.

INTERESTED?

We'd love to hear from you!



Volunteer today through our Contact Us page!

<https://rotary7120.org/page/contact-us>

SCAN TO VOLUNTEER!



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PEOPLE OF ACTION



*Together, we connect.
Together, we inspire.
Together, we are People of Action.*

Rotary
District 7120



Membership
Development

**EACH ONE
BRING ONE**



COME, JOIN ROTARY

- Membership is the life blood of our clubs!
- Growing your membership is the way to create more **fun** within your club and community.
- Let us help you attract, engage and grow!
- [Resources at your fingertips](https://www.rotary7120.org/sitepage/membership)

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**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

Rotary

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do

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

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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

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

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

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

What would you do?

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

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

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

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

Human Trafficking *Is in Your Area!*

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

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

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

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



Submitted by David DeMers



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

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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?

WHAT IS BPRAG?

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

WHAT DOES BPRAG DO?

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

Why It Matters:

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

Our Mission:

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

We aim to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Roots:

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



**TO LEARN MORE GO TO:- <https://bprag.org/>
TO ASK QUESTIONS GO TO:- bprag.info@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bprag/>**

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new generations service exchange

Exciting News for Our District!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Julie Carney

juliecarney7120@gmail.com

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

ROTARY ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP

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

Our district's workshop is now aligned with Rotary's Action Planning Priorities and Objectives. Our facilitation team will guide your club to discover how it can increase the impact of your projects, expand your club's reach in the community, enhance the engagement of your club members, and increase your club member's ability



to adapt with our changing times. The workshop results will provide an opportunity to retain and attract more members. You can achieve all this and more when you discover the value and importance of an effective Action Plan. This process has helped clubs grow membership, ignite engagement, become more effective, and most importantly have **FUN!**



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

By the numbers:

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

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



The Polio Plus Society

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

PolioPlus Society of District 7120



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

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

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

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

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

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

Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

Club Name _____ District # _____

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

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District 7120



2027 Rotary International Convention

📅 26-30 June 2027 📍 Barcelona, Spain



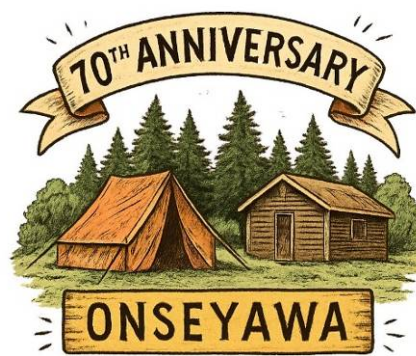
Registration opens September 2026

The venue · Fira 2 · L'Hospitalet

Everything under one roof

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





70 Years of Camp Haccamo Magic: Celebrating Seven Decades & Looking Ahead

The Camp Haccamo family gathered recently at the **Pittsford Fire Station** for an unforgettable Anniversary Celebration.

Rotarians, alumni, partners, and friends came together to honor seven decades of serving children and young adults with developmental and behavioral disabilities, a population that relies on Camp Haccamo as a truly unique, irreplaceable resource in our region.



Inspiring Words & Lifelong Connections

The evening featured powerful reflections on what makes Camp Haccamo so special. **Wade Norwood** (husband of District Governor Lisa Norwood) spoke movingly about his family's deep, long-standing connection to the camp. Attendees also heard directly from **Lindsey Post**, who shared a heartfelt camper perspective on how valuable, unique, and empowering the Haccamo was for her.

It was a night full of incredible highlights. Along with our guest speakers we had the opportunity to present the inaugural Camp Haccamo **Champion Awards** to **Chuck Krause** and **Dolly Kujawa** whose

extraordinary leadership and decades of devotion to camp deserves the brightest spotlight. Special thanks to our **celebrity emcee**, News 8 Anchor **Adam Chodak** who was joined by his mom, **Liz Konar**, who began volunteering at camp in 1970, served as a counselor and eventually director until 1980! We owe a huge thank you to the **Pittsford Fire Department Band** who brought incredible energy to the party. In one of the night's sweetest moments, camp counselors from the 1990s, including Adam's mom, sang the camp song to the crowd! **View photos from the event here:** <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ig9nNURSo17iRTjF7>

Help Us Identify Our Next Camp Director!

As Camp Haccamo prepares for its next chapter, search efforts are underway for a Camp Director to lead summer programs and facility operations. District Rotarians and supporters are encouraged to help identify energetic, passionate candidates who are ready to guide staff and campers into our next decade of growth. Please apply here: <https://bit.ly/3UhnENC>.

Stay Connected with Us

- Newsletter: <https://www.camphaccamo.org/blog>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/haccamo/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/54412741/>

Submitted by Neal Gorman



Newark Rotary Club

At the October 1 weekly meeting, Immediate Past President Chuck Waterman was presented with a Paul Harris +2 pin and Lucina Hallagan, club secretary, received a Paul Harris +3 pin.

John Zornow



Newark Rotary Club

The Newark Club recently awarded a Paul Harris+4 to active Rotarian Paul Salisbury. Shown presenting Paul's pin is Foundation Chair Scott Healy.

Submitted by John Zornow

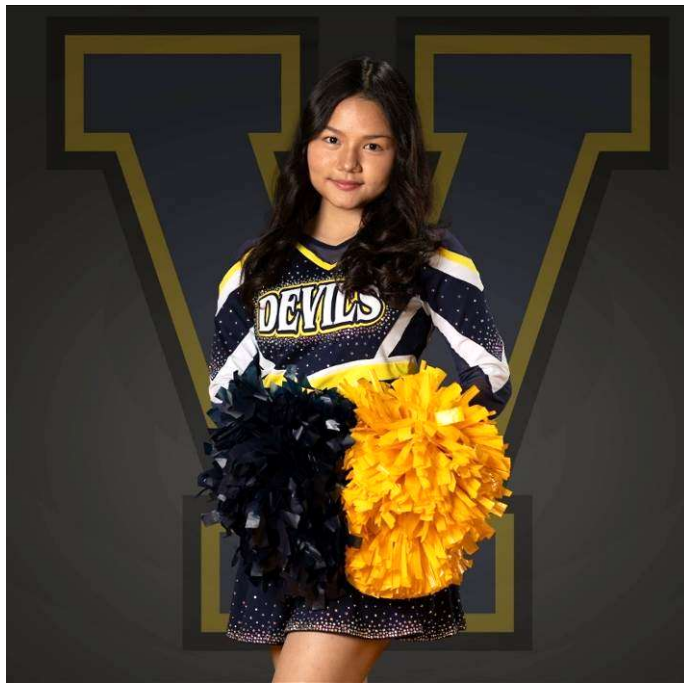




Victor- Farmington Rotary Club

The V-F Rotary Clubs 2026-2027YEX student, Natkamol "Betty" Lotrakul, began her school year as a member of the Junior Varsity cheerleaders for the school's athletic teams.

David Luitweiler



Rotary Club of International Service Impacting Women and Children

When Rotary members travel, they sometimes are able to visit another Rotary club in the country they are visiting. Club member Ann DeMers and husband Dave could not locate any clubs in the areas of Africa they were visiting. Yet Ann & Dave were able to make a visit to a club member who resides in Moshi Tanzania. That club member is Shedrack Domingo who is physical therapist by occupation, but started a project called Build-A-Chair. The project builds custom wheelchairs for persons who can not afford a wheelchair. The project is supported by donations only and was started with the help of this club. Shedrack took Ann & Dave to visit one recipient of a wheelchair, a young boy who is stricken with Cerebral Palsy and lives with his mother. Previous to receiving the wheelchair, the youth boy was confined inside his house. The government of Tanzania offers no services to persons with special needs and must rely on organizations such as Build-A-Chair and Rotary for help. To assist the family, Ann and Dave gave the family a 50 lb. bag of rice. Pictured below is Shedrack Domingo, Dave DeMers, mother of boy, Ann DeMers, boy, and neighbor friend.

Submitted by Dave DeMers



**WORLD
POLIO DAY**
24 OCTOBER

Rotary  

Dansville Rotary Club

Dansville Rotary Club members and friends gathered in costume on the Club's float entry in the Dogwood Festival parade held Saturday, May 16th. The theme for 2026, the 58th year of the Dogwood Festival, was "American Spirit," celebrating the 250th year of the birth of our nation. Among the dignitaries represented on the float were Clara Barton, Abraham Lincoln, the Statue of Liberty, and one Astronaut.

Following the parade, Rotarians on the float donned Rotary garb and joined other members at the Club's hot dog and hamburger stand in Babcock Park, part of the annual carnival and celebration.

Submitted by Teresa Dearing



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

Along Main Street in Honeoye, several "pocket parks" allow walkers and bike riders to take a break from their activity. The little gardens are graced by two benches the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club installed many years ago. Plaques on the benches indicate the donor or are in memory of a deserving individual. These benches and plaques were in much needed updating, so the HLRC adopted one pocket park to refurbish the benches and plaques and to maintain the garden.

Thanks to our members Sandy Hubble, Faye Knapp, Ide Marshall and Linda Zukaitis for updating the pocket park just to the west of the new playground. Plants are changed according to the season and decorations enhance this effort. Weeding and watering are done as needed.

Gary Hubble and Rich Bertrand are to be credited with power washing and staining the benches not only at the club's adopted park but all the benches along the path. On this year's "Day of Caring" the high school students will help complete this project.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele



Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

Planning for the new playground in Honeoye began quite a few months ago and meetings were held regularly to keep things moving. Sketches of proposed layouts were shared and a final decision was made with Play by Design LLC to do the work along with volunteers from the community.

This opportunity gave the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club a chance to once again take advantage of its “small but mighty” slogan and give all to the “Playground Build”. Work for the club began well before the actual build as the club conducted a couple of fundraisers to help purchase playground equipment not included in the actual budget. The club also obtained a district grant to add to the money needed.

Planning meetings were frequent as the HLRC took on the task of feeding the volunteers for the week of the build (August 11th through the 16th). This involved making sure meals, snacks and water were available throughout the week. We were very successful in getting all needed from local business and community groups.

Volunteers for the actual build were also needed and the HLRC pulled through for this as well. Some of our members were actually crew leaders under the guidance of the Play by Design team and the Lowes team that was on hand to help.

Submitted by Jeanne Hamele

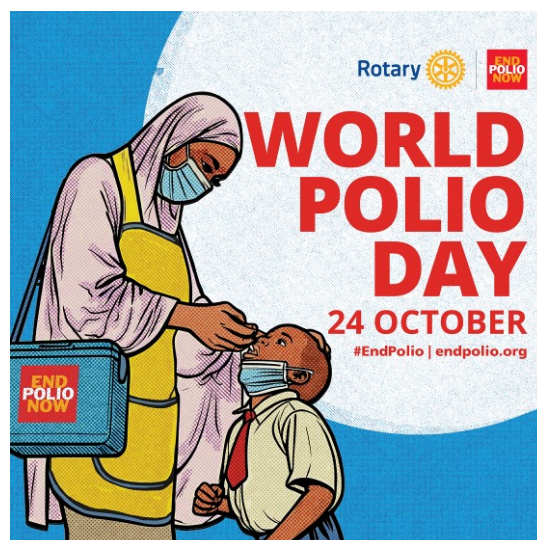
PLAYGROUND BUILD IN HONEOYE NY



FROM THIS



TO THIS



Geneseo Rotary Club

Geneseo Rotary Club service project on Saturday September 19th. We repainted the welcome signs on the south end of Main Street in front of the Homestead. Rotary volunteers were Steve Wiener, Don Livingston and Patti LaVigne. Rotaract volunteers were Emma Johnson. Addison Heck, Kaitlyn Conway and Kevin Doherty.

Submitted by Patti LaVigne



The
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Bath Rotary Club

On September 11, Bath Rotarians joined other Rotarians from clubs throughout Rotary District 7120 and their family members and/or friends in the Annual Rotary District 7120 Golf Tournament on the greens of the Reservoir Creek Golf Club in Naples, rated one of the top five public courses throughout District 7120. The Bath Rotary Club would like to thank the Naples Rotary Club for hosting this event in support of Rotary District 7120 Governor Lisa Norwood's 2026 – 2027 initiatives.

The Bath Rotary Club sponsored two teams. The women's team, composed of Bath Rotarians Brandi Graham and Nancy Latour and Robin Kemp and Kelli Okoniewski, friends of Graham and Latour, won first place in the Ladies' Division.

Participating in the men's team event were Bath Rotarian Jay Maslyn; Woody Latour, husband of Bath Rotarian Nancy Latour and himself recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by the local club; Mike Okoniewski and Rick Hawks, friends of Nancy and Woody Latour.

Those participating in the tournament enjoyed not only a fun-filled afternoon of golf but also fellowship with other District Rotarians, family members, and friends. In addition to the 18 holes of golf, the participants enjoyed lunch, a buffet dinner, awards, and raffle items, provided by the clubs in District 7120.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Brandi Graham



The Bath Rotary Club's Ladies' Team placed first in its division at the 2026 Rotary District 7120 Golf Tournament, held September 11 on the greens of Reservoir Creek Golf Course in Naples. Standing left to right are Robin Kemp, Nancy Latour, Brandi Graham, and Kelli Okoniewski.



Members of the Bath Rotary Club's Ladies' Team and Men's Team gathered together for food and drinks after the 2026 Rotary District 7120 Golf Tournament. They are: Row 1 – Robin Kemp; Row 2 – Rick Hawks, Woody Latour, Nancy Latour, and Brandi Graham; Row 3 – Kelli Okoniewski, Mike Okoniewski, and Jay Maslyn.

Service Above Self



Geneva Club news

At our September meeting, Eileen Halling introduced Jane and Jim Gerling and Ruth Benedict to highlight a Geneva Rotary grant for Geneva 2030/Geneva Reads. They explained some history and gave an outline of \$mart Thinking, "...a program that combines child savings accounts and financial literacy education for the children in the Geneva City School District." With this program, \$100 will be held in a fund for each child in kindergarten and \$50 will be added each year until the child graduates from high school. Financial education will be provided at every (grade)level.

This program is necessary since "despite our best efforts, poverty continues to be the over arching issue" in Geneva. The poverty rate in Geneva is 2x higher than the rest of Ontario County.

Submitted by Ted Baker

Naples Rotary Club

Naples NY Rotary Club celebrated the completion of our Peace Pole project with a dedication ceremony on International Peace Day, September 21, 2026. The dedication took place at the Naples Youth Corp grounds near the Naples Central School buildings on Academy Street. There are now two Peace Poles in Naples. The other one is located at the Old Town Square / Kiandaga Park on North Main Street. The Board couldn't decide on only four languages to express our desires for peace so we chose seven, with English on both poles. The other languages are French, Spanish, German, Mandarin, Arabic and Seneca.

Speakers for the dedication were from Naples Rotary, Naples DAR and Naples Youth Corp. Thirteen Rotarians were joined by ten community members including Naples Historical Society and DAR members. We closed the event by singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

We hope other Rotarians will stop by to see our Peace Poles when you're in Naples.

Submitted by



Bath Rotary Club

Recently Bath Rotarians and their guests took a cruise of Keuka Lake aboard the PAT II. Those enjoying the cruise included Bath Rotarians Terry Bilancio, Brandi Graham, Nancy Latour, Angela Mattoon, Tess McKinley, Jane Russell, and Michael Slovak. They were joined by Michaelene Ahrens-Schultz, Jim Blaney, Kacey Blaney, Barb Fowler, Stephen Graham, Woody Latour, Sean McKinley, Jo Slovak, and Sister Rose Michael from Uganda.

"The cruise was outstanding, the weather was perfect, and the lake was smooth. The conversation was continuous as we enjoyed wine and a charcuterie board, provided by Bath Rotarian Angela Mattoon and the Weis Winery," remarked Michael Slovak.

Tess McKinley, the club's secretary, also noted that the guides gave some information about the boat itself and some of the properties on the lake. She exclaimed that all had a great time.

Written by Elaine Tears



Bath Rotarians and their guests prepare to board the Pat II for a cruise of Keuka Lake.



Bath Rotarians and their guests enjoyed their cruise of Keuka Lake aboard the Pat II.

Pictures by Tess McKinley & Brandi Graham



During their cruise aboard the Pat II, the Bath Rotarians and their guests enjoyed wine and snacks.



Greece Rotary Club

Greece Rotary Service Project -School Hygiene Kits
The Greece Rotary assembled 250 Community Care Hygiene Kits for the United Way. All the kits were given to the Greece Central School District for distribution.

The kits consisted of deodorant, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, lip balm, shampoo, comb, inspirational club message to each child, and a 211 informational card if you need family assistance.

If your club would like to look into this great service project, please contact Caitlin Farnung at the United Way of the Finger Lakes.

caitlin.farnung@unitedwayroclx.org



Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Greece Rotary Club

The Greece Rotary toured for the New Monroe County's Sheriff's- Regional Investigative Operations Center (**RIOC**). We were fortunate to spend time with Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter and his team to learn more about the work being done at this site to support our public safety throughout our region, and it was **IMPRESSIVE!!!**

We saw how drones can fly at 60mph from their Henrietta "garage" and to Marketplace Mall in 45 seconds. We also saw how they can monitor ALL the major highways with cameras, plus how they monitor the sheriff's deputies' cars in the county.

We were also joined by members of Spencerport Rotary, Rochester Rotary, and Rochester SW Rotary, which made the experience even more meaningful.

One of the things I love most about Rotary is the opportunity to bring people together, learn from one another, and build relationships across our community.

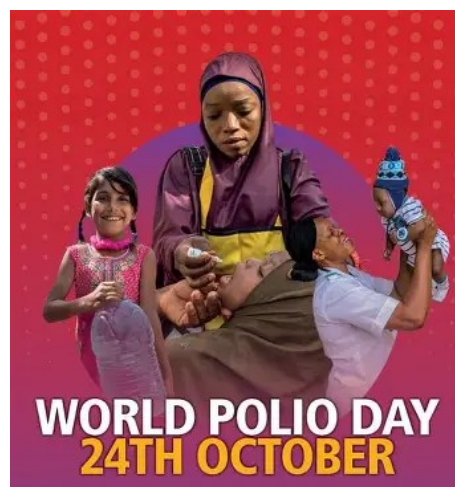
Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Webster Rotary Club

The Webster Rotary Club was recently honored by the Webster Chamber of Commerce with its Longevity Award for its service to the community. Established in 1946, the Club has been serving the Webster community for 80 years. On hand to receive the award, were members of the club.

Submitted by Joseph Corona



Naples Rotary Club

September 26th and 27th marked the 2026 Naples NY Grape Festival, presented by the Naples NY Rotary Club and Naples Historical Society. Our Club members have been hard at work preparing for it since last October. The festival takes place on the grounds of Memorial Town Hall and across the street in the parking lot of Naples Central School on Main Street. Featured were arts and crafts, corporate vendors, food trucks, a great music tent and the Brahm Moore Memorial Beverage Garden. Twelve vendors included wineries, breweries, distilleries and a meadery. The highlight of Saturday was the World's Best Grape Pie contest. Sixteen pies were submitted for the nine judges to sample and five place winners were declared. As always, a great time was had by all,



especially the Rotarians sharing fellowship as we greeted the festival guests. It's a busy time but also a major fundraiser for both organizations. We were honored this year to have District Governor Lisa Norwood and her husband Wade attend. They were welcomed by our Co-Presidents Carrie Grove and Judy Miller. DGE Pete Vogt stopped by earlier.

Submitted by



Geneva Club news

Club President Ethan Fogg has come up with a new way to introduce prospective Rotarians to what the Geneva Club and Rotary International are all about. It's called "The Coffee Table." On the fourth Thursday of each month, Ethan hosts an informal get together at the lakefront Welcome Center in Geneva. The next one will be October 15th at 10AM. "The coffee's on us. The questions are on you," Fogg said. He appeared on FLX Morning on Finger Lakes News Radio recently to discuss the idea.

Submitted by Ted Baker

Penfield Rotary Club

JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL ROTARY FOUNDATION
WALK ON WORLD POLIO DAY

--Saturday, October 24, 10-2 PM

Let's get together for a few powerful hours of health, fellowship, and community support. By participating, you directly assist the Rotary International Foundation, which has turned contributions into life-changing projects locally and across the globe for over a century. Every tax-deductible gift creates a meaningful impact—just sixty cents protects a child from polio, fifty dollars provides access to clean water, and five hundred dollars can launch an anti-bullying campaign.

You can register for the walk or make a tax deductible donation online at PenfieldRotary.org, or mail checks, made out to the Rotary Foundation, to P.O. Box 28, Penfield, NY 14526. Together, we can build a better world! Check-in begins at the pavilion near Field B at Rothfuss Park, 1648 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield.

NEW FIRE PREVENTION GRANT PROJECT

Our community has recently experienced residential fire fatalities. Implementing prevention strategies, educating residents, and ensuring the availability of functioning smoke detectors are essential to decreasing these incidents. The Penfield School District includes approximately 350 second-grade students. Utilizing Penfield's District 7120 Grant funds each student with fire prevention essentials and providing access to Red Cross-installed smoke detectors will help keep these families safe. Partnering with the Penfield Fire Department and the Penfield School District during Fire Prevention Week has helped us increase student awareness regarding the importance of home smoke detectors and family escape plans.

We are incredibly grateful to our members for donating Fire Prevention gift bags to students across each of our elementary schools. Partnering to promote fire safety was a natural fit when we looked for impactful ways to support our community. These resources will provide timely and valuable lessons for our young learners and their families.



REGISTRATION is Open

Rotary Fundraiser

Penfield Rotary Club

Euchre ♠♥♦♣ Tournament

Saturday, November 7th, 2026 ♦ 10:30AM
Castle Pointe at Baywinde
200 Kidd Castle Way, Webster

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PENFIELD ROTARY EUCHRE TOURNAMENT IS BACK!

Come join is for our Charity Euchre Tournament: Nov. 7, 10:30am. Our Euchre Tournament offers a fun evening of friendly competition and prizes. Registration is now open, and all skill levels are welcome. Join us at Castle Point at Baywinde, 200 Kidd Castle Way.

Register to play here: <https://penfieldrotary.org/Event/Register/8c23d23a-bacc-4039-a640-9d9693d0fc08>.

For additional information, visit www.PenfieldRotary.org and

Submitted by Neal Gorman

Spencerport Rotary Club

SPENCERPORT ROTARY CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

For 50 years, Spencerport Rotary has been dedicated to making a difference locally and beyond, so we threw a great party to celebrate this incredible milestone!

Our keynote speaker was fellow Rotarian Don Alhart - always an inspirational speaker.

We were happy to honor Rotarian Joe Marasco who joined the club in its 2nd year, 49 years ago. Joe is our current Treasurer who continually volunteers to help with our fundraisers and service projects, along with his family who often join Joe to volunteer with him. Joe is also a 9-time Paul Harris Fellow.



Congratulations certificates were presented to Club President, Colleen Farley – by Spencerport Village Mayor Gary Panders and by Ogden Town Supervisor Mike Zale, who is also a club member.

The club thanks PDG Dave DeMers and Jamie Stancato, who made all the arrangements for the celebration, including a great meal, a display of numerous items from our club history and a video with dozens of pictures.

Here's to another 50 years of service to our community and the world!



Submitted by Colleen Farley

Spencerport Rotary Club

Scarlett Aeckerle and Kyle Schottmiller, representatives from the Community Hygiene Bank recently accepted a donation from Spencerport Rotary for \$2,400.

Monies will be used to purchase numerous hygiene products to distribute to unemployed adults, senior citizens and needy families. Products include soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, feminine products, paper products such as toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent and cleaning items.

Unfortunately, none of these hygiene products can be purchased with SNAP benefits, so the need is great.

More information is available on their website - www.hygiene4all.org, including how to donate or volunteer for their giveaway events.

Spencerport Rotary is proud to be able to assist the Community Hygiene Bank and thank them for all the good work they do!



Pictured L-R: Kyle Schottmiller, Scarlett Aeckerle, Rotary Club President Colleen Farley, Rotary Club Board Member Jamie Stancato.

Rotary E-Club of District 7120

The Rotary District 7120 Literacy Seminar titled **"Money Matters: Building Financial Literacy in Our Communities"** took place on September 26, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Money Matters: Building Financial Literacy in Our Communities at the Clifton Springs Hospital.** This seminar was designed to help Rotarians better understand the issues and discover ways to make financial education more accessible in the communities we serve. **(Rotary District 7120)**

The Rotary E-Club of District 7120 was represented by five of its club members.

Submitted by The Rotary E-Club of District 7120



Fairport Rotary Club

Fairport Rotary was pleased to host District Governor Lisa Norwood for a District 7120 dinner on September 28th. Joining us were members of the Brighton Rotary Club, East Rochester Rotary Club, Penfield Rotary Club and Webster Rotary Club. Area Gatherings are informal opportunities to connect with fellow Rotary members from neighboring clubs, exchange ideas, learn what's happening across the area, and explore ways our clubs can support one another and work together. District Governor Norwood facilitated great conversations among attendees around the opportunities and challenges we share, and how we can create greater impact together.



Fairport Rotary was well represented in the Village of Fairport's Annual Scarecrow Festival. This year's theme "Together We Thrive" was a perfect reflection of Rotary's mission to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill,

and peace. Our scarecrows highlighted our 100th Anniversary this year! Thank you to our volunteers Brad Barry, Dan Arbuckle and Maureen Hall!

Fairport Rotary Club Pasta Dinner October 24th

Tickets are available for purchase from any of our members, Lyons National Bank and online at Fairportrotary.com. Check out our ad in this month's Grapevine!

Submitted by Martha Malone

Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Camp Haccamo celebrated its **70th anniversary** in 2026, marking seven decades of providing summer camp experiences for children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The official milestone celebration and fundraiser took place on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, at the **Pittsford Fire Station** located at **465 Pittsford Mendon Road, Pittsford, NY**. Operating since 1956 and sponsored by Monroe County Rotary Clubs (District 7120), the camp has a long legacy rooted in community variety shows and dedicated family stewardship. (**Rotary District 7120**)

The Rotary E-Club of District 7120 was represented by 2 Camp Haccamo Board members and their respective families.





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A Rotary Leader Driving Change

ODED Founder and Executive Director Greg Francois, a proud member of the Rochester Rotary Club, and ODED's Board of Directors are seeking Rotary clubs interested in learning more about this education-based initiative and ways to make a lasting difference.



A Vote of Confidence

ODED has received support through a **\$2,500 Rotary District 7120 District Simplified Grant**

\$1,500 Rochester Rotary Club contribution—a meaningful vote of confidence in its mission, stewardship, and long-term vision.

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Greg Francois
Founder & Executive Director, ODED



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*Thank you
for investing
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of Haiti's
children!*

One club. Ten children. Ten graduates. Future teachers, nurses, entrepreneurs, and community leaders.

Obituary



Rev. Paul R Metzger

On September 7, 2026 Geneseo Rotary lost another long time member with the Passing of Rev. Paul R Metzger. Paul was 83 and has been active in the Geneseo Rotary club since 1977.

Paul is survived by his wife, 6 children, 11 grandchildren, 1 great grandson and 5 nephews. Paul was born in Scranton, PA and both his mother and father were Reverends. Paul was

called by God into ministry in 1959. He graduated from Central Bible College in Springfield, MO (Class of 1965). In 1969, Paul, with community assistance, built the Assembly of God church in Geneseo, NY. There, Paul served as pastor for 47 years. Paul was also a member of TRIAD, drove school bus for the Geneseo district, and he served as Chaplain for the Livingston County County Jail.

Paul exemplified Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. He and his wife had fostered many children over the years. While in Rotary, Paul helped to form a "Good Neighbor Committee" which planned and funded events for children of limited means. In Rotary, he served as President in 1986, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 1991, received the Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001, and lastly was awarded the Ray Sherman Service Award in 2013 for his service at the jail and in the community.

Paul will be greatly missed by all that new him.

Submitted by Bonnie Swanson

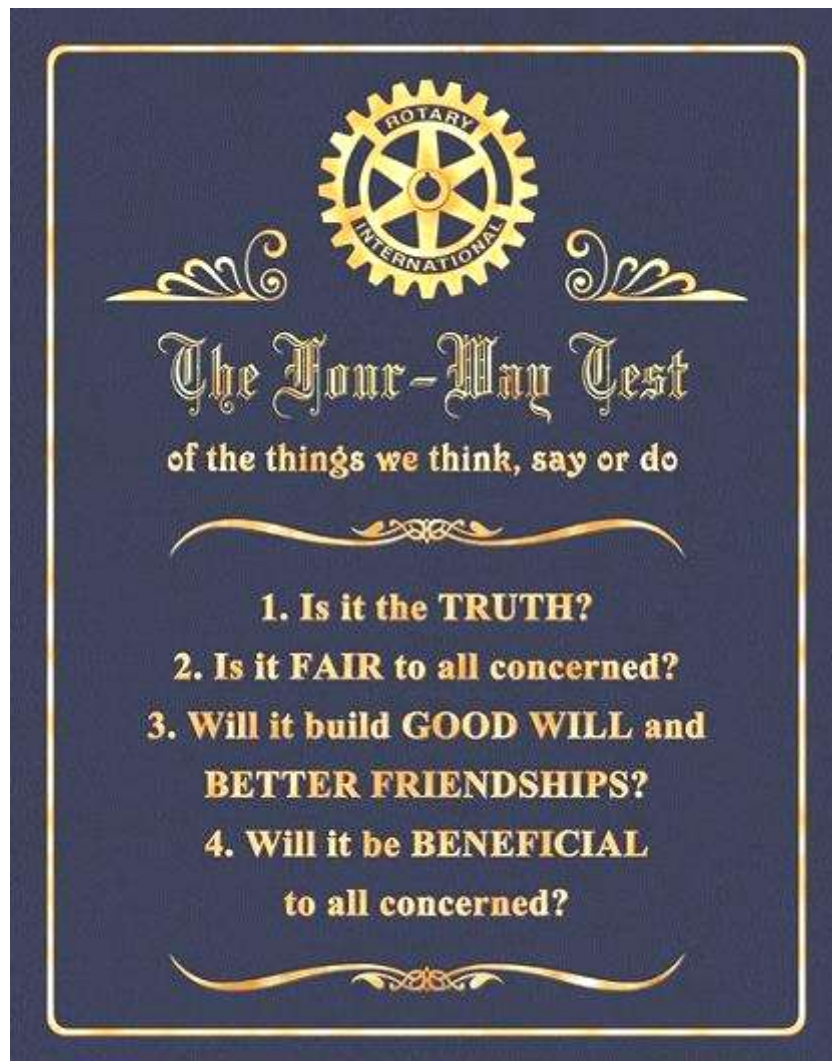
DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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.





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The Rotary E-Club of District 7120 cordially invites you to Lindsey Dailey's
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Presentation on **October 19, 2026**.
Lindsey is Community Program Manager for United Way of Greater Rochester.
Lindsey is also Program Coordinator for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.
Our club meeting is from **7:00pm to 8:00pm via Zoom**.

To join the meeting go to website:

<https://eclubd7120.org/>

and click Zoom meeting.



THE NEWARK ROTARY CLUB INVITES YOU TO JOIN
US TO CELEBRATE OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Friday, October 23, 2026

Clifton Springs Country Club

2721 Town Line Rd. Clifton Springs, NY 14432

6:00 – 7:00 Cocktails (Cash Bar)

7:00 – 8:00 Dinner

8:00 – 10:00 Program and Dancing

Dress - Semi Formal

\$75 per person

RSVP by October 9, 2026

Newark Rotary Club PO Box 374, Newark NY 14513

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3rd Annual

Penfield
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Club

Penfield Rotary Walk



To Benefit: The Rotary Foundation

When: Saturday, October 24th 2026

WORLD POLIO DAY

Where: Rothfuss Park

1648 Five Mile Line Rd, Penfield

Time: Start 10:00 am until 2:00 pm

*Check in at the Pavilion by Field B**Coffee, tea, water and light snacks provided***Purpose:** To Support The Rotary International Foundation**Registration/Donation:** \$10 /adult, kids & dogs FREE*Note: If event is cancelled due to weather, please consider your registration a donation to The Rotary Foundation.*Scan to **Register** or **Donate**Or go to PenfieldRotary.org

What is The Rotary Foundation?

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, good will, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. Rotary Foundation and Rotary

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Pittsford Rotary Club's Election Day Pasta Supper Set for Nov. 3

The Pittsford Rotary Club is celebrating its 60th annual Election Day Supper Nov. 3, and this year's charity fundraising event will offer both in-house and drive-thru pasta dinners. Pittsford Rotarians, assisted by community members and students from the Pittsford High Schools Interact Service Clubs, will be serving the dinners from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pittsford Mendon High School Commons.



"We've been doing this event for 60 years, which indicates how much we encourage residents to exercise their right to vote," said Jerry Gambino, club president. "We invite neighbors in our community to gather and enjoy a terrific sit-down meal together at the school or to take home. The proceeds benefit a wide range of local charities and service organizations."

Pittsford Rotarians will be serving generous helpings of pasta and sauce, all-beef meatballs, tossed salad, a breadstick, dessert and beverage.

Tickets for the event are \$15 for age 13+, \$10 for children age 5-12, and free for children younger than 5. At the door, tickets will be \$20 for adults. Veterans will eat free. Tickets are available online at PittsfordRotaryClub.org, from any Pittsford Rotarian or at the door. Funds benefit a wide range of local charities and community organizations such as the Pittsford Food Cupboard, Veterans Outreach Center, Pittsford Youth Services, and many more.

Contact:
David Irwin
dirwin8@gmail.com
585-261-2132

Camp Onseyawa's Annual Fall Dinner Celebrating our 70th Year!!

Save the Date

Friday November 6
at Club 86 in Geneva
5:30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of
fellowship, dinner, camp photos,
camp stories, raffles &
Key Note Speaker - Tom Hawks



More Info to Follow regarding
Dinner Tickets & Raffles!

Greece Rotary 5th Annual

CASINO Night

Join us for an evening of gaming, delicious food, raffles, and silent auctions.

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6:30-9:30 Event**

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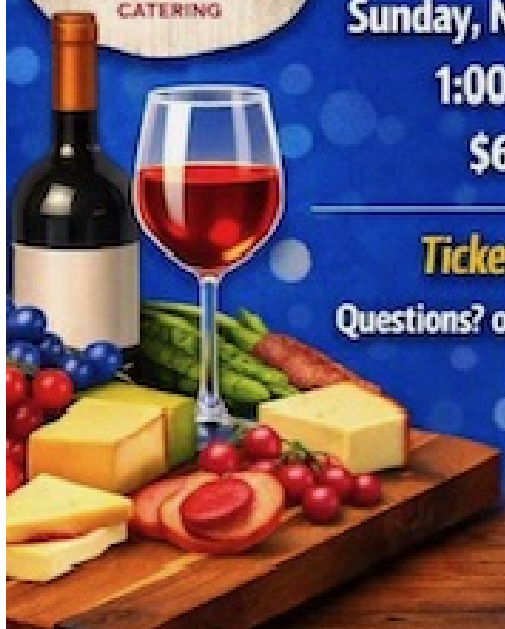
Sunday, November 15, 2026

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

\$60 per person

Tickets on Sale Soon!

Questions? ontariorotary@gmail.com



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BUILD-A-CHAIR ENTERS A NEW ERA!

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

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

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

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

WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS



Welcome to the shop where our wheelchairs are made!

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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

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

OUR MISSION

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

Bath Rotary Club Fundraiser - Football's Biggest Game Tickets

The Bath Rotary Club is partnering again this year with the Indian Rocks Rotary Club in Florida in the selling of raffle tickets for the 61st edition of Pro Football's Biggest Game of the Year.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. If you are able to support the Bath Rotary Club and me in this fundraiser, please do the following:

Make out a check to Bath Rotary Club and send it to me (Elaine Tears, 211 East Washington Street, Bath, NY 14810). Cash is also acceptable.

Send me the name(s) and phone number(s) you want put on the ticket stub(s).

Send me your mailing address so that I can send you your section of the ticket(s) you purchase.

Grand Prize:

2 tickets to Football's Biggest Game of the Year on February 14, 2027 at the SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, California.

4 nights' lodging in the Los Angeles area

\$1000.00 in cash

Additional Prizes:

2nd place - \$1000.00

3rd place - \$500.00

4th place - \$300.00

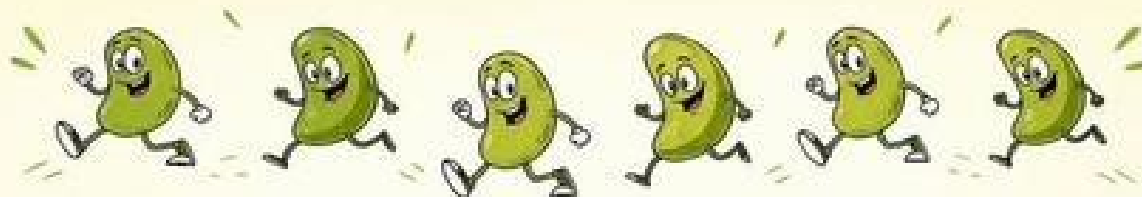
5th place - \$200.00

Brandi Graham, the Bath Rotarian coordinating this fundraiser, plans to add 6th and 7th place prizes, specifically for tickets sold by Bath Rotarians.

The Bath Rotary Club keeps 50% of all ticket money its members sell. This fundraiser helps the club support many projects and organizations in our community and surrounding areas.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this fundraiser a success!

Elaine



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Upcoming DISTRICT Events

District Governor for 2029-30 Search

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Rotary Leadership Institute

October 17, 2026

Rotary Foundation Brunch

November 8, 2026

2027 District 7120 Conference

June 5, 2027 Rochester, NY

Upcoming CLUB Events

Lima Rotary Club

Bean Your Neighbor

Rotary e-Club of International Service

Impacting Women and Children

Build-A-Chair

Bath Rotary Club

Football's Biggest Game Tickets

October 13 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Fundraiser

October 16 Rochester Rotary Club

TrailMix 5K and Beer Fest

October 19 Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Lindsey Dailey's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

October 23 Newark Rotary Club

100 year Anniversary

October 24 Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

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

October 24 Penfield Rotary Club

Penfield Rotary Walk

October 24 Fairport Rotary Club

Pasta Dinner

November 3 Pittsford Rotary Club

Election Day Pasta Supper

November 6 Camp Onseyawa

Annual Fall Dinner Celebrating Our 70th Year

November 6 Greece Rotary Club

Casino Night

November 15 Ontario Walworth Rotary Club

Touchdowns & Tastings



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