WOW .....what a great start to this fabulous Rotary year. This past month of July Ruth and I have visited 23 wonderful Rotary Clubs throughout our District. Interestingly, we found that for the most part all clubs were slightly different yet very much alike. The welcome we received was consistently warm and with open arms as only Rotary can do. During our visits we were able to learn more about the wide range of events, projects and fund raisers that all clubs engage in and see how they differentiated from each other. Congratulations to all for their SUCCESSES and for their MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Bringing President Ian Risely’s and Rotary International’s message is exciting and hopefully stimulating for all. His request for all to attain the Presidential Citation will give you a guideline to fit into your strategic planning for your club. If you follow the requirements for the Citation you should have a great year Making A Difference: increasing membership, diversity and engagement, focus on and increase humanitarian service and enhancing Rotary’s public image and awareness of what we do.

President Risely has also proposed expanding the Rotary Friendship Exchange program to include both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, with a particular emphasis on young professionals. Group cultural exchanges will be a type of friendship exchange that emphasizes both cultural and vocational activities. Exchanges can be undertaken for a variety of reasons, including:

- Broadening international understanding
- Exploring a specific profession or job in a different context
- Building long-term friendships
- Establishing a foundation for peace and service
- Giving hands-on project support
- Learning about a region’s ethnic groups, food, languages, customs and history
- Finding partners for grant projects

If you are interested in participating, please contact our District Rotary Friendship Exchange chair, Carl Grovanz. He will assist in finding exchange partners through the Rotary Friendship Exchange Matching Board.

This month’s theme is Membership and New Club Development and can offer an answer to one of the questions raised about corporate and associate membership. Rotary International recognizes two types of members—active and honorary. But clubs are free to recognize other member types. Corporate and Associate members can be reported to Rotary as either active or honorary members. If the members pay Rotary International dues, they are considered active members, and they receive all the benefits that other active, dues paying members enjoy. They’re also included in the club’s outreach and membership count.

Honorary membership is used to recognize people who have distinguished themselves through service and embody Rotary ideals, or those considered friends of Rotary because they support our causes. They’re exempt from paying RI dues, don’t vote in Rotary matters, can’t hold club office and aren’t included in a club’s membership count.

Here is an interesting statistic. Rotary International reported that 7.5 million dollars in scholarship awards is given each year and over 350,000 scholarships have been awarded. There is only one way to accomplish this, and that is through your strong and continued support.
of the Rotary Foundation. Through Past District Governor Tom Rogers stellar efforts we were able within Rotary’s Foundation Centennial Year to raise over $260,000 from our District.

Lastly, I ask you to think about this basic question…What would the world be like without you and Rotary? I ask you to truly strive to be “creative” in your efforts and always be “MAKING A DIFFERENCE” in Service Above Self.

DG Don

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

November 4, 2017 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Canandaigua Inn on the Lake
770 South Main Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

TO REGISTER:
Go to www.rlinea.org
Click on RLI Home page.
Look on the left side of the page with Upcoming Events title and scroll down till you find Canandaigua Inn on the Lake. Click on course registration. Fill out the form and special attention to the payment section.

Note to attendees: All payments must be received on the specified date to be included in the training.

This is a must event for current and future Rotary leaders!

It is a multidistrict leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary.

SAVE THE DATES May 4th-6th
2018 District Conference
Saratoga Springs, New York
Hotel Accommodations at The Saratoga Hilton

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Rotary International News
8 August 2017

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. He will be declared the president-elect on 1 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

To all Rotarians of District 7120:

We are Rotarians! We are *People of Action*!!! As Rotarians, we continually look for ways to make our clubs more vibrant, relevant and impactful in a broader way than what it is right now!

You are invited to attend one of the two Membership Development Seminars scheduled this year to find out how we can achieve vibrant membership growth.

**Dates & Locations of the impactful seminars:**

- **Saturday, September 16, 2017**
  8:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm
  St. John Vianney Parish
  @ St. Mary’s O’Malley Hall
  32 East Morris Street, Bath, NY 14810

  Registration starts at 8:30 am
  Session starts promptly at 9:00 am
  *Registration closes Sept 11.*

- **Saturday, September 30, 2017**
  8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  Harris Beach PLLC
  99 Garney Road
  Pittsford, New York 14534

  Registration starts at 8:30 am
  Session starts promptly at 9:00 am
  *Registration closes Sept 25.*

We look forward to seeing you at one of these seminars!

*From the District Membership Development Committee members,* (PDG Norma, PDG Glenn Balch, Drew Ashley, Carl Grovanz, Daniel Kelley & Gary Reilly)
District 7120 Literacy Seminar
How Poverty Effects Literacy and How Rotarians Can Make a Difference!
September 23rd 2017
Clifton Springs Hospital
2 Coulter Road, Clifton Springs, NY 14432
Rotary Room

8:30 Registration and Materials
8:45 Announcements
9:00 Speaker: Children’s Agenda Staff
9:45 Tracy Wooden, Greece Rotarian Literacy Project
10:00 Bill Dean Reading Corners
10:10 Break
10:20 Break-out sessions, Please sit with someone who is not in your own club
10:40 Reports from the break-out sessions
11:00 Thank you for speakers and dismissal
Please register by email to tmw042@gmail.com

The District Membership Development Committee is pleased to welcome
and congratulate the following new members/transfers for July 2017:

Lynn-Marie Wozniak                Irondequoit
Katelyn Costello                      Nunda
Craig Jeffers, Susan Mack &
    Mary Murphy                  Ontario-Walworth
Ann Young                               Palmyra-Macedon
Laurie Dietrich                       Penfield
Richard Betts                         Perry
Lydia Aguilera & George
Smith                                    Prattsburgh

Please note that the above is based on reports found on the District 7120
Website. There may be more new members/transfers that the list shows
due to some clubs registering directly with Rotary International and NOT
with the District.

We encourage ALL CLUBS to register their new members/transfers
with the District so that they can be recognized each month.
Rebound Weekend in Pittsford

August 5-6, 2017 at the home of Gretchen and Mike DiNardo in Pittsford.

Rebound Class of 2016-2017:

Saturday Dinner

Each returning student prepared and presented a favorite dish from the host country of exchange. Henry Lemen explains a Finnish dish, warm rice porridge with strawberry sauce.

Portia Wells describes a Dutch dish: Boerenkoostamppot met Rookworst (shredded kale and mashed potatoes topped with Dutch sausage which is still warming in the oven).

Rebound Group Hug!

At the picnic at Pittsford-Mendon High School with parents and rebound students...

(All submitted by Nancy Loughlin)
Criteria for the 2017-2018 Literacy Award

Theme: Making a Difference – Poverty and Illiteracy -- Rotarians can Help!

Do a total of 5 different things, including:
- Attending the Seminar,
- Show how your club observed September 8th, International Day of Reading.

Categories: Ideas/suggestions

**Birth to 4 years old.**
- Volunteer at a day care or Library
- Baby Bags with book and brochure
- Individual book shelf with books
- Give needy parents financial aid (scholarship? Assistance?, etc?) to help with day care expenses.

Your own idea___________________________________________________

**Ages 5-12**
- Provide Books and Healthy Snacks for the weekend
- Blue Book Shelf
- Place books in Food Pantry, community centers, Laundromats
- Create a Reading corner for a classroom
- Treasure boxes
- Throw a Literacy based Party for your school or Library

Your own idea___________________________________________________________

**Ages 13 and above**
- Author visit
- Little Library
- Bring/Send some teens to the Teen book Festival
- Scholarships
- Periodical subscription
- Word Search books in large print for Senior Centers or Nursing Homes.

Your own idea_______________________________________________________________

**International**
- Books for the World
- School Supplies

Advocate: Check the Children’s Agenda Website and Advocate with your legislators for help for children in poverty in your area

Name of Club________________________________________________________________________
Contact person____________________________________________________________________

Form must be submitted by March 31st. Send to: Shelley Matthews, Apt. F22, 3240 S Winton Road Rochester NY 14623 or Shelley.Matthews@libraryweb.org

Please use the back of this form if you need more room
Dear Ellen & Dave,

I wanted to give you a bit of an update!

I've been in Geneva for just about a month now, having started my internship on June 12. It's very interesting so far, with a lot to learn, but I have been enjoying the challenge. As a reminder, I'm working with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) as part of a team of 9 or so who oversee the Stop TB Partnership that UNOPS hosts. This means that they provide procurement, grant management, travel, HR, and finance services to the Partnership and its personnel; so far I mostly am responsible for procurement of tuberculosis drugs and medical equipment to be sent all over the world. Throughout the 6 month internship they plan to give me exposure to all the different areas to get a complete picture and also help me identify areas in which I might be interested in working in the future. The working environment is also really great; everyone has been very friendly and welcoming to me.

I'm feeling pretty settled in Geneva, having found an apartment and everything. It's a beautiful city, particularly in the summer, as it's right on a stunning lake and there's lots of events going on. I've had the chance to go swimming a few times, and walk around and check out a big music festival right in the city center. So all is well!

Please give my best to your fellow Rotarians; I hope you're all doing well.

Kind regards,

Alina Urbanic

(Submitted by PDG Ellen Hughes)
Polio Update – Be In The Know

Welcome to August! During this 2\textsuperscript{nd} month of our new Rotary year, our theme is ‘Membership’, where there will be intense focus on the recruitment of vital new people to do the important work of Rotary. My very best to each club as you search for the ‘missing piece’ in your club.

Let’s talk about Polio – another very important focus of Rotary. When I attended the RI Convention in Atlanta in June, it’s hard to put into words the emotions I felt throughout the various general sessions. One moment in particular was the highlight of my entire Rotary experience – the morning RI President John Germ, John Cena and Bill Gates discussed Polio, the battle, how close we are to eradication, and, most importantly, the pledge to see this to the finish line. Their comments and passion were absolutely incredible. In another moment, we saw numerous world leaders line up in solidarity across the stage pledging millions of dollars to continue the fight to end polio. The emotion was palpable and brought both tears and goose bumps to anyone in attendance. It is an unforgettable memory.

As this new Rotary year begins, I ask everyone to learn more about Polio and keep current on the latest news. One way to do this is to subscribe to the monthly newsletter published by Polioeradication.org. The website gives weekly updates, including case counts and details on work being done. Follow the link below and hit subscribe – it’s that easy! \url{http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/}

Choose to be an informed Rotarian. Be ‘in the know’. Enjoy the month and the last weeks of summer.

Yours In Rotary Service,
Laurie Vonglis, District 7120 Foundation Subcommittee, Polio Chair

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Plan your giving today. Support the Foundation’s PolioPlus fund and help end Polio.

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SAVE THE DATE
DISTRICT 7120 GOLF TOURNAMENT

To all District 7120 Rotarians, families and friends

YOU ARE INVITED

WHAT: District 7120 Golf Tournament
WHERE: Island Oaks Golf Course at Lima Country Club
WHEN: Friday, September 8, 2017; Registration at 12:00 noon, tee off at 1:00 P.M.
FORMAT: Scramble
COST: $80.00 per person, includes golf, cart, hot dog lunch and dinner
PRIZES: “Best Dressed” Team
Putting Contest
“Overall” Lowest Score
1st Place-Men’s; Ladies; Mixed Team
Longest Drive
Nearest to the Pin
In addition, a Paul Harris drawing for clubs w/at least a paid foursome

Please note: To be eligible to win first place, a team must have at least (3) registered players and finish the event.


NOTE: Each Club is asked to donate a raffle item valued at $25.00. Please bring the raffle item with you on the day of the tournament. NO TIME TO SHOP? You may send a $25.00 check, made payable to: District 7120 Golf Tournament and send it to Gary Reilly, 819 Moseley Road, Fairport, NY 14450, no later than August 23rd and he will do the shopping for your Club.

This year, the net proceeds will benefit DG Don’s “child poverty/hunger initiative”. Last year, the net proceeds, from this event, went to the Rotary Foundation.

We always have a great time, so we encourage you to join us for this fun-filled afternoon of golf and fellowship!!!

Thank you,

Gary Reilly & Scott Healy, Co-Chairs
CONGRATULATIONS!

Great job and many thanks to all Rotarians and Clubs in District 7120! The final figures are on and for the 2016-17 Rotary year we gave a total of $267,762. which was a per capita of.....are you ready for this?.....drum roll, please....

$111.61

WOW! That is an all time high for this district.

Also we had 100% of clubs give to The Rotary Foundation, 306 PHF were awarded, 4 Benefactors, 3 Bequest Society members, 9 Major Donors and an incredible 704 Sustaining Members (those who gave at least $100!!!!!!).

Your generosity is amazing and appreciated by Annual Fund Chair Don Alhart, by me as the District Rotary Foundation Chair, by PDG Tom Rogers and most of all by the uncountable number people worldwide whose lives you have helped to improve. YOU have helped provide water and sanitation, medical equipment, better education and in general a better life...not just for the people in your communities but also for neighbors far and wide.

Now that we have rested on our laurels for a brief moment...now we move on to this year and continuing to do good in the world....because that is who we are and what we do. As Rotarians, we seldom pat ourselves on the back...no time for that...we have work to do!

Again, many thanks for all you do and I look forward to continuing in the year ahead.

(Submitted by PDG Ellen Hughes)
2017 District Membership Seminar

Here are a few points about the Seminar:
Your club has two opportunities to register your members
First one will be held on

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**
St. John Vianney Parish @St. Mary’s O’Malley Hall,
Bath NY 14810
Second will be held on

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**
Harris Beach PLLC
99 Garnsey Road
Pittsford, NY 14534

You may attend only one of these seminars; however, if you are curious enough to find out the variety of ideas generated at both sites, please feel free to register for both. We have lots of room at both sites.

*Why attend the Seminar?*
You have attended the previous year’s seminars. So what could be different? There are a lot of new things in Rotary- new website, new resources, new tools, etc.!!!
At the Seminar, we will learn what these new ideas and resources/tools are and how to use them to help our Clubs become more vibrant, relevant and impactful.

We will focus on ways to grow our clubs...provide positive experience for our members. These and many more are in store for you at these seminars. We encouraged clubs to send more than one member to the seminars.

To register –

Visit [rotary7120.org](http://rotary7120.org) and click on the link.
When you receive the email on the Registration document, click on the attachment and locate/click on the link.
When you receive the Grapevine, locate the Promotion document and click on the link.
If all else fails, email PDG Norma at [Leonora@frontiernet.net](mailto:Leonora@frontiernet.net)
Greece Rotary’s Special Dedication

Greece Rotarians gathered at the Sunshine Campus/Haccamo for a special ceremony in memory of their deceased member Dan Hedberg. A tree was planted in his memory in the Greece Rotary "Garden" at the campus and a special stone marking the dedication was unveiled. Dan was a Greece Rotarian since 2003, and had also shared his organizational skills and enthusiasm with the Haccamo Board, most recently as their president. Joining the Greece Rotarians for the ceremony was Maureen Hedberg, Dan's wife, their children and family, friends and Rotarians from throughout District 7120. It was a beautiful evening. (Submitted by Judie Van Bramer)

Greece Rotarians at Hedberg dedication

Hedberg family at dedication

The Stone marking tree planted in Hedberg memory

Rotary Exchange Student Heads For Home

Greece Rotarians were on hand at the Rochester International Airport to say goodbye to their exchange student, Ida Davidsen, as she headed home to Denmark after her year here. Ida, center in the Hard Rock T Shirt, was an enthusiastic member of the Greece Club, attending weekly meetings as well as special events. In addition, she carried a full schedule of high school activities, from drama and play productions to soccer. Tennis and winter sports. She will definitely be missed. (Submitted by Judie Van Bramer)
Three Spencerport Rotarians received Paul Harris Fellow honors - Rev. Nancy Peebles, (her third), Colleen Farley (her second) and Joe Marasco (his ninth).

PDF Roger Ressman of the Spencerport Rotary Club presents outgoing President Kathy Magin with a Past President plaque. The Club thanks Kathy for all her hard work! (Submitted by Colleen Farley)

District Governor Don Milton presents President Ebo Ocran with the Paul Harris award. Ebo Ocran is the first individual to be awarded this honor within Monroe County South.

District Governors Don Milton's visit with Monroe County South. Pictured above is Dave "Bippy" Boyer, secretary Amanda Hughes, International and service chair Latoya Stanley, Martina Ocran, past district governor Dan Cole, President Ebo Ocran, Literacy chair Deb Hughes, membership chair Skip Evon, District Governor Don Milton and Ruth Koncrite, and Treasurer Diane Argauer.

Pictured above are Latoya Stanley, Martina Ocran, Amanda Hughes, Ebo Ocran, Rose Fletcher from Lifetime, Skip Evon, past president Peter Ocran from Accraeast from district 9102 and Deb Hughes. (Submitted by Amanda Hughes)
At our breakfast meeting on July 18 the Red Jacket Rotary Club hosted our District Governor, Don Milton. In addition to speaking about his focus and goals for the year, Don shared a banner with President, Travis Yates, and helped him honor two of our club members with Paul Harris Plus Pins. Long time members, Vern Hecker and Ed Clark, both past club presidents, were presented with these prestigious awards.

(Above) President, Travis Yates receives the Rotary Theme Banner from District Governor Don Milton. (Left) Milton and Yates with Vern Hecker and Ed Clark.

Naples Rotary Club

The Naples Rotary Club has a new service project called Walk of Life which was held at the Naples Community Park on 8/12/17. This fundraiser is a Renaissance themed relay event to raise money for the Naples Hospice House and the Margery Coughlin Pawluk Cancer foundation. Each year millions of people are faced with choices to make for end of life care. Naples Hospice House needs your support in keeping the comfort care home a viable choice for the care of our loved ones. Cancer is a horrific disease that has touched all of us. Margery lost her battle to cancer but her foundation has helped thousands of people that have battled cancer. All funds from this event will help these two crucial human services remain a support for those in need while making difficult decisions in the care of loved ones or themselves.

The Walk of Desserts pic is from a pre-Walk of Life event that the Naples Rotary Club team did as part of the fundraiser.

Also...
Naples Rotary President John French presents Naples Library Director Judy Schewe with a donation.

(Submitted by John French)
**Canandaigua Rotary Club Makes Donation to Bristol Hills 4-H Camp**

At a recent meeting the Canandaigua Rotary Club donated $5,000 to the Bristol Hills 4-H Camp. The camp is underway with its major renovation, the first in many years. The donation is the first of a three-year pledge.

Pictured is Tim Davis from the 4-H Camp and Club President Ellen Polimeni: (Photo & info by Jack Kellogg)

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**Brockport Has a New Member**

Brockport Rotary President Eileen Whitney congratulates the Club’s newest member, Vicky Smith at her induction. Smith is a banking relationship counselor at Citizen’s Bank in Brockport, where she has worked the past eleven years.

(Submitted by Pat Baker)

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**Lyons Rotary Celebrates Scholarship Recipients**

The Lyons Rotary Club had a club picnic on July 26th where we invited all of our 207 scholarship recipients to celebrate their accomplishments.

The Lyons Rotary Club gave away $2800 in scholarship this year to graduating seniors at the Lyons Central School district. Our club takes great pride in our youth and hopefully our scholarships help them along in reaching their scholastic goals.

(Submitted by Keith Bridger)
Canandaigua Rotary Club Announces Board Members

The Canandaigua Club is pleased to announce its 2017-2018 board members. Pictured in front row are: Treasurer Al Walker, Barb Fuge, President Marty Muehe, Jay Dutcher, Kari Buch. Standing: Sal Pietropaolo, Secretary Kathi Nevin, Kim Sorel, Ellen Polimeni, Mike Schiller, Lynn Holcomb, and Doug Lowden. Not pictured are Karen Sprentall, Gehrig Lohrmann, and Dan Kelley. (Photo and info submitted by Jack Kellogg)

District Governor Presents Flag

District Governor Don Milton presenting the District flag to Dansville President Edgar Schmidt during his Club visit in July
(Submitted by Jon Shay)

Jim Vogler Receives Past President Pin

Dansville President Edgar Schmidt (left) presenting past president pin to Jim Vogler.
(Submitted by Jon Shay)
Greece Rotary Club recently awarded Past President Keith Rockcastle (center) with a Paul Harris Sapphire5 upgrade. Rockcastle has been a member since 2001 and served as President in 2016. The presentation was made by current president Chuck Gannon, left and Dan Barletta, right, Past President and current Foundation Chair. (Submitted by Judie Van Bramer)

Amy Pollard, CEO at Noyes Hospital receiving a Paul Harris from President Edgar Schmidt, Jon Shay and Jenni Leuzzi at Dansville’s Meeting on Tuesday, July 25th. (Submitted by Jon Shay)

Seneca Falls Rotarian, Dave Markel, and several Malawian people are preparing for the MCV Farmers' Festival. The sign was hand painted by a Malawian artist and thanks all Rotary clubs in District 7120 for their continued support. (Submitted by Liz Becht)

Seneca Falls Rotary Event

Greece Rotary Awards
Paul Harris Upgrade

CEO Amy Pollard Receives Paul Harris

Fly-In Pancake Breakfast
Sunday August 20th, 2017 9am to 12pm
Located at Ledgedale Airpark, Eisenhower Dr. in Brockport
(Off of Sweden Walker Rd., 1 road North of Cobly St.)
Sponsored by Spencerport Rotary
With help from EAA Chapter 44
Proceeds benefit Camp Haccamo and Other Rotary Projects.

Adults.......................... $8.50
Kids 12-5.......................... $3.50
Kids 4 & Under.............. FREE

Come see aircraft, Brockport Fire Trucks, Monroe County Sheriff’s Department Mounted Unit, Civil Air Patrol, and Antique Tractors from WNY Two Cylinder Club, The National Warplane Museum’s C-47 Dakota/DC-3, Veteran of D-day!
Brighton Rotary Club has developed a special Flag, symbolic of its community. Designed by Cyril Tucker, Charter Member and President-1964-65, the small flag or pennant, features a triangular pattern that represents the Twelve Corners Triangle.

This pennant has a background of cadet gray to remind us that we are all enlisted in the Rotary effort. In addition, the central Rotary Emblem shows a chevron in regimental colors to indicate that we are all united in a common purpose. You will note that these chevron stripes cross each other and this typifies the locale in which the Club was started, that is, at Brighton’s “Twelve Corners”.

In fact, the Club was started in the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church. Twelve Corners is formed by Elmwood Avenue, Monroe Avenue, and Winton Road – main thoroughfares that developed from early Indian trails.

Monroe Avenue was the route of Seneca Indians from Niagara Falls to the Council fires on Gunundawah Hill. Elmwood Avenue was the trail from the Genesee River portage to the Council Rock on East Avenue. Winton Road was the trail from Indian Landing where the Indian canoes, traversing Lake Ontario, landed to take an overland trail to the Indian village of Totiakton below Rochester Junction.

The three chevrons thus represent roads that form a triangle that typifies the spirit, mind and body. Where each of these highways cross, four corners is formed – thus, indicating the Rotary Four-Way Test.

These four corners at each crossing make the “Twelve Corners” by which the area is well known. The banner is hemmed and hung by a cord of red and blue – the red of courage and the blue of loyalty and friendship. The staff from which the pennant hangs is tipped by simulated arrowheads, representing the Indian origin of the area, which this Club represents.

(Submitted by Peter Schwartz)
Watkins-Montour Presents Paul Harris Awards

As the Watkins-Montour Rotary inducted new President, Rich Greenberger, several individuals have also been awarded Paul Harris Fellows - Rotary's highest honor for "Service Above Self."

Tom Weidemann presented Paul Harris Fellow awards to first Mary Bacalles, then surprised her husband Jim by presenting him with the honor as well. Mary has always been an active volunteer in her church and community. She has also served on the Hugh Gregg Elementary School PTA, as well as the Hospital Foundation Board. She is still on the board for Corning Public Library. In addition, she has served as a chapter President for Delta Kappa Gamma. Jim, who has served on Steuben County legislature, Steuben County Board of Supervisors, as New York State Assemblyman and as the Corning mayor, was also honored. Weidemann recognized Jim for his selfless service and continuing contributions to our local communities.

Michelle Benjamin presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Heather Lodge, who is a wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and more. She is a cheerleader at work, volunteers for Odessa Sports Boosters, volunteers at the Montour Moose Lodge, and is mom to many students at Odessa-Montour, someone they can come to for anything. Lodge and her family have hosted three Rotary Youth Exchange students. (Submitted by Michelle Benjamin)

Nancy Loughlin presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Nancy Ruda, who makes a difference every day. She is a positive spirit who has volunteered for many community organizations and reaches out to kids in need. (Continued next page.)
Nancy Loughlin presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Judy McKinney-Cherry. Prior to her current role as Executive Director of SCOPED, Cherry was the principal of New Growth Strategies, a consulting firm specializing in business strategies. With over 20 years of economic development experience, Cherry served as Director of Economic Development in the State of Delaware Governor’s cabinet. Her international experience includes business development in the UK, Kingdom of Jordan, France, and Belgium. She has hosted foreign dignitaries from China, Japan, and Taiwan.

At the Watkins-Montour Rotary’s Changeover Dinner, Paul Harris Fellows were presented to Matt Hayden and Meredith Williams, by Tom Weidemann and Chris Burns, respectively. (Submitted by Michelle Benjamin)

Rotary 7120 Picnic

Forty-five Geneva Rotarians and spouses and guests enjoyed a beautiful evening at the Seneca Yacht Club on Wednesday, Aug. 2, for the annual picnic. Even visiting Rotarians from North Carolina attended. (Submitted by Phil Beckley)
Adaptive Swing Installed in Village Park

This adaptive swing seat is designed to benefit children with disabilities to better enjoy the playground.

It was donated by the Perry Rotary Club - 2017

(Submitted by Daryl Heiby)

Youth Exchange Students Hosted by Area 1 Clubs in June

Area 1 Youth Exchange weekend coordinator, Michelle Benjamin (left) with inbound and outbound students, at Watkins Glen State Park.

Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students in the district were hosted for a long weekend by Area 1 clubs the first weekend in June. For many of the students, this was the final time they would see each other before heading back to their home countries. Outbound students also joined the weekend for some training and fun. Students stayed in Watkins Glen for the weekend, and enjoyed activities there as well as in Elmira and Corning. Participating clubs included: Watkins-Montour, Elmira, Elmira Heights, Chemung Sunrise, Horseheads and Corning. (Submitted by Michelle Benjamin)

Rush Henrietta Rotary News

Jim Duclos, left, (New RH Rotary President) welcomes Don Milton to our club.

Walt Springer (left) presented a Paul Harris to Gene Gillian. Both are RH Rotary Members. (Submitted by Steve Synesael)
The Bath Rotary Club Holds its Annual Changeover Dinner

On June 28, at the Wildflower Hills Community Center, Nancy Latour was installed as the 2017 – 2018 Bath Rotary Club President by Don Milton, Rotary District 7120 Governor-Elect. Latour then administered the oath of office to the following officers for the year 2017 - 2018: Carol Berry, President-Elect; Joanne Sheehan, Secretary; Joél Brazie, Treasurer. (Sent by Elaine Tears)

Service Awards were presented to the following at the Bath Rotary Club Changeover Dinner by President Tears: Sitting (left to right) are: Aaron Benton, Rookie of the Year; Dave Stewart, Hidden Hero Award; Grace and Don Snyder, Citizens of the Year. Standing (left to right) are: President Tears and Bill White, Rotarian of the Year.

Pictured above are all the Paul Harris Fellows in attendance at the Bath Rotary Club Changeover Dinner.

Sitting (left to right) are: John Stranges, Helen Gormont, Benita Nesbitt, Dick McCandless, Elaine Tears, Grace Snyder, Jane Russell, and Robin Lattimer.

Standing (left to right) are: Jo Slovak, Joanne Sheehan, June Bates, Dave Stewart, Don Snyder, Stanley Bhasker, Bill White, DGE Don Milton, IPDG Bill Gormont, Al Johnson, Becky Stranges, Carol Berry, Mike Slovak, Matt Feola, Larry Bates, and Ruth Cronkwright.

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognitions were presented at the Bath Rotary Club Changeover Dinner by President Tears; Bill Gormont, Immediate Past District 7120 Governor; Don Milton, District 7120 Governor-Elect; Mike Slovak, District 7120 Governor Nominee. Sitting (left to right) are: Joanne Sheehan, PHF+1; Elaine Tears, PHF+2; Grace Snyder, PHF; Jane Russell, PHF. Standing (left to right) are: Stanley Bhasker, PHF; Bill White, PHF+2; DGE Don Milton; IPDG Bill Gormont; Al Johnson, PHF+1; Mike Slovak, PHF+5. Absent from picture: Dick McCandless, PHF+2.
The Victor-Farmington Rotary club was well represented at the annual Rotary Red Wing Game at Frontier Field on July 8th when the Rochester Red Wings hosted the Syracuse Chiefs. Fourteen club members were in attendance and participated in a pre-game picnic at the ballpark. Everyone enjoyed a pleasurable evening of baseball as the Wings defeated Syracuse. The game was particularly significant for 14 year old Cooper Vanmaaren of Farmington, grandson of Rotarian Bev Rosbrook, and brother of the club’s Rotary exchange student Carli Vanmaaren. Cooper was selected after a random drawing from Rotary clubs that sold over 10 tickets for the game. The Victor-Farmington club sold fourteen tickets and was allowed to designate the Red Wing batboy. Victor-Farmington Rotarian Alana Shary brought one of the youngest fans to the game in the person of her seventeen month old daughter, Annaliese. Many club members arrived early to enjoy a delicious picnic buffet in the pavilion behind the right field fence. The weather cooperated and it was a great day of Rotary fellowship. (Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)
Corning Rotary Club Presents Awards

Corning- Painted Post High School Interact Advisor, Mrs. Susanna Seip, being recognized at a Rotary Meeting for 10 years of Service Above Self as the Interact Advisor by Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, Corning Rotary Club Interact Sponsor. (Submitted by Geraldine Wolfe)

The 2017 Corning Rotary RYLA Recipient, Haley Brown, student at Corning -Painted Post High school, with Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, Director, Corning Rotary New Generations. (Submitted by Geraldine Wolfe)

Pittsford Community Service Award Presented to Ronald Anderson

Ronald C. Anderson, receiving the Pittsford Ed Francis Community Service Award, presented by Matt O'Connor, 2017 President of Pittsford Rotary, along with Linda Francis (Honorary Member and wife of late Ed Francis) and Bob Vukosic, presenter of award. (Submitted by Jim Cameron)
The Corning Rotary Club announced its 2017 Scholarship Award Winners at the Club’s recent lunch meeting, held at the Radisson. To be eligible, winners must be graduating from a Corning-area high school or from Corning Community College, and provide evidence of acceptance into a continuing education program in the fall. Additionally, the students must have demonstrated an ongoing and significant commitment to community service during his or her high school or college years.

This year’s recipients include:

Corning-Painted Post High School senior Meghan Ritter, who plans to attend the State University at Brockport in the fall, to become a physician’s assistant aiding in disaster relief.

Janice Teeter, also from C-PP HS, who plans to attend Elmira College and major in nursing.

C-PP HS Bradley Sweet, who will continue his education at Corning Community College, majoring in Business, eventually transferring to SUNY Potsdam and then SUNY Clarkson for his MBA.

Brendan Walker of Corning-Painted Post High School, who plans to the University of Virginia as a Business major.

Corning-Painted Post High School student, Ada Wightman, who will continue her studies in the fall at the University of Rochester to pursue a degree International Relations in order to help be a bridge between the US and the world’s struggling countries.

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“We are delighted to be able to recognize and reward our local high school and Corning Community College students with scholarships in honor of their commitment and dedication to service within our community,” says Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, Corning Rotary board member and chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

(Submitted by Geraldine Wolfe)

Dansville Rotary Awards Paul Harris

From left to right: Meghan Ritter, Ada Wightman, Janice Teeter, Bradley Sweet, Brendan Walker, Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, chairperson of the Rotary Scholarship Committee

Tom Rauber and his wife Mary Ellen at Dansville Rotary luncheon honoring Tom with a Paul Harris for his many years dedicated to the preservation of the American Bald Eagle. (Submitted by Jon Shay)
Penfield Rotary Inducts New Member

On July 11 Steve Lawrence (left) presided over his first meeting as President. Laurie Dietrich was inducted as a member of Penfield Rotary.

Penfield Rotary Inducts New Member

Her father, long time Penfield Rotarian Bill Pethick, pinned her. (Submitted by Linda Kohl)

Geneva Rotary Raises $2,500 for Santa Train Tickets

Some Geneva children recently received Christmas presents in July, but they won’t know about it until Dec. 2.

That’s the day the Geneva Rotary Club Santa Train Express will roll down the Finger Lakes Railway tracks, making spirits bright and putting smiles on the faces of children, parents and grandparents.

“We realize that the parents of some children can’t afford the Santa Train tickets, so we organized a chicken barbecue to raise money for tickets to donate to children,” said Dave Cook, who chairs the Rotary Santa Train with Lisa Toole. Some of the tickers are distributed through the Boys and Girls Club of Geneva.

The barbecue held at The Hotel Exchange in downtown Geneva raised $2,500 for ticket donations. Sponsors of the barbecue included Michael Foster of All Seasons Pest Control, Dr. Arun and Chris Nagpau, the Hotel Exchange and Harry Klossner and the Waterloo VFW, who cooked the chicken. (Submitted by Phil Beckley)

Pittsford Rotary Inducts New Members

Club president Sharon Garofanello and membership chair Jim Murphy welcome new members Alejandro Acosta, Jay Lesser, Ryan Shannon and Jason Rosenberg following their August 2 inductions by Pittsford Rotary. (Submitted by P. Mallery)
Pittsford Rotary Club July 19th Meeting

Guest Speaker Rachel Barnhart Mayor nominee for Rochester, NY with President Sharon Garofanello

Paul Harris award to Chis McCoy from Jim Murphy

Steve Wilterdink receiving paul harris from Jim Murphy

3 Guest from Club of New Deli One, India, KL Nathanikl exchanging club banners with president Sharon Garofanello

no photo Doug Trolley also received a Paul Harris from Jim Murphy  (Submitted by Jim Cameron)
Watkins Glen High School senior Angel Hamm was honored by the Watkins-Montour Rotary Club as its Watkins Glen High School Student of the Month for June.

Odessa-Montour High School senior Simone DeWalt was honored by the Watkins-Montour Rotary Club as its Student-of-the-Month for Odessa-Montour High School for May.

Odessa-Montour salutatorian Madison Morse was honored by the Watkins-Montour Rotary Club as its Student-of-the-Month for Odessa-Montour for June.

Watkins Glen High School senior Brendan Neira was honored by the Watkins-Montour Rotary as its Watkins Glen High School Student of the Month for May.
Watkins-Montour Rotary Welcomed New Members

Watkins-Montour Rotary recently welcomed several new members including:


Lindsay Wickham, sponsored by Don Stocum; Classification: Agriculture


The Club also welcomed back member Nan Woodworth. Classification: Education.

(Submitted by Michelle Benjamin)
“Rochester Rotarians joined Sunshine Campers Wednesday evening, July 26th, for the annual Putt Putt tournament at the Sunshine Campus followed by an ice cream social and mini carnival. Rotarians putt 9-holes of mini golf with campers and their counselors each year in the fun event!” (Submitted by Heather Rossi)
By Bruce Amey

The August 2017 edition of *The Rotarian* had an article, “Why I Joined Rotary.” The author initially explained why he had not previously joined a Rotary Club. That answer is likely the #1 reason why more community members don’t join Rotary … “Nobody ever asked me.”

I can identify with this as I have had difficulty asking others to join Rotary. I really did not need to be asked to attend. As part of my role as School Superintendent, I had visited the club on several occasions. But, having attended I could see that this club had a purpose and knew how to have fun together while serving others so my joining in 2006 was fairly easy.

On July 19, our club had the first of many service activities for this year when we helped a day camp experience for Gilda’s Club at the Penfield High School by providing lunch for approximately 250 campers and counselors. That experience is why I stay in Rotary. I have helped with roadside cleanups in the past serving our community, but nothing was as gratifying as seeing the faces of the children to whom we were serving lunch; approximately 16 Avon Rotarians were there to help. On Sunday July 23, there were approximately 14 Avon Rotarians that served our community assisting with a bicycle race.

Rob Lupisella has spoken repeatedly about the feelings evoked being a part of serving the several communities in Nicaragua as our club has provided some funds to support that project. However, as Rob, President Tom, Kirk Vanderbilt, Laurie Vonglis, Jim Tompsett, and Marcie Williams have all shared, the experience of serving face-to-face, hand-in-hand with those we are trying to help is what makes the real difference. They have each been changed more by experiencing the experience than by just giving monetary support.

Past RI President John Germ had a theory that Rotary turns words into deeds. I have always felt that my contributions in time and money have helped create deeds but actually doing the deeds is truly what Rotary should be about. I understand that all members cannot participate in all activities due to health, work, etc. But in addition to participating in our club’s fund raising activities which allow our club to generously support worthy activities that serve our community and our world, it is essential that every one of us in some way act to serve … to do the deed!

The theme for this year is “Rotary: Making a Difference”. I would expand that to say “Rotarians Making a Difference”. When I am actually part of the activities, I am made a better person;

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I gain much more when I am part of the activity than the time or money it may have cost me to give. Why did you join Rotary? Why do you stay in Rotary? What do you need to do to make our club more inviting/welcoming to others? President Tom has challenged each of us to be more active in our community. He has challenged each of us to be more visible as Avon Rotary in our community. He has challenged each of us as Rotarians to make a difference in our world and our community not only through our monetary support but more importantly by being involved in service activities. I am excited. The Gilda’s Club service activity got my juices going for service. Get your service juices going. Let’s all commit to serve as our Rotary motto directs us to and then our community will truly know that Rotarians DO make a difference. But, as usual, I have rambled on long enough.

(Submitted by Laurie Vonglis)
Victor-Farmington Rotary Club’s Outbound Exchange Student Returns Home

Carli Vanmaaren & V-F Rotary Pres. Bonnie Cottone

Carli on Rotary YEX tour in Amsterdam

Carli (center row holding flag) with her Danish School Classmates

Carli with Rotary Exchange Students on Sailing Cruise in North Sea Waters

Carli Vanmaaren, the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club’s 2016-2017 Rotary exchange student, recently arrived home after a year in Randers, Denmark. On July 19 the club held a picnic-style dinner meeting where Carli presented a PowerPoint program on her year.

Carli related that she grew up in a Rotary family and the youth exchange program was an integral part of family activities. Her mom, Pam, was a Rotary exchange student. Her grandfather, the late Al Rosbrook, was active in Rotary Youth Exchange. Her grandmother, Bev Rosbrook, is a V-F Rotarian.

The friendships she made over the years with inbound and outbound exchange students had a positive impact on her decision to participate in the program. This training included periodic weekend sessions involving international students currently being hosted by local Rotary clubs as well as local students who had returned from their year abroad.

When she arrived in Denmark she quickly became acclimated to her new surroundings. She gave credit to the support of her host families as well as the support of the Randers Rotary Club. By late October she was fluent in the Danish language. She developed a cadre of friends from her school, including many international students.

Carli had the opportunity to travel throughout Denmark and particularly enjoyed her time in Copenhagen and her visit to the northern most part of Denmark. She had the opportunity to participate in an 18 day coach tour of Western Europe with 40 Rotary exchange students as well as a week-long experience on a Danish sailing ship. Earlier in her year she had the opportunity to spend a week in London and the surrounding areas as part of a school field trip.

Carli’s presentation included a PowerPoint program with pictures of her activities during the year. She discussed a myriad of topics related to Denmark, including the food, culture, transportation systems, educational system and everyday life. She also described her experiences in preparing a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner for her host family as well as her own experience with a traditional Danish Christmas. Carli thanked the Rotarians for their support. She described the past year “as the greatest year of my life” and said her experience reinforced her commitment to become a teacher and serve others. A Farmington resident, Carli will enter John Carroll University in Cleveland in August. (Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)
Newark's Community Garden

By John Zornow

Established in 2012, the Newark Community Garden is a project of the Newark Rotary Club in collaboration with Catholic Charities, Foodlink, and the Newark School District. Situated on a former ball field at Newark's Perkins Elementary School on West Maple Avenue, the garden has nine plots and a separate Foodlink garden. The facility was built with donated labor and materials.

The Newark Rotary Club has partnered for the third year in Stop Hunger Now. Last year's two events resulted in 30,000 meals packaged and raised funds to cover the cost.

Congratulations PDG Don Alhart!

The Guinness World Records recognizes Don Alhart for holding the record for the longest career as a television news broadcaster.

(Published in Rochester Rotary Club Newsletter...Submitted by Howard Selleck)
On July 24, 2017, the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club sponsored its 33rd Annual Golf Tournament at Lima Country Club. After a brief rain delay, golfers took off in their carts for a day of fun, food and fellowship. Each golfer enjoyed a hot dog lunch, a round of golf with some special events at various holes and relaxed after their day in the sun to feast on the traditional steak dinner.

Before, during and after golfing, players were able to purchase raffle tickets for several prizes donated by mostly local Honeoye Lake businesses and Rotarians. Prizes ranged from gift certificates to tote bags to tools and lots in between. After dinner, drawings took place and many golf participants went home smiling.

Trophies were awarded in several categories and smiles were wide when trophies were placed in the hands that swung clubs for 18 holes.

The HLRC also offered a 50/50 drawing and a silent auction. The silent auction tables showed prizes ranging from handmade items such as cross stitch pieces, maple syrup, a huge jigsaw puzzle in a frame, a gorgeous water color painting, a glider ride and fantastic tools from Cook Iron. Again our golfers were excited when their names were announced as highest bidders.

After weeks of planning and organizing, the HLRC members were happy with their profits and are now able to continue the community service projects they have planned for this Rotary year. Thanks to all our golfers and sponsors for helping us to enjoy the great success of this event!

Now it is time to put the 2017 event in the history books and begin thinking about the 2018 golf tournament. Hopefully you will join us again, or maybe for the first time, when we host our 34th Golf Tournament at LCC in late July next year. Be watching for details to emerge next spring! (Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)
Mount Morris Rotary Presents Awards

The Mount Morris Rotary presented the following two scholarship awards. (Submitted by Linda Lomnicki)

Grace Rowley was the recipient of the Jim Ryan Scholarship Award. She plans on attending SUNY Geneseo in the fall as a Pre-Med/Biology major. Grace is pictured with her mom and Mount Morris Rotary President Karyn Bryson Abbott.

Nelly Lin was the recipient of the Terry Mistrett Scholarship Award. She plans on attending SUNY Geneseo in the fall as a Pre-Med/Biology major. Nelly is pictured with her family and Mount Morris Rotary President Karyn Bryson Abbott.

Whiskey 7 to land in Brockport
By Colleen Farley

Get up close to this aircraft that lead the second wave of the invasion of D-Day. The C-47 Dakota also served with the 12th Air Force in the Mediterranean Theater, the 9th Air Force in England, and transported paratroopers for the 82nd Airborne Division - withstanding flak throughout all her missions. Whiskey 7 is painted and rigged for dropping paratroopers just like she was in June 1944. The plane was restored by the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo.

They will be flying it in to the Ledgedale Airpark in Brockport for the annual Fly-in Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Spencerport Rotary Club, with help from EAA Chapter 44. Rides on the historic aircraft will also be available.

Come see numerous aircraft, Brockport Fire Department trucks, Monroe County Sheriff’s Department Mounted Unit, Civil Air Patrol and Antique Tractors from WNY Two Cylinder Club and enjoy breakfast!

All happening on Sunday, August 20th, 9:00 a.m. to noon. The great pancake breakfast is available for adults $8.50, kids 5-12 $3.50, kids 4 and under free. Proceeds benefit Camp Haccamo, which provides a free camping experience for disabled adults and children, and other Rotary projects. Direction - Ledgedale Airpark, Eisenhower Dr., Brockport, off Sweden Walker Rd., 1 road north of Colby St.

Join Penn Yan Rotarians on 9/16/17

Walk for Water
September 16, 2017 - Keuka Outlet Trail

Join us for TWO Good Causes: your health and water projects that benefit thousands! Walk the seven mile Keuka Lake Outlet Trail or any portion of it. Registration materials and information available at: http://htseongo.org/walkforwater.html
The Gananda Rotary will be sponsoring their 9th Annual Haunted House & Hayride

**October 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, and 27th**

The event opens at 7 PM each evening and the last ride leaves the barn at 10 PM.

Group rates are available.

Refreshments
DG Don Milton Visits Newark Rotary

District Governor Don Milton visited the Newark Club recently. DG Milton complimented the club on their accomplishments, challenged them to do more and pitched the 2018 District Conference in Saratoga Springs.

DG Milton is shown receiving the official Newark banner from President Kevin Mooney. (Submitted by John Zornow)

Penfield Rotary Inducts Second New Member This Year

At its meeting on August 8, the Penfield Rotary Club inducted its second new member in Rotary year 2017-18. Beth Cross joined the club. Pictured here is Penfield Rotary Club President Steve Lawrence, new member Beth Cross and Club Membership Chair Jack Best. (Submitted by Linda Kohl)

Geneva Rotary Inducts Three New Members

The Geneva Rotary Club welcomed three new members in induction ceremonies at recent meetings. The new members are Neal Braman, Jessica Griffin and Dr. Richard Kasulke. (Submitted by Phil Beckley)

**Neal Braman**, who works for the City of Geneva as the coordinator for the Planning and Zoning Departments, lives in Geneva with his wife, Amy, and their three children. He was sponsored into Rotary membership by John Oughterson.

**Jessica Griffin** lives in Penn Yan with her husband, Mark, but joined the Geneva Rotary because she works in Geneva as sales manager at the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott. She has worked for several other hotel companies in Rochester, prior to moving to Penn Yan. She was sponsored by Mickey Gilbert Schultz.

**Dr. Richard Kasulke** specializes in general surgery and urology. He joined the Finger Lakes Medical Associates in 2003 as the urologist for Geneva General Hospital and retired in 2016. Dr. Kasulke currently serves on the Board of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes and on the Board of the NYS Office of Professional Medical Conduct. A member of the Saranac Rotary Club for 12 years, he and his wife Sally have three grown sons. His Rotarian sponsor is Charles Bauder.
## Upcoming DISTRICT Events

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## Upcoming CLUB Events

### August 2017

- August 18-20  Mt. Morris Italian Festival
- August 20th - Spencerport Rotary Fly-In Pancake Breakfast - Ledgedale Airpark, Eisenhauer Dr., Brockport, NY.
- August 26th - Wayland Rotary Car Show and Ford Truck Rodeo.
- August 28th - Sunshine Campus Golf Invitational, Midvale Country Club.

### September 2017

- September 10th—Seneca Falls Music Fest
- September 15th and 16th—Newark Rotary Stop Hunger Now
- September 16th - Penn Yan Rotary Walk for Water.
- September 16th—Honeoye Lake Rotary Magic and Illusion

### October 2017

- October 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, and 27th
- The Gananda Rotary 9th Annual Haunted House & Hayride

Check the District Calendar for additions and changes.

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