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Lisa Norwood, District Governor

Issue 3



Wait...That Counts as Literacy?

Be honest. When you hear that September is Rotary's **Basic Education and Literacy Month**, what's the first thing that pops into your head?

Books? Reading to children? Maybe donating dictionaries? Me too.

But you can know how to read perfectly well and still have no idea what your credit card company means by APR. You can have a college degree and struggle to determine whether a loan is actually a good deal. And just about anyone can look at a suspicious email and wonder, *"Is this a scam, or do I really need to click that link?"*

Literacy is a whole lot bigger than reading. It's having the knowledge and confidence to navigate everyday life—and sometimes the things we assume "everybody knows" are exactly the things nobody ever taught us.

That's why I'm excited to ask you to register for our District 7120 [Literacy Seminar: Building Financial Confidence](#) on Saturday, September 26 in Clifton Springs. We'll explore ways Rotarians can help people in our communities become more financially confident through conversations, projects and partnerships.

Last month, I challenged you to ask a question you didn't already know the answer to...and really listen. This month let's flip that around: *Share something you know.*

Maybe that's financial knowledge. Maybe it's a professional skill. Maybe it's something you've learned through years of Rotary service. Share it with a newer member, your club or someone in your community who could benefit from it.

And if you're looking for a place to share your talents, **District 7120 needs you, too.**

Our [Membership Committee](#) is seeking members and chairs for its Membership Attraction Subcommittee. Our [Public Image Committee](#) needs people with communications, AI, graphic design, photography and video skills. We're also looking for Rotarians interested in helping rethink and redesign our district website. You don't need to know everything.

Interested? Use the [District 7120 Contact Us](#) page and tell us a little about how you'd like to help. We'll connect you with the right person. You just need to have something you're willing to share.

What do you know that could help someone else Create Lasting Impact?

Yours in Rotary,

Lisa Norwood
Rotary District 7120
District Governor 2026-27

Standing Still will get You Nowhere

Rotarians of District 7120, I have a challenge for you: Make Rotary learning an expectation, not an option. Ask every member of your club to complete at least one Rotary learning experience this year. It might be a course through the Rotary Learning Center, a webinar, a District learning event, a leadership workshop, or simply exploring a Rotary resource you have never used. The subject matters less than the commitment to learning something new.

Why?

Because we cannot expect our clubs to grow if we aren't willing to grow ourselves. Rotary is constantly changing. New programs, tools, membership strategies, service opportunities and leadership resources are being developed all the time. Yet too often, we rely on what we learned years ago and fall back on "We've always done it this way." Experience is valuable. However, experience without continuing learning can hold a club back.

The good news is that Rotary has already done much of the work for us. The Learning Center, My Rotary, Rotary Club Central, webinars and District programs provide an enormous amount of knowledge and practical help. We simply need to use them.

So, Rotarians, set an example. Take a course. Attend a District learning event. Participate in a webinar. Then ask other Rotarians to do the same. Don't limit learning to club officers. Every Rotarian should have the opportunity (and the expectation) to learn more about the organization they have chosen to serve.

Imagine the impact if every member of every club in District 7120 learned something new this year. New ideas. Better service. Stronger membership. More confident leaders. More engaged Rotarians. That's a challenge worth accepting. Every Member. One Learning Experience. This Year. Because when we stop learning, we stop growing—and when our clubs stop growing, they are choosing to stand still.

Think about it. Take action. Learn more!

Rotary District 7120
DGE Pete
District Governor 2027-28



District Governor Elect
Pete Vogt

DISTRICT 7120 • LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT DISTRICT GOVERNOR?

District 7120 is looking for its leader for 2029-30.



CONNECT • LEAD • INSPIRE

You know the Rotarian.

The one who brings people together • sees possibilities • helps clubs thrive • turns ideas into action

Maybe that Rotarian is YOU.

Or maybe someone in your club just needs to hear:

“Have you ever thought about becoming District Governor?”

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 14, 2026

READY TO LEARN MORE?

Qualifications • Application • Nominating Process
rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-7120-governor-track

QUESTIONS?

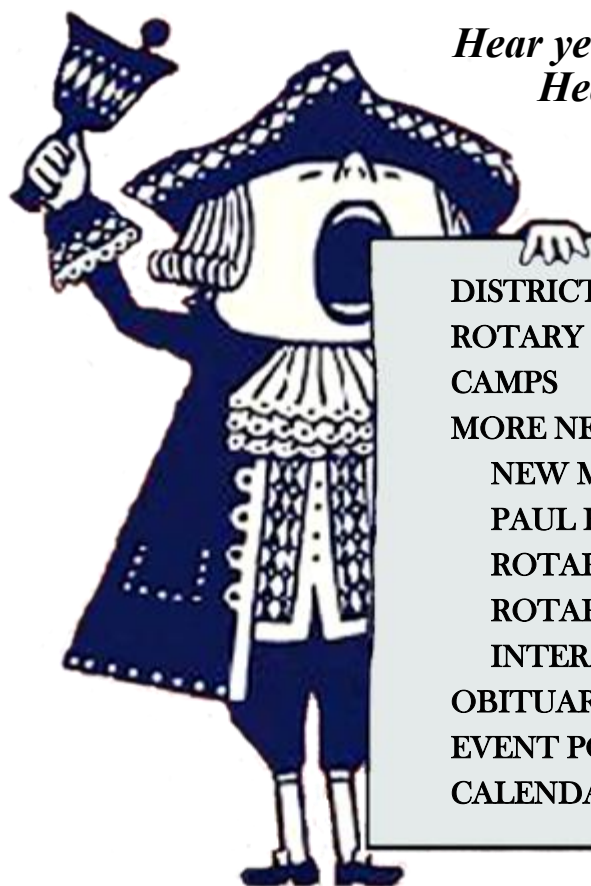
DGE Pete Vogt: walkingpete1947@gmail.com
DGN Richard de Asis: rdeasis911@gmail.com

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.



*Hear ye!
Hear ye!*

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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!



Rotary
District 7120
PEOPLE OF ACTION



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



DISTRICT 7120 CHALLENGE

IF YOU'VE NEVER SUPPORTED
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION,
MAKE THIS THE YEAR YOU BEGIN.

Just \$10 a month
makes you a
Sustaining Member
of the Rotary
Foundation

The
Rotary
Foundation



EVERY GIFT *Creates* LASTING IMPACT.

You don't have to make a large gift to change lives.
A recurring gift through **Rotary Direct** is one of
the easiest ways to support.



YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS THESE ROTARY FOUNDATION FUNDS



ANNUAL FUND

Supports the grants
and programs that
address today's
most pressing needs
in our communities
and around the world.



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

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



WORLD FUND

The Foundation's
operating fund that
makes grants and
programs possible
throughout the
world.



Your support
powers change
in our community
**and around
the globe.**

Last year, thanks to generous donors, the Rotary Foundation funded:



1,488
GLOBAL GRANTS
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.

♥ *Your gift today helps create lasting change tomorrow.*

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ENROLLING IN ROTARY DIRECT TAKES JUST A FEW MINUTES.

- ✓ Choose monthly, quarterly, or annual giving.
- ✓ Secure, automatic contributions.
- ✓ Change or cancel your gift at any time.



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IN ROTARY DIRECT

← *in less than
5 minutes!*



QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT
ROTARY FOUNDATION COORDINATOR (DRFCC):



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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**

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/>**

UK CHARITY REG NO:- 1217063





Reflecting upon Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2026, it's never too early to begin recruitment for RYLA 2027. District 7120 had 21 clubs participate by sending a total of 24 students to Finger Lakes Community College. Over the course of 5 days, the students participated in activities, games, learning in all sorts of groupings (individual, pairs, small groups and whole group). It has been my privilege to observe many of these students present to their sponsoring clubs (a final assignment of the program) and hear of the benefits from their experience. The dates for RYLA 2027 are July 11-15, 2027 at Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, NY. Take a peak RYLA in this 5 minute video put together by some 2026 participants.



<https://youtu.be/ncWiL0fsXBQ?si=JI60TDbQ1ozaRR7j>

Carrie Grove
District 7120 RYLA Chair

Service-Leadership-FUN

Rotary District 7120 Interact News September 2026



International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, is September 21st. The purpose of the International Day of Peace is to strengthen the ideals of [peace](#) both within and among all nations and people. Peace and Conflict Resolution is one of Rotary International's 7 Areas of Focus. We will be talking about Positive Peace in the near future.

The District is sponsoring **THE DON'T BOTTLE IT UP** Interact art competition to: CREATE ART THAT EXPRESSES WHAT WORDS CANNOT. See the flyer and more details will be coming soon.

It is September and we are headed back to school, which means Interact Clubs will be recruiting. Couple ideas include having a table at the School Club's recruitment night, usually in early September. Another one we have seen work, is once you have meeting have Interactors bring a friend to the meeting. Maybe even better is bringing a freshman to a meeting and/or service project, that helps build a longer Interact experience. It is also time for Interact Student Officers and Committee Charis to talk about planning their Interact year. Your incoming Interact Board should get tougher (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 6(c)

1. Rotary Youth Exchange: Needs Host Families! There is a real 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. Afterall 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/>

2. District Interact Student Council Forming 2026-2027 Interested Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible to join. A District Interact Student Council brings together high school age youth leaders to foster collaboration, service, and leadership across local clubs. It acts as a bridge between individual clubs and Rotary, aiming to maximize community impact, develop leadership skills, promote international understanding, and organize district-wide service projects. If Interested contact Drew Ashley andrew.ashley@gmail.com

3. Rotary Program Alumni Community Based Hybrid (in person and zoom) Rotaract Club Forming (Interact, RYLA, School Based Rotaract and other Rotary Program Alumni): We are starting an Alumni Rotaract to keep in communication with graduating Interactors and RYLA grads as well as other Rotary Alumni. We are hoping to maintain connection and interaction with our graduating seniors even if they are not in the area for college or beyond, as this will be a hybrid (zoom and in person meeting) club. There will be planned social and service events throughout the next Rotary year including summer and holidays moving forward. Even if they do not join the Rotaract club, we would like them to get us their contact information to keep them updated on what the club is doing so they can join in on activities. Please have interested young adults contact Drew Ashley andrew.ashley@gmail.com

4. NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE is a customizable, short-term international exchange program for university students and young professionals up to age 30, designed to help participants connect their professional aspirations with impactful humanitarian projects. Through **NGSE**, individuals can explore new cultures, build professional skills, and develop a lifelong appreciation for international understanding and peace. More information can be found at <https://www.ngse.net/>

5. Interact Club Scoreboard (Active and Terminated)

a. 29/29 Advisors of Active Interact clubs listed with Rotary International, YAY! Rotary International has filled in old advisors. That means possibly the correct advisors are not listed and need to update as soon as possible. This needs to be updated yearly as soon as possible and recommended by July 1 (See 6b below). If your advisor is listed 2026-2027, they are likely correct yet still check going into this year.

b. Terminated Interact clubs with need to recharter that are indeed Active clubs. They did not, yearly send in their Interact Advisors contact information (See 6a below to recharter). If you are sponsoring a new Interact club you will use the same form.

c. To check if you club is in good standing (See 6c below)

6. Rechartering Active, Terminated Interact Clubs with RI / Updating Active Interact Club Advisors with RI and 7120 District Interact:

Thank you for your progress in rechartering Active Interact Clubs that were Terminated by Rotary International for not updating their Interact Advisor yearly.

a. If you need to recharter 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-0gLiL-WNwyQfwms9ja2i05EuzNcd9-XjG5UM1pXVlo5MktIQIBPODvVUVk3UDg5UUwxNSQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl

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

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



DON'T BOTTLE IT UP

INTERACT ART COMPETITION

What's inside deserves a way out.

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.

The challenge

- Create one original work inspired by the theme "Don't Bottle It Up."
- Include a short artist statement (50–75 words) explaining what your work expresses or what you hope viewers will take from it.
- Students do not need to share private experiences or personal details. The artwork may explore emotions in a general or imagined way.

Who may enter?

Any student who is an active member of an Interact club in Rotary District 7120 during the 2026–27 school year.

The instructions will be available with your Interact Coordinators by September 15th.



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

DISTRICT 7120 PRESENTS
ONE ROTARY SUMMIT
Igniting Passion - Driving Action

Rotary
DISTRICT 7120



**Saturday,
Sept 12, 2026**



**8:30 AM – Registration
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Program**



Harris Beach Murtha
99 Garnsey Rd
Pittsford, NY 14534



For Rotarians who want to strengthen their clubs and shape their future.
Everyone is welcome—leaders, members, and emerging leaders across District 7120!

WHY ATTEND?



Increase Club Vibrancy: Discover actionable ways to make your club more engaging and dynamic.



Engagement & Growth: Share innovative ideas, learn from other clubs, and explore new approaches to member attraction, flexibility, and impact.



Action Planning: Turn good ideas into practical next steps your club can put to work right away.

WHO SHOULD COME?



Club committee chairs of Membership, Public Image, & Community Service



Newer members & emerging club leaders



Board members & members ready to help shape their club's future



BRING YOUR TEAM!

Clubs are strongly encouraged to register at least **three** members—ideally representing different roles, experiences, or perspectives.

Coming as a group allows you to collaborate during sessions, share insights, and jumpstart your club's planning right away.

**REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!**
CLICK HERE

<https://rotary7120.org/event/one-rotary-summit-2/>



QUESTIONS?

Contact PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly,
District Learning Facilitator



585-451-6822



madayag.reillyn@frontier.com

Yours in Rotary Service,

PDG Norma & District 7120 Team



REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Monday, September 7, 2026

Early registration helps us plan for a great experience for all!



CONNECT. SHARE. COLLABORATE. TAKE ACTION. *Together, We Create Lasting Impact.*



Literacy Corner



**WHY IS FINANCIAL LITERACY
IMPORTANT TO THOSE WHO HAVE
DIFFICULTY READING WHETHER THEY
ARE ADULTS OR CHILDREN**

Imagine how you would feel if you couldn't read a prescription, weren't able to balance a checking account or perform many other activities you need to do if you were not able to read and/or understand the directions on bottles or instruction sheets. Life as we know it would be very difficult without essential reading skills.

To learn more, join us on **September 26th** at the **District Literacy Seminar**.

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

**September 26, 2026
9:00 am to Noon**

**CLIFTON SPRINGS HOSPITAL ROTARY ROOM
2 Coulter Road, 2nd Floor, Clifton Springs, New York**

THE 2026 THEME IS FINANCIAL LITERACY

Discussion is on the following topics

Budget & Saving

Karen Hoad, Reliant Credit Union

Credit & Debt Management

Charles Parkhurst, Lyons National Bank

Housing

Vivian Ryan, Howard Hanna of Clifton Springs

Taxes

Scott Healy, CPA

Insurance

Rhett VanScoter, VanScoter Insurance

Financial Planning

Daniel Kelley, Registered Investment Advisor &
Managing Partner of Clover Financial LLC in Fairport

NO REGISTRATION FEE

RSVP AT joannterry7@gmail.com IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND



Criteria for the 2025-2026 Literacy Recognition

Theme: Literacy/Financial



Must Complete 5 Different Projects to Qualify

General Ideas and Suggestions:

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

Name of Club:

Contact person w/email:

Form must be submitted by April 20, 2027
Send to: JoAnn Terry, 100 McAuley Drive, Apt. 150, Rochester, NY 14610,
or email to: JoAnn @ joannterry7@gmail.com
Please use the back of this form if you need more room

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



Event October 3-4, 2026

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.



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

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DISTRICT 7120 CONFERENCE 2027

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**FRIDAY
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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.

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- ✓ Options for every budget

**SATURDAY
6/5**

CONFERENCE TICKET

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



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District 7120

Lisa Norwood, District Governor



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Development

**EACH ONE
BRING ONE**



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- 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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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:

rotary7120eht@gmail.com

Submitted by David DeMers



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INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATE:

COVID-19, INFLUENZA, RSV, and POLIO

September 10, 2026

PDG DAVID HANNAN

IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR UPDATED 2026-2027 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: Although there may be 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 and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention 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 \(Influenza\)](https://health.ny.gov) at health.ny.gov 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 75 and older, age 50-74 with certain chronic health problems, and for pregnant women at 32-36 weeks of pregnancy. 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 33 cases of Wild Polio Virus Type 1 worldwide in 2025, 4 in Afghanistan and 29 in Pakistan. As of September 8, there have been 26 cases of WPV1 reported in 2026, 23 in Afghanistan and 3 in Pakistan.
4. There were 246 cases in 19 countries of circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Viruses (cVDPV) worldwide in 2025. To date in 2026, there have been 151 cases in 14 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.

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!

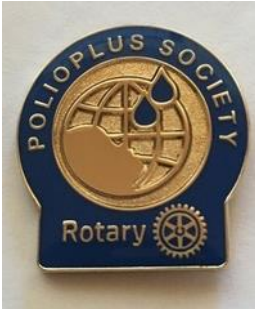
Here are a few comments from previous participants of the D7120 Rotary Action Planning Workshop.

- *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.

Sign up today!



2027 Rotary International Convention

📅 26-30 June 2027 📍 Barcelona, Spain



Registration opens September 2026

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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.





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

Genesee Valley Rotary Camp , Held on August 9-15, 2026



We SOARED high at camp Tuesday with lost rookie badges, pool fun, and some dinner shenanigans!



We HOVERED above the clouds today with our amazing hot air balloon early this morning!



You're Invited to Camp Haccamo's 70th Anniversary Dinner and Fundraiser!

For seven decades, Camp Haccamo has been a beacon of joy, independence, and life-changing summer experiences for children and young adults with special needs. None of this extraordinary impact would have been possible without the unwavering heart, leadership, and support of our local Rotary Clubs! It has been a few years since we've all had the opportunity to gather under one roof, making this milestone all the more meaningful.



Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026
- Time: Social Hour at 5:00 PM | Dinner at 6:00 PM
- Location: Pittsford Fire Station (465 Pittsford Mendon Rd, Pittsford, NY)
- Tickets: \$50 Adults | \$30 Children (12 & under)

Join us for a wonderful evening of community, delicious food, live music from the Pittsford Fire Department Band, and exciting raffles—including a signed Buffalo Bills item, 50/50 raffle, and chance auction!

Share Your Camp Haccamo Memories

Rotary's history is deeply woven into the fabric of Camp Haccamo. Do you, your club, or a family member have a special Camp Haccamo memory, photo, or story from over the years? We are gathering memories to highlight during our milestone event. Please feel free to reach out and share your story with us!

To purchase tickets, RSVP, or learn more, visit our event page at

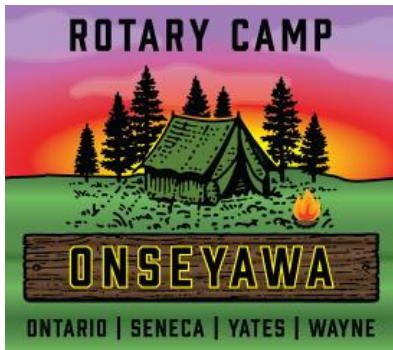
www.camphaccamo.org/general-8 or reach out to Board President Neal Gorman at 212-203-3889.

Thank you for seven decades of Rotary partnership, service, and support. We can't wait to celebrate this milestone together!

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Submitted by Neal Gorman



Thank You Penn Yan Rotary for the Raffle you are having to benefit CAMP ONSEYAWA!!

Several of us from Camp Onseyawa were enjoying ice cream at Seneca Farms and happened to find THIS!!

There may only be 8 of our fantastic staff in this photo, but from all of us at Camp Onseyawa, we say "Thank You" for all that you do for us!

Submitted by Robin Mark



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Clifton Springs-Phelps Rotary Club

The Clifton Springs-Phelps Rotary Club was pleased to welcome two new members at the August 18th meeting. Pictured are immediate past district governor Jim Crane, new member Hope Galens of Clifton Springs, new member Ron Nieskes of Phelps, immediate past president Mary dePorter, and president elect Stefanie Smaldone.

Submitted by Scott MacDonell



WELCOME





Paul Harris Fellow

Geneva Rotary Club

The Geneva Club held its annual picnic August 26th at the Seneca Lake Yacht Club. Tamara Cater was inducted as a Paul Harris fellow. Pictured are Cater and Rotarian Ruth Leo, who ran the Paul Harris induction in the absence of Jim Dickson. The Club also inducted Jared Pierce as its newest member.



At the September 2 meeting, Past District Gov. Jim Crane presented the club and Diana Perry with The Citation Club Excellence Award. There are 4 requirements in order to receive this award.

1. Increase Club membership
2. Support Rotary Foundation
3. Engage members in volunteering and fund raising
4. Maintain the club's Action Plan.

This award typically is presented to the most recent past president, which would have been Kerry Lippincott, but she was unable to attend.

Pictured are Perry and Past Governor Crane.

Submitted by Ted Baker

Welcome



Newark Rotary Club

At their September 3 meeting, the Newark Rotary Club awarded 2 Paul Harris recognitions.

Honored were Past President and current Treasurer Kevin Mooney, with a Paul Harris +3 award, and Dave Johnson, Board member and President nominee with his first Paul Harris award.

Awards were presented by Past District Governor David Hannan.

Submitted by John Zornow



Kevin Mooney



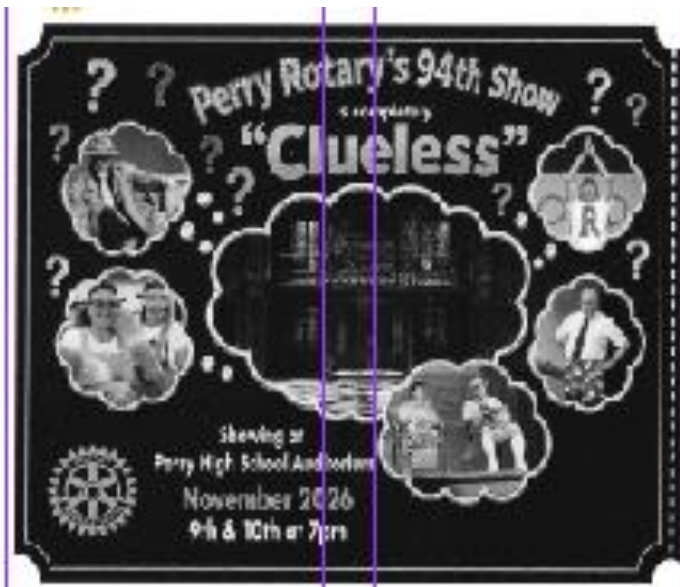
Dave Johnson in blue shirt

Perry Rotary Club

Perry Rotary Club welcomed new member Monica Jett, daughter of current club president, Denise Macaluso, in August. Monica gave her classification talk on Sept. 3, a fascinating look behind the scenes of the dry-cleaning industry. She and husband, Harvey, took over Warsaw Dry Cleaners from her parents, and it has since expanded to absorb operations in Olean and Geneva.

Perry Rotary awarded member Trini Kuzmicki, pictured with past president Jeff Fitch, another Paul Harris fellowship. The local businesswoman is in the line to become president in two years. She is well-respected in the insurance industry among area households, businesses and schools.

For the first time, Perry Rotary sponsored a new adaptive baseball team that is providing often marginalized youngsters from sports. It was established by a Perry mother/special education teacher whose son is on the autism spectrum. The program proved so needed and welcomed that it will expand next year and you can bet Perry Rotary will be supportive. This might be a new idea for your community.



Perry Rotary is selling tickets to "Clueless," its 94th variety show Nov. 9 and 10 (there is a dress rehearsal at 2 on Sun., Nov. 8) in Perry High School Auditorium. Please buy a ticket or two and come to what promises to be hilarious as well as showcasing local musical talents.

Submitted by Lorraine Sturm



Paul Harris Fellow



Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

The Victor - Farmington Rotary Club welcomed their 2026 - 2027 YEX student - Natkamol "Betty" Lotrakul, who will be attending Victor Senior HS, at the club's meeting on September 2nd.

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



L to R: RTN Counselor Alyssa Beardsley - NATKAMO - RTN Host Mom Sara Colacino



Naples Rotary Club

Past District Governor Jim Crane presented a Club Excellence Award to Naples NY Club and Jack Fredericks for his presidential year 2025-2026. We were one of eight clubs in the District to receive it. The award recognizes the Club efforts throughout the year for membership, engagement, involvement in their community and support for Rotary Foundation.



The first of two Naples Rotary Peace Poles was installed recently at the Naples Old Town Square between Plenty the Diner and Old School Café, off North Main Street. It has words of peace in four languages. The Board had a difficult time selecting only four languages. Thus, a second pole will be erected in the Naples Youth Corp area soon. A ceremony of dedication will be held in September.

Liam Fahy, a rising Naples Central School senior, attended RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) this summer at FLCC. He will be the President of NCS Interact Club this year. He shared his experiences and how valuable it was for him. He talked of the types of leaders and how he didn't see himself as one. He learned that anyone can be a leader in their own style - he realized he was a collaborator. Each student learned how to speak comfortably in front of a group through daily games and activities. He found great value in dorm living and making connections with all variety of peers. He thanked Naples NY Rotary for sponsoring him in this great experience.

Submitted by Cindy Scoda



Gananda Rotary Club

The Gananda Rotary Club heard a presentation on Monday, August 17th from Emily Pedersen and Ella Wood, who were Haunted Hayride volunteers and were sponsored by the club to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) last month. At RYLA, students learn leadership styles and how to become more effective leaders. Emily & Ella were excellent candidates for the Academy and learned a great deal about youth leadership.

Patti Holdraker



Rochester Rotary Club

Rochester Rotary Leading the Way: Creating Lasting Impact in Uganda

Rochester Rotary is proud to share that a major Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) project is now moving forward in the Kiboga and Kyankwanzi Districts of Uganda.

After more than two years of planning, collaboration, and fundraising, this \$100,000 clean-water initiative—the largest international service project Rochester Rotary has had the privilege to lead—is becoming a reality. When completed, the project will provide safer water, improved sanitation, and stronger health outcomes for approximately 12,500 men, women, and children in communities where access to these essentials can be a daily challenge.

This achievement reflects the extraordinary power of Rotary partnership. Rochester Rotary extends heartfelt appreciation to the Rotary Clubs of **Avon, Bloomfield, Chemung Sunrise, Corning, Dansville, Elmira, Gananda, Honeoye Lake, Naples, and Pittsford** for their direct financial support. Their generosity, together with the commitment of fellow Rotarians, District 7120 partners, and the Ugandan Water Project, has helped transform a vision into meaningful action.

This project is a shining example of Rotary's ability to bring people together across clubs, communities, and continents to solve real problems. The benefits will extend far beyond the installation of water infrastructure: safer water and improved sanitation can support healthier families, greater dignity, more opportunity for children to attend school, and a stronger foundation for entire communities to thrive.

In keeping with this year's Rotary theme, "Create Lasting Impact," this project represents a legacy of service that will endure for years to come. While many of the Rotarians who made this possible may never have the opportunity to visit these Ugandan communities, their compassion and leadership will be felt every day by the people whose lives are changed through this work.

As the project progresses, Rochester Rotary looks forward to sharing updates and milestones with Rotarians throughout District 7120. Thank you to every club, member, and partner who has helped demonstrate Rotary's enduring commitment to **Service Above Self**.

For more information, please see the [\[Rochester Rotary & Ugandan Water Project news release\]](#)

Submitted by Richard de Asis

Greece Rotary Club

Town of Greece Names the Braddock Bay Park in Greece Rotarian's Don Rileys' Honor

The Town of Greece Supervisor Jeff McCann recently announced on his radio show that the Braddock Bay Park is being renamed Donald J Riley Braddock Bay Park.

Don was the Town of Greece Supervisor from 1973-1989. Don successfully negotiated from then Governor High Carey at the time to take to the Braddock Bay Park under the Town of Greece's ownership and environmental guidance.

This 375-acre Greece town operated park is part of the 3000-acre Braddock Bay Fish and Wildlife Management Area owned by NY State. The park and surrounding areas are currently part of the Braddock Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project, led by the Army Corps of Engineers. The goal is to protect the Braddock Bay wetlands from erosion and to restore their habitat diversity thus improving its suitability for fish and wildlife.

Braddock Bay Park is also renowned for being an excellent bird-watching location. Raptors and other birds congregate here when migrating north in the Spring.

Since 1986, [Braddock Bay Raptor Research](#) has been working towards preserving the area's natural resources by focusing research and educational activities on the spectacular raptor migration.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon



Greece Rotary Club

Greece Rotary 2026 Golf Outing -Huge Success

The Greece Rotary Golf Tourney on July 27 had over 110 golfers enjoy Ridgemont Country Club. The course was in superb condition. The tournament is named after long time Greece Rotarian Rino Pappano who had over 50 years of perfect attendance and wanted to help the Greece Challenger Little League.



This tournament has raised in the last 27 years over \$300,000.00. The Challenger Little League has been awarded over \$90,000.00

The Greece Rotarians showed exactly what Rotary stands for: neighbors coming together to make a difference. We're proud of this community and proud of the impact we create together.

Submitted by Chuck Gannon

Geneseo Rotary Club

Some members of the club visited GVRC on Monday 8/10/ 26.

Pictured (L to R) Sarah Warner, the assistant camp director, club President Debby Emerson, Brian Gordinier, Julie Carney, Stephen Wiener, and Brian Bartolo the camp director.

Submitted by Julie Carney



Rotary Club of Elmira

Food, Friends & Fellowship

As the Rotary Club of Elmira, we are privileged to have among our members, Lionel (Leo) Hutle, a genuine French Chef! Leo has been a member of our Club since 2022. He and his wife, Carine, moved to our area because of Carine's position with Corning Incorporated. Every year, Leo and Carine welcome our entire Club into their home where Leo prepares and shares an amazing meal...as he says the way they do it in France....slow and lingering where every bite is savored along with the camaraderie. Bringing us all together in fellowship is a perfect example of what it means to be a Rotarian.

Submitted by Laurie Liberatore



A small sample of the delectable food we were served



Nearly half of our Club membership were able to attend.

Bath Rotary Club

Camp STAR, located on the scenic and rural setting of the Y at Watson Woods in Painted Post, was bustling with 65 campers, ages 6 to 12, and 30 skillful counselors, including a nurse, who lived and slept in the retreat's cabins and were available to the campers around the clock, from August 9 – 14.

The camp provided its week-long program, complete with overnight accommodations, daily meals, group athletics, hiking, crafts, nature study, and field trips, for children who have a physical or developmental disability that usually precludes them from enjoying the camping experience.

The program, started in 1963, is carefully designed to provide needed recreation that is compatible with a wide range of therapies that the special-needs campers may be undergoing. Particular emphasis is placed on developing initiative and self-reliance of the campers. The camp was named Camp STAR since it is sponsored by clubs in the Southern Tier Area Rotary. No camper is charged to enjoy this special place. The camp is funded by several local Rotary Clubs, including the Bath Rotary Club, and the Camp STAR Benefit Golf Tournament, held on July 20, in which Bath Rotarians sponsored two teams.

On Thursday, August 13, Bath Rotarians provided the campers and counselors a picnic of hotdogs, hamburgers, condiments, variety of chips, fruit cups, fruit juice, bottled water, and ice



Sixty-five children and thirty counselors at Camp STAR selected hotdogs or hamburgers, a variety of chips, fruit cups, and fruit juice or bottled water for dinner on August 13, provided by the Bath Rotary Club. After they had finished their meal, all returned for ice cream with chocolate syrup and sprinkles available.



On August 13 Bath Rotarians hosted a picnic for the kids and counselors at Camp STAR. In front taking the selfie is Cheryl Muller. In row 2 from left to right are Elaine Tears, Nancy Latour, and Bill White. In row 3 are Michelle Smalt and Jay Maslyn.



A sign marking the Camp STAR Recreation Hall on the grounds of the Y at Watson Woods had been placed by the staff in front of the building in which members of the Bath Rotary Club provided the campers and counselors at the week-long camp a hearty picnic.

cream with chocolate syrup and sprinkles also available. Those participating from the Bath Rotary Club included Nancy Latour, Jay Maslyn, Cheryl Muller, Michelle Smalt, Elaine Tears, and Bill White.

"Camp STAR is indeed a wonderful week for the children and also gives families the opportunity for respite, knowing that the staff will be there for their children," stated Latour, Bath Rotary Club President and member of the Camp STAR Board of Directors. "The campers are given an opportunity to be kids without any stigma. The counselors are dedicated and enjoy the week as much as the campers do."

The participation in the Camp STAR experience allowed the Bath Rotarians to continue their involvement in community service projects and to display dedication to their motto of "Service Above Self".

Written by Elaine Tears, Pictures by Cheryl Muller



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STRONGER
COMMUNITIES

Education → Opportunity → Employment → Stronger Families → Stronger Communities



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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ODED's student-centered model, from enrollment through graduation



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for investing
in the future
of Haiti's
children!*

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

Bath Rotary Club

Recently several members of the Bath Rotary Club toured the Dana Lyon Apartments. The 49 units are equipped with complete kitchens, spacious living and dining areas, bathrooms, bedrooms (one or two), and ample closets. Most units are handicap accessible while 5 units are wheelchair accessible, and 2 units were constructed for the hearing and/or visually impaired. The Rotarians were most impressed with the number of amenities in the building, including an intercom entry system, elevator, tenant storage, self-pay laundry room, community room, exercise room, fenced playground, etc.

The apartments are located in the former Dana Lyon School on Liberty Street in Bath. While on the tour, two of the participants remarked that they well remember their experience at the former school. Elaine Tears, Bath Rotarian, noted that she had attended the school from kindergarten with Miss Parker to sixth grade with Mr. Schirmer. Woody Latour, husband of Bath Rotarian Nancy Latour, remarked that he had taught Special Education many years ago in the lower level of the school. The Rotarians voiced the fact that the apartments are indeed an excellent use of the former school and are pleased to see that the building still stands on its original site.

After the tour of the apartments the group also visited the YMCA, located adjacent to the apartments and soon realized that it had been the site of the cafeteria in the former school.



Bath Rotarians and their spouses or guests recently toured the Dana Lyon Apartments in Bath and were pleased to have a picture taken below the DLL (Dana L. Lyon) emblem. Standing or sitting left to right are Elaine Tears, Julie Weldy, Nancy Latour, Woody Latour, Terry Bilancio, Mike Slovak, Stephen Graham, and Brandi Graham.



On their tour of the Dana Lyon Apartments, the Bath Rotarians and their spouses or guests well remembered the chalkboards that used to be in schools. Standing left to right are Nancy Latour, Elaine Tears, Woody Latour, Julie Weldy, Mike Slovak, Brandi Graham, Stephen Graham, and Terry Bilancio.

Written by Elaine Tears
Pictures by Brandi Graham



Pal-Mac Rotary Club

Fun and fund-raising were featured at the Wayne County Fair in August. We served up some delicious food so that we can serve up some assistance to worthy community organizations and causes. Our concession at the Fair is our biggest source of funds each year.

Thank you to the more than 40 members and friends who shared in this endeavor. A huge thanks to all who managed daily shifts and particularly, Maurina Schmidt, over-all leader. Here are a few of those smiling faces.

Jeff Crawford, club media



Gananda Rotary Club

Wayne County Sheriff Rob Milby spoke to the Gananda Rotary Club about the "Yellow Dot" Program, to indicate medical emergency information available to first responders. The Sheriff's office provides yellow dots for the car window to signal that they have emergency info in their glovebox, if they are unable to speak for themselves. He also covered instances of potential scams of seniors and how to avoid them.



Submitted by Patti Holdraker

Gananda Rotary Club

The Gananda Rotary Club was represented at the Gananda Central School twice this month...Once at Freshman Orientation at the high school, and again at the District's Open House. The club promoted their Annual Haunted Hayride, signing up students and adults and paving the way for another very successful fundraiser to aid the community, the school and Rotary's Camp Onseyawa. President Wanda Arnold mans the booth at the Open House at Gananda's new Transportation building.

Submitted by Patti Holdraker



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Webster Rotary Club

On August 27th, the Webster Rotary Club dedicated a new park bench in Memory of Jim and Shirley Isaac at the Rotary Grove at the Webster Arboretum. Coordinated and assembled by Rotarians Rich Comins and Gene Sydor, the bench is the newest addition to the Rotary Grove; which is dedicated to the memories of past Webster Rotarians. Many members of the Isaac family were able to join the dedication ceremony on a beautiful Thursday evening!

Submitted by Joseph Corona



Newark Rotary Club

Newark Rotary Club was one of the Rotary Clubs that participated in the Camp Onseyawa Carnival held on Sunday, August 23rd.

Newark Rotary had 3 games/activities for the campers to participate in and they were Rowing Machine, Ring Toss & Corn Hole. We had a lot of interest in all three; however, the favorite was the Rowing Machine. (See picture right).

The Carnival is supported by Newark Rotary plus 17 other Rotary Clubs in the Ontario, Seneca, Yates & Wayne counties. The event puts smiles on the faces of the campers. Seeing them having fun and laughs and making a HUGE difference in the campers' lives are an inspiration to all the Rotarians from these clubs.

Submitted by Gary Reilly



Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

The Victor - Farmington Rotary Club was the recipient of a grant of \$6,241.29 from the Finger Lakes Gaming & Racing Charity Program. The award is presented to local charities and service groups who are registered as 501(c)(3) organizations that serve the public. The funds are derived from customers at the casino-racetrack in Farmington who donate the change (cents) on vouchers they cash at the casino. A delegation of club members received the donation at a special event at the casino in late August. The other service organizations receiving grants were Hands of Hope Kitchen of Bloomfield, Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Greater Rochester, and GRASP - Greater Rochester Animal Rescue.

In announcing the awards, Finger Lakes Gaming and Racing Director of Marketing Brian Moore stated the grants were directed at organizations that quietly "make a difference."

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



L to R Neil DeMoney (Assistant GM FLGR), VF Rotarians Dave Luitweiler, Judy Luitweiler, Charlie Parkhurst, and Galen Powers and Brian Moore (Director of Marketing FLGR)

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The Victor - Farmington Rotary Club

The Victor - Farmington Rotary Club encompasses two townships in the northwest corner of Ontario County that are experiencing a notable surge in population growth. For the past several years club members have decided to combine club business with a social calendar that involved summer picnics in the town's park systems.

The picnic events are conducted in the evening and held in town parks where the club has engaged in numerous community projects. Recognition of the club's contributions to the parks are clearly visible to park visitors.

This year's picnics were held at Mertensia Park in Farmington and the Victor Municipal Park in Victor..

Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



PP Bruce Chapman addressing V-F Rotarians on upcoming projects and events at the August picnic at Victor Municipal Park.



V-F Rotarians L to R - Richard Mabelis - Kiim Yourch - Galen Powers - John Summers working the grill at July picnic at Mertensia Park in Farmington



V-F Rotarians combining a fellowship picnic in August with discussing club issues and projects.



Rotary E-Club of D7120

Summer Fun Activities

Newark Rotary Family Festival had a lot to offer. Indeed, there was great music, family fun, delicious food, and an amazing community atmosphere—It was an enjoyable and fantastic day! 100 years is certainly a significant milestone. (August 22nd, 2026)



Special Fellowship Dinner, August 24th, New York Beer Project 300 High Street, Victor NY.

L to R (Anthony Akil Manning, Maame Esi Ocran, Tassie Demps, Ebo Ocran, Martina Ocran, Carol Schwartz-Mizelle, Thomas Mizelle)



Fireman's Field, Newark, NY

L to R (Martina Ocran, Ebo Ocran, Gary Reilly, PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly)



Dr. Latoya Scott Summer Family Fun Time, visit to Niagara Falls, August 2026

L to R (Noah Stanley, Nya Stanley, Dr. LaToya Scott)

Submitted By: Rotary E-Club of District 7120

Penfield Rotary Club

Scan to **Register or Donate**
go to PenfieldRotary.org



Join the Rotary Club of Penfield for Our 3rd Annual Walk on World Polio Day to raise funds and awareness for the 501(c)(3) Rotary International Foundation!

When: Saturday, October 24th | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

(Check- in at the Pavilion by Field B)

Where: Rothfuss Park, 1648 Five Mile Line Rd, Penfield, NY 14526

Walk with family and friends or make a tax-deductible donation to support life-changing projects locally and worldwide. For over 100 years, the Rotary Foundation has transformed gifts into real impact—just 60 cents can protect a

child from polio, \$50 provides clean water, and \$500 can launch an anti-bullying campaign.

Register or donate today at PenfieldRotary.org or mail checks to P.O. Box 28, Penfield, NY 14526.

Together, we can build a better world!

Penfield Rotary Back-To-School Backpack Campaign with NUCOR HOUSE

Members of the Penfield Rotary Club recently demonstrated their commitment to giving back by supporting Rochester City School 54 located on Otis Street. Working alongside residents of Nucor House, club members assembled 100 backpacks filled with essential school supplies for students in need. The team also delivered a generous collection of snacks to help support students as they begin the school year. Want to work with us on a project? We'd love to hear from you so please contact us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/PenfieldRotary..>

Submitted by Neal Gorman



New bike racks were recently installed at Harris Whalen Park and the Public Library dedicated posthumously to Bill Pethick a long time Rotarian and dad of current Penfield President Laurie Dietrich.



Fairport Rotary Club

Members Being Rotarians

In the spirit of Rotary's 2025-26 presidential message: Unite for Good, Fairport Rotary members Dave Scheirer, Ciaran Hanna and Brad Allen collaborated on a service project for the Perinton Food Shelf, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help our neighbors in Perinton facing food insecurities. Together, they assembled shelves for the Food Shelf's new location that will meet the growing need for assistance.



Fairport Rotary Club's Pasta Dinner tickets are available for purchase, from any of our members, Lyons Nation Bank and online at Fairportrotary.com. Check out our ad in this month's Grapevine.

Submitted by Martha Malone



Fairport Rotarians were out in full force to support the Fairport Music Festival. Now in its 25th year, the FMF has raised more than \$3.2 Million to support the Golisano Children's Hospital. Members provided volunteer hours exemplifying and promoting Rotary's "Service above Self". Following their shifts, volunteers joined other Fairport Rotarians to enjoy the Fellowship of music and beverages.



Fairport Rotary Rotarians had a great time supporting local business Fairfield's Grill, a generous supporter of Fairport Rotary. It was a nice way to enjoy the fellowship and show our appreciation!

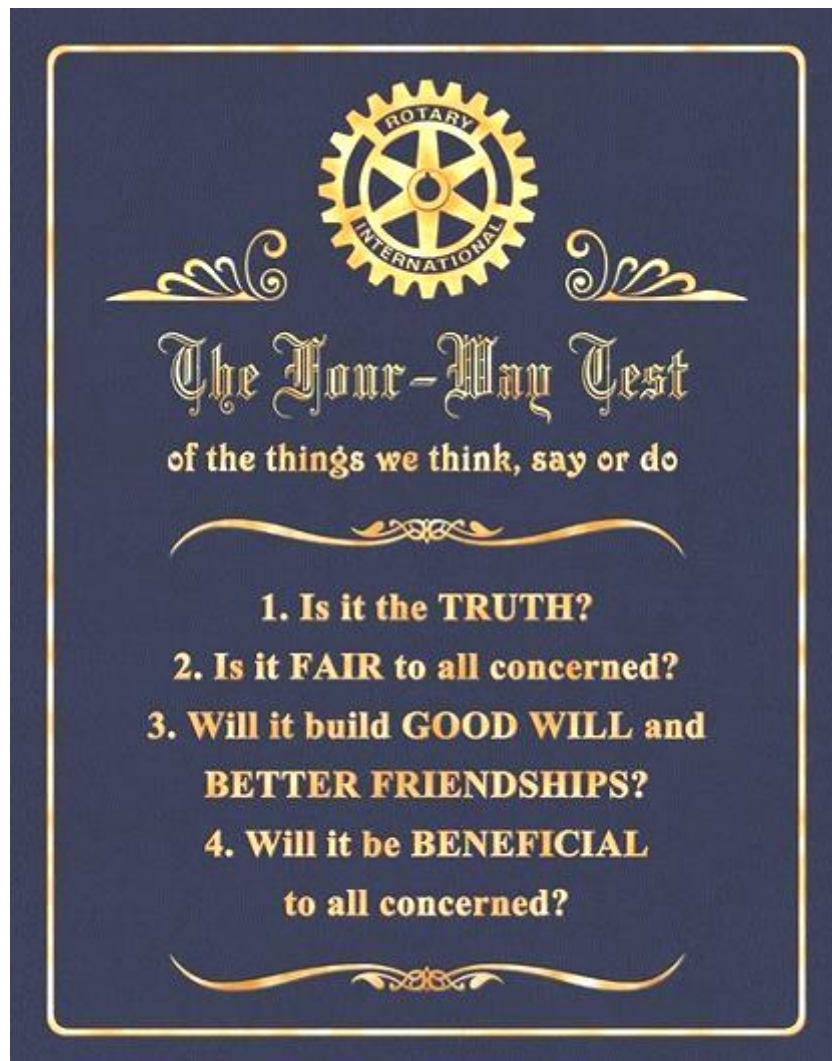
DISTRICT CALENDAR CLUB EVENT SUBMISSION FORM

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.





Honeoye Lake Rotary sponsored Euchre Tournament Fundraiser

100% of proceeds go to Honor Flight for Rochester Veterans

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026 Time: 11:00 am Sharp!

Place: Richmond / Honeoye Firehall 8741 Main St. Honeoye NY

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 & other Prizes

Prizes structure:

1st place - \$75.00 Cash

2nd place - \$50.00 Cash

3rd place - \$25.00 Cash

LAST place - \$25.00 Runnings Gift Card

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

RSVP by Sept 10th to reserve your spot. This will give us an idea of how many tables we will need. Walk-ins Welcome!

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



Pittsford Rotary Club Charity Golf Tournament is Sept. 13



The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual "Service Above Self" Charity Golf Tournament is set for Sept. 13 at the Victor Hills Golf Club's South Course, 1450 Brace Rd. in Victor.

The event starts at noon with a pick-up lunch, followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start with foursome scramble play. Dinner and awards start at 6 p.m. with awards going to team low score, closest to the rope, closest to the pin and putting contest.

"This tournament has grown over the years and player and sponsor support has helped our club continue to benefit numerous community service organizations," said Holly Garber, who co-chairs the tournament committee with her husband, Neal.

Plentiful raffle prizes will be part of the event, including a terrific major prize: two tickets to the Buffalo Bills home game against the Chicago Bears Dec. 19.

Fees are \$150 per golfer with a cart (\$600 for a foursome with cart). Registration and sponsorship opportunities available through our website: PittsfordRotaryClub.org.

Submitted by David Irwin

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For 50 years, Spencerport Rotary has been dedicated to making a difference locally and beyond. Join us as we celebrate this incredible milestone!

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EVENT WILL START AT 5:30 PM
DINNER AT 6:30 PM
\$40 PER PERSON

WATER AND COFFEE PROVIDED
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DON ALHART



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Rochester Deaf
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Rochester Deaf Rotary Sign Language Lesson during Deaf Awareness Week

**Tuesday, September 22, 2026
4:30-5:30 pm**

@ Henrietta Public Library 
625 Calkins Rd., Community Room



This is a basic, beginner sign language lesson
Contact: deafrotary@gmail.com with questions

Rochester Deaf
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2026-2027 Rotary International Theme

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Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.





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Fri. October 16th | 5:00 PM START

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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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OCTOBER 24, 2026

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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3rd Annual

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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.

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What is The Rotary Foundation?

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OCTOBER 24,
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Camp Onseyawa's Annual Fall Dinner Celebrating our 70th Year!!

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Friday November 6
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5:30pm

Come and enjoy an evening of
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Key Note Speaker - Tom Hawks



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Touchdowns & Tastings



SAVE THE DATE!

Second Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Fine Wines • Tailgate Treats • Raffles • Bills vs. Jets



The Lodge at Shadow Hill

Sunday, November 15, 2026

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

\$60 per person

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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

A Rotary Ring Looking for Its Next Rotarian

A LEGACY OF SERVICE CONTINUES

PEOPLE
OF ACTION
YESTERDAY,
TODAY AND
TOMORROW



*More than a ring...
a legacy of service.*

***For decades, this Past President's ring was worn with pride.
Now its family hopes it can continue its Rotary story.***

Terry, a Spencerport-area resident, recently received this 14K gold Rotary International Past President ring among her parents' keepsakes.

Her father was a longtime, active Rotarian from Tonawanda and wore the ring until his death in 1997 at the age of 70.

Neither Terry nor her sister has a family member who would wear it, so rather than have it remain tucked away, they would love to see it passed along to another Rotarian who will wear it with the same pride.

A local jeweler has confirmed that the ring can be resized.

Terry is offering the ring for sale in hopes that it will find a new home with another Rotarian. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Rotary Club of Spencerport.



**Interested in purchasing this piece
of Rotary history?**

Contact Colleen Farley at irishgal103151@gmail.com
and she will connect you with Terry.

Check the District Calendar
for additions and changes

“Click” on the calendar



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

Literacy Seminar

September 26, 2026

Mt. Morris Remote Area Medical Event

October 3-4, 2026.

District Governor for 2029-30 Search

Apply by October 14, 2026

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

Assistant Governor Colleen Farley

Past President Ring

September 12 Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

Euchre Tournament

September 13 Pittsford Rotary Club

Pittsford Rotary Club Charity Golf Tournament

September 14 Spencerport Rotary Club

50th Year of Service

September 19 Camp Haccamo

70th Anniversary Event

September 20 Caledonia-Mumford

Chicken BBQ

September 22 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Sign Language Lesson

October 3 Penn Yan Rotary Club

Best Seat In Town Raffle

October 13 Rochester Deaf Rotary Club

Fundraiser

October 16 Rochester Rotary Club

TrailMix 5K and Beer Fest

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

November 6 Camp Onseyawa

Annual Fall Dinner Celebrating Our 70th Year

November 15 Ontario Walworth Rotary Club

Touchdowns & Tastings



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