



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE



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Don Milton, District Governor

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Don Milton and Ruth

This month, December, is Rotary Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. Rotary's web site on this topic tells us that "...our health is everything. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care. Rotary believes good health care is everyone's right." Accordingly, Rotary is dedicated to battling malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. The main ingredient to this drive is prevention, which is why Rotary focuses on health education as well as bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care. What is exciting is that our [Rotary Foundation](#) is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in our own backyard. Over \$65 million in grants has been provided by Rotary to help fight these diseases.

Further, as we all know, Rotary has been in the forefront for over 30 years working very hard to eradicate polio—and this goal is now within sight. According to the latest Polio Report, as of November, there have only been 15 reported cases of polio in the world - Rotary leaders, top health experts, and

celebrities met for World Polio Day in Seattle, Washington and agreed that the paralyzing disease has never been closer to being eradicated globally. The cases, which remain in Afghanistan and Pakistan, are the lowest count of polio cases in history. Every year 2.2 billion vaccine doses are delivered to 430 million children through a sophisticated vaccine supply and logistics network. This is accomplished by thousands of Rotary members, volunteers and front-line health workers. Everywhere around the world, Rotarians show us with their quiet but inspiring determination, how it can make it possible for 16 million children to be alive and walking.

And the effort continues; this year Rotary committed to raising \$50 million over the next three years with every dollar matched by two dollars from the Gates Foundation. This agreement will yield up to \$450 million for the eradication effort. As you can see we are so close to Polio's eradication. A true display of Rotary Making a Difference.

At our District level our Child Poverty and Hunger Initiative has just been launched and clubs are beginning to evaluate and create new projects in their communities to help address this sad scenario. No child should go hungry or homeless at any time. Thus the reason why clubs will now compete for an award to help address this problem. All proposals are to be submitted to Assistant Governors by February 15, 2018. I would ask clubs to also keep in mind that if their project is not selected for an award under this initiative that they submit those proposals under the guidelines of the District Simplified Grants (DSG) program

Just to keep you updated, the excitement is mounting as our 2018 Conference Committee is rounding the final turn in the "race for Saratoga." It is truly hard to believe that after more than two years of planning this conference for May 4,



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5 and 6, is only four months away. And boy do we have some surprises for you. So, mark your calendars. Hotel registration is now open and has been since last month. Rooms are filling fast so don't hesitate.....book your room now!!! The committee is also preparing to open conference registration around the middle of January.

As 2017 comes to a close—we take time to celebrate and enjoy our Rotary fellowship with those we have met on our District Governor journey. Awesome, amazing, astounding and just plain fun have filled our days. Ruth and I wish you all the happiest of holidays and a very Merry Christmas adding hope for good health and peace in all of your hearts in 2018.

DG Don



SAVE THE DATES May 4th-6th

2018 District Conference



<https://discoversaratoga.org/landingpages/welcome-the-rotary-district-7120-to-saratoga>

Hotel registration is available and can be made by following the link:
<https://aws.passkey.com/go/2018RotaryDistrict7120>

Questions? E-mail

2018SaratogaConference@gmail.com

Rotary International Convention

Breakout sessions can inspire attendees, and help them polish their leadership skills and get new ideas for projects, fundraising, strengthening membership, and more.

Email conventionbreakouts@rotary.org with any questions.

A preliminary schedule of breakout sessions will be available in January.

June 23rd-27th



District Oratorical Contest

Important Dates:

Entry date is **January 8, 2018**, for the first elimination if a club has more than two candidates.

Semi-final dates are mid-February (location depends on # of applicants)

Final contest is **March 3, 2018**

Locations are still being determined. (Check back on the website for updates.)

The event is open to all. Those looking for coaching tips are especially encouraged to attend the event.

The contest explanation and application are available at this link:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50098/sitepage/oratorical-contest>

Any questions, please contact Contest Chair, Don Collins, at Collinsdonf@gmail.com



ROTARY DISTRICT 7120
"SINGER OF THE YEAR" VOCAL COMPETITION

Chair: PDG Roger Ressman PDG7120@frontier.com

The Vocal Competition is open to all Juniors or Seniors from any schools within our District. Each Club is encouraged to contact their local high school music teacher or vocal coach and ask for their help in selecting worthy students to participate in this annual competition. The fee of \$75 (per student) is to be paid by the club supporting each student.

There will be scholarships awarded to the top three winners of this contest. A \$1,000 cash scholarship for 1st place, a \$500 cash scholarship for 2nd place and a \$300 cash scholarship for 3rd place. Roberts Wesleyan College will host the finals of this contest and offer the winner(s) a scholarship to their school if they attend as a music major.

The student who wins first place will be asked to perform at this year's District 7120 conference. Details, including the dates of this conference, will be provided to the winner upon completion of the competition.

The District will cover the cost for this student to attend the Conference.

To download the Vocal Competition club & contestant information please
CLICK HERE:

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050098/en-ca/files/homepage/rotary-district-7120-singer-of-the-year-vocal-competition-information-pdf/Rotary-District-7120---Singer-of-the-Year---Vocal-Competition-Information.pdf>

To download the Vocal Competition Student Application please
CLICK HERE:

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050098/en-ca/files/homepage/rotary-district-7120-singer-of-the-year-competition-application-pdf/Rotary-District-7120---Singer-of-the-Year---Competition-Application.pdf>

Committee: PDG Roger Ressman, Kathy Magin, Kosmos Mihalitsas

News you can use...MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TOOL “Rotary Health Check”

How many of you have heard of the “Rotary Club Health Check” tool? Used it?

For those Rotary Clubs who have used it, here are a few questions for you:

Did you find it useful?

Did all the members complete the tool?

What is the health status of your Rotary Club?

What have you done with the information that you gained?

Please send your feedback or any questions on how to proceed after your club used the Tool to the District Membership Development Committee c/o PDG Norma at Leonora@frontiernet.net

For those clubs that have not used the Form, it is suggested that you use this tool.

This tool is great in determining the health status of your club.

This may help your club identify health risks before they become serious.

This will provide you steps to take in addressing the problem(s).

How would you go about using this tool?

Go to the to the District website - rotary7120.org

On the homepage, locate and click on Membership at the top of the page.

Look for and click on **Rotary Club Health Check** on the left side of the Membership page and print enough copies for all your club members

Some suggestions on how to proceed with using the tool:

At one of your Club Assembly meetings, ask all your club members to complete the form. Allow about 10-12 minutes for members to complete it. For those who are not present at the meeting, send them the Form and ask them to complete it and give it back to the designated club member.

Ask all members to complete the tool by **marking each item under each of the five areas with X** if they think the item is not true for the club or they do not know or not sure of the answer.

Ask the Club Membership Chair or any club member to collect all the completed forms; compile and share the results with the club members.

The Club should look at the two or three areas with the highest number of X's and take action to address these problem areas.

The Club should review the suggested list of resources and remedies provided in the Tool and select the appropriate remedy(ies) for the health issues of the Club.

continue to make a difference in their communities and beyond.

Merry Christmas!!! Happy Holidays to one and all.

From the District Membership Development Committee

(Submitted by Norma Madayag-Reilly)

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

Fairport

Geneva

Christine FitzGerald

Newark

Palmyra-Macedon

Rochester Latino

Rush-Henrietta

Sinsebox

Timothy Dugan

Gerald Barker, Peter Einset &

David Tyler

Jennifer Habecker

Migdalia Concepcion

Jeff Sinsebox & Maureen

PLEASE NOTE that the above is based on reports found on the District 7120

Website. There may be more new members/transfers than 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.

The District Membership Development Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy & Blessed New Year!!!!

(Submitted by Gary Reilly)





If you have contributed to the Foundation PolioPlus fund this Rotary year, I thank you for helping ensure the health of children around the world. To date, there are 16 cases of polio this year, which is less than half as many in 2016. While each new case is a tragedy, we are making tremendous strides in the eradication efforts. If you are considering a contribution, any time is the perfect time to support the efforts of thousands of volunteers. Your donation will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Now that is making your dollar work!

Laurie Vonglis, District Polio Rep.

Update as of December 1, 2017			Wild Polio Case Counts	
<u>Country</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Pakistan	54	20	5	20 Aug 17
Afghanistan	20	13	11	4 Nov 17
Nigeria	0	4	0	20 Aug 16
Total	74	37	16	

Save The Date

April 14, 2018

District Training Assembly

Avon High School





Literacy Project of the Month

Birthday Bags

At the Literacy Training Assembly, Avon shared with us their project of giving Birthday Bags to the food cupboards.

What you will need is a book- nice gift book !

- Gift bag for a child
- Cake mix
- Frosting
- Candles
- Plastic table cloth
- Hats, horns, party favors
- Balloons
- Ribbon

Assemble bag and tie approximate age and gender to a tag and tie on to the handles of the bag. Pre-school , Beginning Reader, third or fourth grade; 11-12 year old. If you pick a book about princesses you should add the gender.

Some hints on books to purchase:

Six year old boys love dinosaurs! Most children love action books. Mo Willems is a very popular author for both preschool and easier readers. You can't go wrong with Dr. Seuss. Diary of a Wimpy kid is still liked. Rick Riordan is great with the 11-12 year olds. Anne of Green Gables is still very popular with girls. Books in series tend to be popular.

If you would like to see your clubs Project here please submit to: Shelley Matthews@libraryweb.org



December 2017 News

'Tis the season to
 enjoy family and friends
 eat and, in many cases, overeat traditional holiday foods
 shop and wrap gifts
 decorate
 do random acts of kindness and
 Be thankful there have been only 15 cases of polio so far this year.

PLEASE, REMEMBER YOUR GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. Your generosity means the world to many people. WHAT YOU TAKE FOR GRANTED IS WHAT OTHERS ARE HOPING AND PRAYING FOR...CLEAN WATER, SUFFICIENT FOOD, ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. You can help.

Foundation Brunch...In order not to conflict with the Eastern Cities and put an excessive burden on Rotarians in one month, the Foundation Brunch will be April 8, 2018 at Ventosa Vineyard in Geneva from 12-3 pm. Do plan ahead to come and join the celebration of all the great work our foundation does. Registration form coming in January!

Grant Management Seminars

Remember...to be eligible for a global grant or a district simplified grant for 2018-19 you must have a \$25 average giving from 2016-17 and have 2 members attend a grant management seminar THIS ROTARY YEAR (2017-18). Next opportunities are Jan. 27 in Brighton and March 3 in Clifton Springs for full seminars. An additional renewal has not yet been scheduled. Sign up for these today! Many thanks to Martha Powers from Bloomfield who has stepped up as the next Foundation Area Director for Area 5. Still looking for a FAD for Area 2...contact Ellen if interested.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Karen Parkhurst still needs \$10,800 in funding for her global grant for water and sanitation in South America. She is willing to do club programs if your club might be able to help. Contact her at karenparkhur@gmail.com. Donations of any size appreciated! Have a great month and go out and do good in the world. YOU make a difference.
 Ellen, DRFCC

Belmont Rotary

Holiday Happenings with the Belmont Rotary club include the addition of more holiday decorations to the village. You can see snowflakes on the light poles along Wells Lane and going over the bridge by the falls. As in previous years, you can sponsor a snowflake in a loved one's memory for \$400.



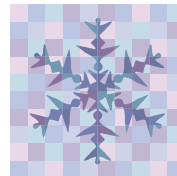
The Belmont Rotary Club is offering the 10th pewter holiday ornament in the series of Belmont sites. This year's ornament features the Allegany County Jail, circa 1860. These are available at Nicholson Pharmacy.

The Belmont Rotary club also conducts a food drive for a local food pantry during the month of November and assists with Christmas gifts at a local ministry. The new trash bins throughout the village are also an ongoing Rotary Project.

It's been a busy fall for the club members.

For information on sponsorship, ornaments, or the Belmont Rotary Club, please contact any Rotary member or call [585-993-0899](tel:585-993-0899).

(Submitted by Mary Fuller)



We have some new sponsorships for this year and would like to thank the following for their generosity: Dave and Meredith Chilson and family in honor of Beth and Bob McNinch, and Shirley Strobe and family in memory of Charles Strobe. The club wishes to thank the sponsors from previous years, as well.



Newark Rotary



Newark Rotarians Kurt and Linda Werts have traveled to many points of the world in their retirement and always try to include Rotary meetings as part of their itinerary. During a recent visit to Berlin they attended the Berlin-Spree Rotary Club. Here they are seated at the luncheon meeting on October 5.

Linda is Newark's President elect and she and Kurt have participated in many friendship exchanges

(Submitted by John Zornow)

L-R Rotarians Winfried Haumess, Linda Werts, Jurgen Lange, Kurt Werts and Imre Molnar."

Prattsburgh Rotary's "Student of the Month at PCS

The Prattsburgh Rotary Club recently announced the Rotary Student of the Month, for the month of October, at Prattsburgh Central School. The student is Rebecca Randall, daughter of Mark and Stephanie Randall.

Rebecca, a senior, has been a part of the track team at Hammondsport, a member of the National Honor Society, Drama Club participant, an Academic All Stars participant, and a member of band and chorus. She has also been involved in dance for many years.

Rebecca has a part time job at the Prattsburgh Marketplace, and has been a tutor for younger students and students her own age who need extra help in certain subjects.

(Submitted by Howard Selleck)



Webster Rotary Holds Pancake Breakfast



On November 12th, the Webster Rotary Club hosted its 40th Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Webster Volunteer Fireman's Exempt Hall.

The club served close to 200 breakfasts to the community. In addition to club members, the club was assisted by 8 Interact students and many family volunteers. (Submitted by Joe Corona)

Brighton Rotary Inducts New Member

At its November 27 meeting, Brighton Rotary Club was happy to welcome Rodney Asse back into its membership. Chuck Krusenstjerna (sponsor, pictured left) presented Rodney and President Alison Rich (pictured right) performed the induction.

Rodney is a former member of the club whose occupation took him out of town for a number of years. He has returned as Director of Budget for Rochester City School District. He is interested in becoming involved in community relations and financial management.

Rodney is married to Tiffany and has a young son, Rodney, Jr. (Submitted by Roland Steorts)



Newark Rotary ~ Paul Harris

Newark Rotarian Scott Healy was honored at the November 30 Rotary meeting with a Paul Harris +3 award.

Scott is a 32 year member of the club, has served as President, and chaired many committees. Submitted by John Zornow



Photo - L-R - Newark Rotary President Kevin Mooney and PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly present the award to Scott Healy

Corning Rotary Announces Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Rotary Club of Corning is offering scholarships to high school seniors graduating in the greater Corning area in June 2018 and who are entering continuing education school programs of two or more years by fall 2018. The scholarships are also available to second-year students at Corning Community College (CCC) who are continuing their education at a four-year institution. In past years, awards of up to \$1,000 have been made to scholarship winners depending on the Corning Rotary's scholarship account.

The primary criteria for selection is the student's demonstrated commitment to community service during his or her high school or college years, together with acceptance into a continuing education program of the student's choice.

It should be noted that Rotarians and members of their families are not eligible to receive Rotary Scholarships.

[Applications are available in the guidance offices at Corning-Painted Post High School, GST BOCES Coopers Campus, the Christian Learning Center, as well as in the Office of Institutional Advancement at CCC.](#)

Application responses should be typed. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 9, 2018, and may be mailed to the Rotary Club Scholarship Committee chairperson at: Dr. Geraldine F. Wolfe, Corning Rotary Scholarship, PO Box 264, Painted Post, New York 14870. All applications will be reviewed and selections made entirely at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of Corning. Scholarship awards will be announced by early May 2018.

Questions may be directed to the guidance office or to Dr. Geraldine F. Wolfe at gwolfe44@yahoo.com.

(Submitted by Geraldine Wolfe)



Corning Rotary Presents \$3,000 Grant to Episcopal University of Haiti

The Corning Rotary's International Service Committee presented a \$3,000 grant to the Episcopal University of Haiti Thursday that will assist with training professional occupational and physical therapists in the country.

"What it's going to do is help us outfit a classroom for our students for the first time," said the university's rehabilitation department dean Dr. Janet O'Flynn, who accepted the award on its behalf. "All of those classes so far have been in sparse rooms of the nursing school."

"We're getting big enough that we're starting to walk around looking for a classroom," she added. "The dean has given us a big common room and dormitory, which is fine except there's no classroom furniture in there; we have folding chairs and a plastic table."

O'Flynn said her students are excited for the grant she's accepting and for what it will do for the classroom and their education.

"So the students, knowing they're going to get actual furniture in that room, they're thrilled," she said. "They said 'go! Go! Bring it back!'"

According to the Rotary, there are only 50 practitioners in all of Haiti at the moment. Meanwhile, more than half a million Haitians suffer from disabling physical and mental disabilities.

Kate Foss, rotary International Service Committee member, said presenting grants such as the one Thursday is what the committee is all about.

"We raise dollars for global needs," she said. "By us giving this money, we are helping train occupational and physical therapists in Haiti." (Submitted by Paula Smith)



Kate Foss (R) of the Corning Rotary, presents Dr. Janet O'Flynn of the Episcopal University of Haiti with a grant for \$3,000 that will assist with training professional occupational and physical therapists in the country during the Rotary lunch Thursday. [ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER]

Canandaigua Rotary Delivers Dictionaries

Third Graders Receive Personal Dictionaries

The Rotary Club of Canandaigua recently distributed 275 personal dictionaries to 12 classrooms of 3rd graders in the Canandaigua Elementary school, and a 3rd grade class at St. Mary's School. The dictionaries were paid for by the Club and could be used by the students throughout their school career. (Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



Pictured above is the team of Rotarians: Jack Kellogg, Karen Sprentall, RJ Pietropaolo, George Herren, Mike Schiller, and Sal Pietropaolo.

Canandaigua Rotary Participates in Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

The Canandaigua Rotary Club participated recently in the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup program. The weather on that particular Saturday was a balmy 68 degrees, making the job a lot easier for those who tramped through the trenches. Pictured below are some of the team members that participated: (Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



Greg Gullo, Barb Fuge, Tricia Carey, Mark Vahey, Ray Mincer, Ellen Polimeni, Don Raw, John Berndt, and Rick Hawks.

Geneseo Rotary Hosts Luncheon for Local Veterans



Pres. Steve Kelley & David Terry
(photo by Angela Ellis)



The Geneseo Rotary hosted its annual free luncheon for local Veterans on November 13.

The guest speaker was David Terry, Deputy Director of the Livingston County Veterans Services located in Mt.

Morris who spoke about the wide range of personal services his office provides to veterans. Among them were applying for disability insurance benefits, property tax exemptions, and a discount card that can be used at local businesses.

David further mentioned a tiny house Geneseo High School students are building which will be donated to a local veteran in need.

Also present were Geneseo Village Mayor Richard Hatheway four members of the SUNY Geneseo Rotaract Club: Kayla Truong (President), Mustafa Aminalhaq (Vice President), Anna Spence and Jamie MacBain and our exchange student Melody. Submitted by Marilyn Lyon



(Photo by Bob Lyon)

Penfield Rotary in the News

On Tuesday November 14 Penfield Rotary held a meeting dedicated to the Rotary Foundation. Rotary District Foundation Chair, PDG Ellen Hughes spoke to the club.

Pictured right with PDG Ellen Hughes are Penfield Rotary Foundation Chair Nancy Aumann, Foundation Area Director Herb Gauch, Penfield Rotary President Steve Lawrence and District Governor Don Milton



Also, at the meeting, District Governor Don Milton announced to the club who was selected to be District Governor in Rotary Year 2020-21. The Rotary District Governor Nominee Designate is Linda Kohl from the Penfield Rotary Club.

Pictured in the photo right is District Governor Don Milton, Assistant Governor, Area 10 Linda Kohl and Penfield Rotary President Steve Lawrence (Submitted by Linda Kohl)



Canandaigua Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellowships

The Canandaigua Rotary Club awarded Paul Harris Fellowships to Ellen Polimeni and Mark Vahey at a recent meeting.

Pictured are Ellen Polimeni and Mark Vahey flanked by Dan Kelley and Club President Marty Muehe: (Submitted by Jack Kellogg)



Paul Harris PR From Corning Rotary

Dr. Geraldine Wolfe (r.) being presented with a Paul Harris+1 (Level 2) by Corning Rotary Foundation Chair, Paula Smith. (Submitted by Geraldine Wolfe)



Newark Rotary Highway Clean Up



On a Saturday morning recently, a band of Newark Rotarians walked a length of Route 88 North South for the annual trash pickup. Usually some strange or unusual item is found but this year Rotarian Bob Bendix hit the jack pot, finding a soggy \$20 bill, which was donated to the Rotary Foundation.

(Submitted by John Zornow)

Photo- Mark Sheldon, John Lawrence, Roger VanDeMortal, Bob Bendix, Rich VanLaeken, Amanda VanLaeken, Dr. Fred Hicks, Doug Forgue, Justin Bailey.



Victor-Farmington Rotary Holds Annual Awards Dinner

On November 15, 2017 the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club held its annual awards dinner and bestowed "Service Above Self" and Paul Harris Fellow awards on Ontario County District Attorney R. Michael "Mike" Tantillo and Rotarian Galen Powers.

Club treasurer Galen Powers was the recipient of the Betty C. Powers Service Above Self Award, presented to a member of the community who excels in community service and consistently strives to help others. Galen has been active in Rotary since 1980 and currently serves as Treasurer of the club. The award is named after Galen's late wife, Betty C. Powers, who was continuously engaged with community service projects. She did this for many years while confined to a wheel chair as a result of suffering from MS. In accepting the award, Galen commented, "I had a good trainer." Rotary Past District Governor Gaven Hurley participated in the presentation.



PDG Gaven Hurley, Galen Powers, Karen Parkhurst

Ontario County District Attorney R. Michael Tantillo was the recipient of the Jordan E Pappas Service Above Self Award for his many contributions to the community. The award is named after Jordan Pappas, a founding member of the Rotary club. The award honors a member of the community who represents the highest in professional and vocational standards and has demonstrated a commitment to community service. DA Tantillo will be retiring at the end of the year after a prosecutorial career of 38 years. During his tenure he has vigorously prosecuted felony cases and has the highest conviction rate for felony prosecutions and DWI cases in the State. In 2007 he was named the New York State Prosecutor of the Year.

The incoming District Attorney, Jim Ritts, spoke briefly about working for many years with DA Tantillo and the leadership qualities he brought to the office. The District Attorney thanked his staff for helping make the award possible. He also thanked the V-F Rotary club for its continuing support of the law enforcement agencies in Ontario County, noting that the club annually recognizes members from the New York State Police and Ontario County Sheriff's Department for exceptional service to the public. Dinner attendees included representatives from local government, the courts and law enforcement. Both recipients received a Paul Harris Fellowship Award.



State Police Captain Carolyn Mullin, V-F Rotary YEX student Claudia Deiana (Italy) and AG Mary Green (retired State Police Sgt.) presenting NYSP patch and pin to Claudia to add to her YEX blazer collection at the dinner



Ontario County District Attorney Mike Tantillo and VF Rotary President Bonnie Cottone

(Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)



Dansville Rotarians Distribute Meals

Dansville Rotarians and community volunteers preparing and delivering 420 meals distributed on Thanksgiving Day. (Submitted by Jon Shay)



Brockport Rotary

Service Clubs' Bell Ringers Hard at Work

Brockport Rotarians and former club members (in italics) are shown as some end and others begin 2- hour shifts at the Brockport Walmart Store entrances; L-R: Eric Jensen, Jon Seiler, Brandi Reis, Pam Kimmel, Fred Kimmel, Deb Clare and Doug Clare. Rotary shared the Saturday after Thanksgiving task with long time competitors Lions and Kiwanis. Each club will staff their own Saturday before Christmas at Walmart and Brockport's Mahan's Liquor Store with Rotary drawing December 16th. Next year the club raising the most money (last year it was Rotary) earns bragging rights. Over 90% of the moneys donated remain to do good in the local community.



Brockport Rotary Begins Holiday Pie Sales on Dec. 1

Secretary Doris Hart, who initiated the project, points out information on flyer to President Eileen Whitney and President Elect Linda Menear (Submitted by Pat Baker)



Honeoye Lake Rotary

Students of the Month

Thursday, November 16th, was the evening the HLC honored its first group of Students of the Month for the 2017-18 school year. Lydia Hall was selected by her teachers for the month of September, Cora Woloson was picked for October and Caitlin Jarosinski received the honor for November.

All three were recently inducted into the National Honor Society and participate in three sports – fall, winter and spring – as well as other school and community activities. The girls are still considering their options for after high school and do their best to be well rounded in their activities at school and in the community.

These students were selected by their teachers as modeling Rotary's Four Way Test. In acknowledgement of their good work, each student received a special certificate, a letter of congratulations from the club, and a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble. We wish them good luck in the future and look forward to hearing more wonderful things about them as they work toward future goals.



Caitlin Jarosinski, Lydia Hall and Cora Woloson with their certificates.

New Members Inducted

On Thursday November 16th, the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club welcomed two new members.



Kyle Hubble is our youngest member at age 28! Kyle joins his mom and dad as Rotarians and is looking forward to supporting our club in any way he can. As an elementary educator, Kyle has a lot to offer our Adopt-a-School program. Kyle is a graduate of HCs and served on our school board.

Cathy Pestle has been a supporter of the HLRC for many years. As a girl scout leader, she and her troop were always there to wrap gifts when we sponsored the holiday bazaar at HCS. Cathy and her family have supported our YE program and her girls have been recognized as Students of the Month. Her youngest was our most recent RYLA participant. Cathy will be an asset to our club with her commitment to community service and knowledge of Honeoye's needs.

Welcome Cathy and Kyle. We hope you find Rotary a good fit for your dedication to Honeoye.

(Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)

Sponsor Jeanne Hamele, Inductee Cathy Pestle, Inductee Kyle Hubble, Sponsor Sandy Hubble

VICTOR-FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB INITIATES NICARAGUA PROJECT

The Victor-Farmington Rotary Club has commenced another international project. The La Palma Water Project will involve a \$65,000 project to provide clean water to the small village of La Palma in north central Nicaragua. The village has a deep well but does not have a distribution system. The Rotary project will supply a pump and chlorinator, a tank and distribution piping to run water to homes in the village.

La Palma is a village of approximately 700 people with 2 schools and a large health outpost. Villagers will be digging trenches and laying distribution piping to their homes. A community group will be trained to manage and maintain the well and equipment. Each home will receive a spigot outside their front door.

Victor-Farmington Club Secretary Karen Parkhurst has initiated several similar projects in Nicaragua in previous years. The club endorsed the idea of going forward with the project. The Rotary Club of Estelli, Nicaragua, will act as a partner with the Victor-Farmington club to monitor on-site progress.

In support of the project the club has commenced a fundraising project that has secured financial support from District 7120 Rotary clubs. The club has secured a corporate donor and will utilize Rotary District 7120 Designated Funding and a grant from the Rotary Foundation to help finance the project.

In recent years the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club has initiated projects in Nicaragua that provide solar ovens to the village of El Sauce, solar electric panels to the village of Ocotal, and a water distribution system to the village of Salales.

These projects are representative of the direct impact a local Rotary club can have on impoverished people in distant locations. The Victor-Farmington Rotary Club has developed international contacts throughout the Rotary world, many through participation in the District 7120 Milt Matthews Governor Elect Hospitality Program (MMGEHP).

Through the MMGEHP the club annually hosts incoming Governor's from around the world who spend a week in the local community learning about life in the USA and educating local Rotarians on issues of concern to them. In January 2018 the V-F club will host incoming Rotary Governor's from India and England.

The contacts developed through the MMGEHP resulted in a recent Rotary project in El Paraiso, Paraguay that provided a modern farm tractor to indigenous farmers in that remote area of Paraguay. The club worked with the Rotary Club of Asunción, Paraguay and a Rotary club in Munich, Germany, assisted by funding provided through the Rotary Foundation.

In the La Palma project, the club has secured financial support from the Rotary clubs of Asunción, Paraguay; Posadas Norte, Argentina; Posada Oeste, Argentina; Formosa, Paraguay and Encarnacion, Paraguay – all directly connected to the club's involvement in the District 7120 Rotary Milt Matthews Governor Elect (MMGEHP).

The combination of community service projects, both locally and internationally, are in furtherance of the club's commitment to the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". Submitted by Dave Luitweiler



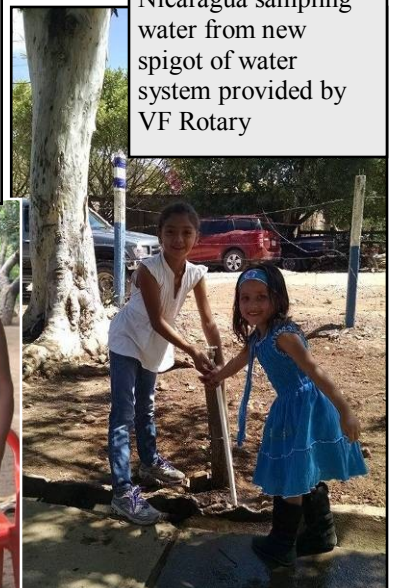
South America 2015 – children of El Paraiso, Paraguay with VF Rotarians Russ Perrin and Karen Parkhurst



Solar women of El Sauce, Nicaragua with V-F Rotarian Karen Parkhurst (L) and one of solar ovens provided by V-F Rotary



Children of Salales, Nicaragua sampling water from new spigot of water system provided by VF Rotary



Red Jacket Rotary

The last two November breakfast meetings of the Red Jacket Rotary Club were much more than delicious food and great fellowship. On November 21 we heard an informative presentation by Thomas Chappell, Victims Services Specialist with Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes. Tom did an excellent job of helping club members become more aware of the instances of abuse in relationships. He shared some alarming statistics and told us about the many services offered by the Domestic Violence Program. These include someone to talk to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, emergency housing, peer counseling, education, transportation and peer support groups. These services are free.



Meghan Crowley and John Edwards

On November 28, we hosted John Edwards, Ontario County Public Health Nurse and Meghan Crowley, Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Specialist. Meghan noted the types of Natural Disasters that people might have to deal with in a three county area. She then detailed the importance of Emergency Preparedness, including putting in place plans and emergency measures.

(Submitted by Jeff Crawford)



Club President, Travis Yates, presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Tom Chappell



Greece Rotary Awards Paul Harris

Greece Rotarian John Zink (right) was awarded a Paul Harris sapphire 3 upgrade at a recent meeting. Zink has been a member since 1998, overseeing the Club's successful 3rd grade Dictionary project annually.

Shown with Zink are I-r Past President Keith Rockcastle who made the presentation and Chuck Gannon, current Club president.

(Submitted by Judie VanBramer)



Greece Rotary's Children's Holiday Party



Christmas arrived early as Greece Rotarians welcomed the students and their teachers/aides from Monroe2- Orleans BOCES for their annual party. 130 children were entertained by a clown and a magician; ate a buffet lunch; and then most important.. sat on Santa's lap to share their Christmas wishes!

Interact students from two schools helped with the event.

The BOCES Club packed the gift bags given each child while the Odyssey Club played Santa's elves, including a Mrs Claus, at the event.

Needless to say this event is one of the highlights of the Greece Rotary year! (Submitted by Judie VanBramer)



Ridgecrest Academy BOCES Interact students packing gift bags



Santa listens to his Christmas wishes



Santa serenades the party



Odyssey Interact "elves" and Rotary Exchange student Fanny, with Santa

Bath Rotary Gifts Dictionaries



Bath Rotary Club members recently presented third-graders at the Vernon E. Whitman Primary School with personal dictionaries as part of the club's annual literacy project. Back row, from left, are Rotarians Robin Lattimer, Joe Rumsey, school Principal Deborah Barlow, John Stranges, Larry Bates, Rotary President Nancy Latour, Bill White, June Bates, literacy committee chairperson Becky Stranges and Aaron Benton.

The club also distributed dictionaries to Campbell-Savona Central School third-graders. (Submitted by Robin Lattimer)

Geneseo Rotary Participates in Red Kettle Campaign



Geneseo Rotary Club President Stephen Kelley was one many club members to ring the bell for the Salvation Army this year. (Submitted by Marilyn Lyon)

Dansville's Winter in the Village

Horse drawn carriage giving rides at Dansville's Winter in the Village. Carriage has been sponsored for several years by Dansville Rotary and Edgar Schmidt's Star Theater.

Edgar is President of the Dansville club. (Submitted by Jon Shay)



Geneva Rotary Santa Train

Some 1,040 kids, parents, grandparents and friends rode the Geneva Rotary Club Santa Train Express Saturday, Dec. 2, and smiling faces were everywhere on the five trains, including Adeline Mae and Jake Principio, grandchildren of Geneva Rotarian Phil Beckley.

All the kids got a chance to give Santa and Mrs. Claus their wish list. This is the 16th year of the Santa Train Express, organized by Rotarians Lisa Toole and Dave Cook, and Geneva Rotary and Finger Lakes Railway are looking forward to the 17th train next December.) Submitted by Phil Beckley)



Paul Harris Presentations in Newark



Mike DeJohn



Bob Goodman



Dr. David Hannan

Newark Rotarians welcomed PDG Don Alhart recently and paid tribute to three Rotarians with Paul Harris presentations. A Paul Harris Fellow +1 pin was presented to Mike DeJohn a member for 37 years. Bob Goodman, a Past President received a Paul Harris Fellow + 5. Goodman has been with the club for 51 years. Past President and District Governor Nominee Dr. David Hannan was presented with a Major Donor Level 1 recognition. PDG Don Alhart helped the club observe foundation month and is shown presenting the Paul Harris Awards.

(Submitted by John Zornow)



Geneva Rotary Inducts Four Members

The new members are Gerry Barker, Peter Einset, Chris Fitzgerald and Jim Krajna. After the formal induction ceremony involving club members, the three new members were presented with a membership pin and a certificate of membership. Geneva Rotary Club now has 76 members.



Sponsored by Rotarian Trina Newton, **Gerry Barker** is a graduate of Clyde Savannah Schools and The Rochester Institute of Technology with a BS in food management. In 2008, he took the position of Food Service Director for the Geneva City School District. That same year he started the Backpack Program for the school district to provide food for children on weekends. Geneva Rotary Club has sponsored the Backpack Program for the last two years. Barker has lived in Seneca Falls since 1991 with his wife of 28 years, Nancy Lord.



Peter Einset, a graduate of Geneva High School and Cornell University, also earned business and law degrees in Buffalo in 1983. He opened his Geneva law practice in 1985. His practice now is mainly in Family Court. Rotarian Tara Rago is his sponsor.



Chris Fitzgerald, a Geneva native, has been employed by Hobart and William Smith Colleges for the past 11 years and is currently Academic Coordinator for the Education Department. She also learned cake design at a young age and in 1998 started her own business, Creative Cakes, specializing in wedding cakes. She has volunteered for Literacy Volunteers of Ontario County, Girl Scouts, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, First United Methodist Church, Our Lady of Peace Parish and Community Lunch Program. She is sponsored by Rotarian Stephanie Hessler.



Jim Krajna grew up in Corfu (Darien Lake) on the family farm and attended Pembroke High School and Genesee Community College. He started his own construction company in 1978 and incorporated in 1984, specializing in custom kitchens and bathrooms as well as building custom homes. He retired in 2004 and moved to Florida where he currently spends winters. He has three sons. His sponsor is Rotarian Dave Cook.

(Submitted by Phil Beckley)





Spencerport's Christmas on the Canal

Luckily, the weather wasn't really frightful for Spencerport's Christmas on the Canal. That delighted Rotarians who volunteered to sell Apple Crisp for an annual fundraiser.

Our thanks to Rotarians Courtney Converse and Paul Morreale of Sullivan's Catering for donating the Apple Crisp again this year! It was so delicious, we sold out!

Submitted by Colleen Farley



Pictured l-r: Anne Forberg, Kathy Magin, Marlene Parshall, Vicki Spurr and President Dave Demers

Fairport Rotary – December 2017

November is Rotary International Foundation Month and Paul Harris x7

Fairport Rotary Foundation Chairman, Vin Barone, appealed to the club to support the Rotary Foundation.



Vin was assisted by the personal testimonies of Cindy Hunt, Peter Lovier, Daryl Christiansen and Enzo Scollo, who brought the scale and scope to a personal level, presenting anecdotal evidence to which we all could relate. Cindy described the sewerage collection and channeling project, and the scholarship project at Malawi Children's Village.

Peter extolled the joys and thrills of attending an International Rotary Conference. The ability to recoup monies contributed to the Foundation, to be applied to local projects via "simplified grants was Daryl's contribution. The preeminent Foundation fundraiser, Enzo Scollo, described 1001 ways to contribute to the Foundation, each easier than the preceding one.

Submitted by: Thomas Wolanski



President Dominic Cecconi presents John Hall a Paul Harris x7. We are lucky to have John as part of our Rotary Family.

Naples Rotary

Naples Rotary had a nice gathering of 20+ members, spouses, and interested people from the community who were able to stop by and enjoy some fellowship, food & drink for World Polio Night on 10/24/17 at Brew & Brats at Arbor Hill for the live streaming of the World Polio Day event from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



An attendee that evening, Pastor Robin Lostetter, is a polio survivor who delivered a fascinating and enlightening program to our club in early November about how polio impacted her life. Ultimately, Robin was so impressed by the many facets of Rotary that she submitted a membership application, and we will be welcoming her into the Naples Rotary Club in December.

(Submitted by John French)





**Clifton Springs
Rotary Club**



RAFFLE TO WIN A

\$500

VISA Debit Card

\$5.00 per Ticket

5 Tickets for \$20.00

Drawing on December 19, 2017

Just in time for Christmas!

Tickets are available at:

Clifton Springs Tops Market

Clifton Springs Chamber of Commerce

Clifton Springs Hardware

Clifton Springs Village Hall

Any Clifton Springs Rotarian

Proceeds to Benefit Community Service Projects and Charities



Calling All Bell Ringers

**Salvation Army
Red Kettle Campaign**



Signing Deaf Santa Brings JOY

to many children at the Annual
Pancake Breakfast by Rochester
Deaf Rotary Club (12/2/17)



Coloring activity
by an active child



What do you
wish for
Christmas,
my little girl?



RDR Club members with
Santa Claus

Can I have another pancake please?

**A successful fundraiser just in time for the
holidays enjoyed by everyone!**

Article submitted by Bob Green

Photos by Tom Peets (Upper Right and Lower Right)

Photos by Bob Green (Upper Left, Middle and Lower Left)



The Brighton Rotary Club will be holding its Holiday Auction on December 14, Thursday, at the Locust Hill Country Club, 2000 Jefferson Road, Pittsford, beginning at 5:30PM.

For details call Tony Conte 585-576-3352, by December 8th.

The auction is the major fund raiser for the Brighton Rotary Service Foundation, a 501c3.

The annual event is always a wonderful time to celebrate the holiday season, enjoy good food and bid for interesting auction items.



BROCKPORT ROTARY HOLIDAY PIE SALE

Gourmet Pies from
**Special Touch
Bakery of the
Holy Childhood
School.**

(A 501 (c) (3) charity)



\$18
Per
10"
Pie

Taking ORDERS: December 1 - 12

DELIVERIES: Thursday, December 21, 6 – 8:30 PM

Pies _____ Seller's Initials _____
\$ _____

?s, more pies? Call Eileen at 721-0854 (cell)
e-mail Brockportrotary@gmail.com

Proceeds to Benefit CAMP HAGGAMO & other Rotary Projects



Order Form

Customer Information:

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Customers, please put **entrance light on**, near house number if possible, beginning at 6 pm, 12/21.

\$18 each

No.

Apple Crumb _____

Cranapple Walnut _____

Lemon Meringue _____

Pecan _____

Rumbleberry _____

(blueberry, raspberry, blackberry)

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED \$ _____ TOTAL NO. of PIES _____



Upcoming DISTRICT Events

2018

JANUARY

TBD	District Vocal Finals	
	Milt Matthews District	
1/5-13/2018	Governor Elect Hospitality	
1/18/2018	District Vocal Contest applications due	
1/14-21/2018	International Assembly	San Diego
1/21/2018	District Oratorical Applications Due	
1/27/2018	Grants Management Seminar (full)	Brighton

FEBRUARY

2/3/2018	Governors Advisory Council & Foundation Directors	Peppermints Mt Morris High School
2/10/2018	PETS Part One	

MARCH

3/3/2018	Grants Management Seminar (full)	Clifton Springs
3/16-17/2018	Multi-District President Elect Training (PETS)	Syracuse Sheraton
TBD	District Oratorical Finals	

APRIL

TBD	Grants Management Seminar (renewal)	TBD
4/9/2018	District Simplified Grant Application due 2018/2019	Eric Schmidt
4/9/2018	Grants Memorandum of Understanding due	Chuck Turner
4/14/2018	District Training Assembly	Avon High School

Upcoming CLUB Events

⚙ December 2017

December 1-12—Brockport Holiday Pie Sale
 December 14 — Brighton Rotary Holiday Auction, Locust Hill Country Club, 5:30 pm

December 19—Rochester Rotary's RPO Holiday Gala
 POPS Concert, 7:30 pm, Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

December 19—Clifton Springs Raffle

Check the District Calendar for additions and changes.



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		Membership			Attendance	
Club Name	Division	Member Count		Year to Date (YTD)	Percent	
		7/1/2017	10/31/2017	+/-	October 2017	YTD
Avon	E	59	61	2	85.00%	83.25%
Bath	F	33	34	1	100.00%	95.00%
Belmont	E	16	16	0	100.00%	100.00%
Bloomfield	F	28	28	0	64.00%	71.00%
Brighton	F	29	32	3	61.00%	55.00%
Brockport	E	21	21	0	74.00%	73.50%
Caledonia-Mumford	E	7	8	1	75.00%	76.25%
Canandaigua	D NR	108			00.00%	00.00%
Canisteo	E NR	13			00.00%	00.00%
Chemung County Sunrise	F NR	29			00.00%	00.00%
Clifton Springs	F	41	40	-1	54.00%	59.25%
Clyde	E	12	14	2	60.00%	64.84%
Corning	E	98	103	5	46.00%	46.00%
Dansville	F	42	41	-1	81.25%	82.27%
Dundee	F	30	30	0	70.00%	76.25%
East Rochester	E	16	18	2	68.00%	66.00%
Elmira	F	39	38	-1	51.77%	45.43%
Elmira Heights	F	26	26	0	86.00%	85.00%
Fairport	E	56	57	1	74.50%	71.45%
Friendship	E	12	12	0	75.00%	89.75%
Gananda	E	13	15	2	100.00%	97.50%
Gates-Chili	E	13	12	-1	79.00%	73.50%
Geneseo	F NR	42			00.00%	00.00%
Geneva	E	75	75	0	75.00%	69.50%
Gorham	E	14	14	0	00.00%	00.00%
Greece	E NR	76			00.00%	00.00%
Hammondsport	E	7	7	0	90.00%	90.00%
Hilton Rotary	E NR	9			00.00%	00.00%
Honeoye	E	24	23	-1	57.00%	59.25%
Honeoye Falls-Mendon	E	18	21	3	64.30%	62.20%
Hornell	E NR	15			00.00%	00.00%
Horseheads	E NR	13			00.00%	00.00%
Irondequoit	F NR	28			00.00%	00.00%
Lima	E	16	16	0	80.00%	82.50%
Livonia	F	31	33	2	67.00%	73.50%

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Lyons	E	NR	13			00.00%	00.00%
Monroe County South	E		15	15	0	62.22%	57.57%
Mt. Morris	E		17	17	0	47.00%	60.00%
Naples	F		47	53	6	58.00%	65.00%
Newark Rotary Club	E		97	100	3	69.89%	69.48%
Nunda	E		8	9	1	95.00%	92.50%
Ontario-Walworth	F		29	32	3	76.00%	74.00%
Palmyra-Macedon	F	NR	40			00.00%	00.00%
Penfield	E		16	19	3	82.00%	82.00%
Penn Yan	E		17	28	11	76.87%	77.78%
Pen-Web	F	NR	33			00.00%	00.00%
Perry	E		65	63	-2	100.00%	100.00%
Pittsford	F		32	36	4	72.30%	73.36%
Prattsburgh	E		9	11	2	100.00%	86.25%
Red Creek	E		11	11	0	90.90%	88.18%
Red Jacket (Manchester)	E		21	20	-1	100.00%	98.50%
Rochester	B		339	338	-1	50.00%	49.75%
Rochester A.M.	E		14	17	3	75.00%	78.75%
Rochester Deaf	E	NR	14			00.00%	00.00%
Rochester Latino	E		17	17	0	65.00%	61.50%
Rochester Northwest	E	NR	11			00.00%	00.00%
Rochester Southeast	E		10	10	0	82.00%	83.75%
Rush-Henrietta	F		34	34	0	75.00%	82.10%
Scottsville	E		12	12	0	58.33%	56.42%
Seneca Falls	E		51	54	3	63.00%	64.25%
Sodus	E		21	20	-1	68.00%	55.50%
Spencerport	F		30	29	-1	97.00%	99.25%
Victor-Farmington	E	NR	22			00.00%	00.00%
Waterloo	F		27	28	1	36.00%	59.50%
Watkins - Montour	E		55	57	2	60.00%	61.00%
Wayland	E	NR	11			00.00%	00.00%
Webster	E	NR	22			00.00%	00.00%
Wellsville	F		25	24	-1	88.00%	83.75%
Williamson	E		4	4	0	75.00%	81.25%
Wolcott	E	NR	13			00.00%	00.00%