



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE



September 2017

Don Milton, District Governor

Issue 3



Don Milton and Ruth

As we enter the Fall season, I hope that you will enjoy the abundance of colors that will surround us very soon. And hopefully you all had a restful and great summer. We are fortunate to be able to do so but as we do please keep in mind those in Texas and Louisiana who are suffering from the ravages of Hurricane Harvey. With this massive devastation, there is a shining light. Many Rotarians and others from all over the country have volunteered, putting their lives on hold, giving of "time, treasure and talent" to provide aid to those desperately needing help. Certainly "Rotary—Making a Difference!" As you are reading this month's letter there will probably be a myriad of opportunities to donate.

I mentioned in a previous email message: Rotary Districts along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana, are collecting emergency relief funds to help flood victims of Hurricane Harvey, which slammed into southeast Texas. Those Districts include 5890, 5910 and 5930 in Texas and 6200 in Louisiana. Deluged coastal towns in the region, including Houston as well as many inland communities, are in desperate need of aid as thousands of residents were forced to flee their

homes. Approximately 6.8 million people have been affected by this hurricane.

"We know that a disaster of this magnitude will require our financial assistance for months into the future," says District 5930 Governor Betty Ramirez-Lara. "Our disaster relief committee will provide support where we believe it can best be used."

ShelterBox, an independent charity and Rotary's project partner, is also providing support to families displaced by the storm. "Our normal tents and ShelterKits are not appropriate for the conditions families are experiencing in Texas," says James Luxton, ShelterBox operations team leader. "The flooding is covering large swathes of land, and is set to rise even further in the coming days, making indoor shelter the best option." Therefore hundreds of light privacy tents will be deployed to evacuation centers throughout Texas for families to use temporarily.

If you have questions about how you can help, contact [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org). This is a great opportunity to do what is in your heart to aid with this disaster relief effort.

I am writing this as another Hurricane, Irma, is heading to the U.S. and is expected to hit the coasts of Florida. What is clear, however, is that more damage to a different area is expected and therefore more relief, your prayers and thoughts will be needed

September is the month that all Rotarians worldwide celebrate the theme of Basic Education and Literacy. Rotarians will be providing dictionaries to school children and sponsoring reading programs. Our District will also be hosting a Literacy Seminar for our members. The seminar is designed to prepare members so one can make a "Literacy Difference" in one's community with discussions that will lead to various sustainable projects. These projects will then become programs having a tremendous impact on our communities. Keep in mind that we have often heard that "our children are our future." The time and effort we as Rotarians put into these programs will be beneficial to all. I ask that you please attend our District Literacy Seminar scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Clifton Springs Hospital. You can now register from the home page of the District website [www.Rotary7120.org](http://www.Rotary7120.org).

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“As Rotarians, we continually look for ways to make our clubs more vibrant, relevant and impactful in a broader way than what they are right now.” While membership continues to be a top priority, our District will be hosting two Membership Development Seminars that you can choose from. One on September 16<sup>th</sup> in Bath, New York and the other on September 30<sup>th</sup> in Pittsford, New York. You can now register from the home page of the District website [www.Rotary7120.org](http://www.Rotary7120.org).

Lastly, any questions that you may have about a Rotary program or something in Rotary that you don't fully understand, please reach out and ask another member, committee chairs or your club leadership. The mutual sharing of knowledge with clubs within your area and beyond is also one of the best ways to establish real growth and great Rotary relationships. Additionally, your Assistant Governor, your Foundation Area Director and your Governor's team are always available.

In my visits with clubs I usually close with a quote by George Bernard Shaw, who said, “You see things and you say ‘Why’ But I dream things that never were; and I say ‘Why not?’” Applying that to your Rotary life will allow you to continually strive to be “Making a Difference.

My best and always Yours in Rotary Service,

*DG Don*



**SAVE THE DATES May 4th-6th**

**2018 District Conference**

**Saratoga Springs, New York**

**Hotel Accommodations at**



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

**Questions? E-mail  
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**2017-2018 GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINARS**

**(REGISTRATION NOW OPEN)**

**Renewal/Review Grant Management Seminars (1 1/2 hrs)**

*(For those individuals who **DID** attend a **FULL** session during **ANY** previous Rotary year)*

**First time ever! Webinar**

**Saturday, Oct 14, 2017 . . . (Click Date to Register)**

**Saturday, Mar 10, 2018 . . . (TBD - Currently  
Not Available)**

**Full Grant Management Seminars (2 1/2 hrs)**

*(For those who have **NOT** attended **BEFORE**)*

St. Mary's O'Malley Hall, St. John Vianney Parish, Bath, NY

**Saturday, Oct 21, 2017 . . . (Click Date to Register)**

Brighton High School, Large Group Instruction Room, Brighton, NY

**Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 . . . (Click Date to Register)**

June 23-27



## Rotary International Convention

### Important deadlines

**15 June 2017-31 March 2018:**

**\$10 discount for registering online; applies only to Rotary members, Rotary club or district employees, guests ages 19 or older, and spouses of deceased club members**

**15 December 2017: Last day for early-registration discount**

**31 March 2018: Last day for preregistration discount. Last day to register groups.**

## 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](http://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.

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

Katie DeGraff & Charlene Masten  
Steven DeVeronica & Brandi Graham  
Grace Dalton & Tange Von Neida  
Adam Barrett, Kim Cox, Tom Cox  
& William Daniel  
Dom Paz & Anne Tobin  
Barbara Dodge  
Amy Gowdy

Avon  
Corning  
Elmira  
  
Geneseo  
Ontario-Walworth  
Rochester A.M.  
Wellsville

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.**

  
**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
END  
POLIO**

Only 10 new cases  
of Polio in the year  
2017.

Help us in the  
'Countdown to  
History'.

Make your contribution today to the  
Foundation PolioPlus fund and be part  
of history.

FROM THE ROTARY ARCHIVE

*September 12, 1872*  
**C**hesley R. Perry is born.  
He served as Rotary's First  
Secretary from 1910 - 1942



Save The Date

**April 14, 2018**

District Training Assembly

Avon High School



## **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>**. **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**

**DISTRICT 7120 FREINDSHIP EXCHANGE TEAM VISITS DISTRICT 1420:  
SOUTHERN FINLAND AND ESTONIA**

Rotary District 7120 sponsored a Friendship Exchange Team visit to District 1420 from 15 to 29 August of this year. The team consisted of: Kathy Burns of the Hammondspport Rotary Club; Dick and Roz DuBois of the Elmira Rotary Club; Meg and Dean Huff of the Bloomfield Rotary Club; PDG Scott MacDonell and Vivian Ryan of the Clifton Springs Rotary Club, and Bob Vukosic of the Pittsford Rotary Club.

The exchange began with a three day stay in Helsinki, capital city of Finland. We toured the city and its historical sites, were treated to a "Sibelius Finland Experience" concert and lecture, and attended two Rotary meetings at which we traded banners and told our Finnish friends about our home clubs and district.

The team then took a ferry to Tallinn, Estonia and spent three days in this beautiful medieval city, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Center. It was very interesting and heartwarming to hear the Rotarians discuss, with pride, the incredible progress their country has made since the "Restoration" from Soviet rule 26 years ago.

Upon returning to Helsinki the team attended a presentation on Rotary efforts to "Save the Baltic Sea" which is being affected quite dramatically by global warming and climate change. We then traveled to the western part of the country and stayed for four days in the charming small city of Ekenäs where we were treated to a "crawfish" party hosted by the Ekenäs Rotary Club. This was great fun with good food, song, and fellowship.

The team returned to the Helsinki area for the final four days of our visit. On Saturday Rotarians from several clubs hosted a farewell party for our team at the iconic 18<sup>th</sup> century Laha Manor House. It was, once again, a wonderful experience with friendly and gracious hosts and fellow Rotarians.

Over the course of the exchange, team members were fortunate to visit museums, fortresses, cathedrals, and summer cottages. We also enjoyed the sauna experience which is so integral to Finnish life.

The accompanying pictures show; 1) our team and several of our hosts on the steps of Laitse Castle near Tallinn, Estonia; 2) our team with several of our hosts on the steps of the Laha Manor House which is just outside of Pornainen, Finland and; 3) the summer "cottage" of the D1420 RFE Chair PDG Ilkka Torstilla, located in an archipelago in western Finland. Our good friend Ilkka, who took part in the D7120 Milt Matthews DGE Hosting Program in 2013, organized and oversaw the entire program while we were in Finland and Estonia.

It is hard to put into words what one learns and comes to understand about a culture, a country, and a people during a Friendship Exchange. The depth of knowledge one gains from the locals, many of whom become good friends, cannot be matched by any other program.

As an "Exchange" program, we will reciprocate when District 1420 sends a team to visit our district next year. The tentative dates are 29 June to 13 July, right after the Rotary International Convention in Toronto. Details on hosting opportunities will be forthcoming from the D7120 RFE Committee. Please consider hosting our fellow Rotarians from Finland and Estonia. It will be well worth it on many levels.

Submitted by:

PDG Scott MacDonell  
Finland and Estonia RFE Team Leader



**DISTRICT 7120 FREINDSHIP EXCHANGE TEAM VISITS DISTRICT 1420:  
SOUTHERN FINLAND AND ESTONIA (Continued)**





## Greece Rotary Donation

Greece Rotarians continued their support of international programs this summer as they presented a check for \$502.05 to the Athena Cares-Water for South Sudan project. An ongoing program through the Athena Middle School, students raise funds throughout the year to support this vital endeavor.



Shown presenting Rotary's match gift towards that raised in a yard sale by the students, are (l-r) Rotary International Chair Kim Masiello, Athena Teacher Vicki Richardson, and students Jade Bates, Halie Cardon and Elliott Honan.

(Submitted by Judie VanBramer)



(Submitted by Jon Shay)

## Canandaigua Rotary Club Honors Recipients with Paul Harris Fellowship

At recent meetings of the Canandaigua Rotary Club two recipients were honored with Paul Harris Fellowships. Peter Mulvaney said he was honored and privileged. For JR Miller, it was his fifth such award. (Photos & info sent by Jack Kellogg)



Peter Mulvaney with President Marty Muehe



President Marty Muehe with JR Miller



## Webster Rotary Awards Scholarship

On August 10th, the Webster Rotary Club hosted one of its 2017-2018 scholarship winners for dinner. Katie Peake, along with her parents Todd and Cindy Peake, joined the Webster Club at Penfield Country Club for an awards presentation.



In the above picture, Webster President Joe Corona is presenting Katie with her scholarship check along with this year's "Make a Difference" theme pin. Katie will be attending John Carroll University this fall! Webster Rotary Club wishes her the best of luck! (Submitted by Joe Corona)



## Victor-Farmington Rotary Revitalizes An Earlier Centennial Project

In 2005, as a Rotary Centennial project, the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club created a Rotary Centennial Walking Path at the Mertensia Park in the Town of Farmington at the Mertensia Town Park in Farmington. Over the past twelve years the original sign for the path had become weathered and disfigured. Club members arranged for a new sign to be erected. Rotarian Kim Yourch and her husband Tom took on the project of creating a new sign. On August 14th club members Jim Crane and Karen Parkhurst, along with Tom Yourch and Farmington Highway & Parks Superintendent Don Giroux, erected the new sign in the park. The path wanders through the woods and along Mertensia Creek, often called the Bluebell Trail. The sign was constructed and painted by Kim and Tom Yourch with funding provided by the Victor-Farmington Rotary club. (Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)



Farmington Highway & Parks Supt. Don Giroux, Tom Yourch, Karen Parkhurst, Jim Crane

## Perry Rotary Presents Paul Harris Fellow



PP & PDG Eric Parker presented a PHF award to Dorothy Regis. Dorothy is a string musician and has taught strings for many many years in the Perry area and thru York Central School.

Below, President Sally Bliss congratulating Dorothy on her award. (Submitted by Daryl Heiby)



## Spencerport Rotary Welcomes Inbound Student



Welcome Nanaka!

Spencerport Rotarians headed to the airport recently, to greet their new foreign exchange student Nanaka Kakishima, from Kanazawa, Japan. Lisa White and her daughter Amber will be hosting Nanaka.

Last year, Amber was also sponsored by the Spencerport Rotary Club, as an outbound foreign exchange student to Thailand.

Nanaka will be attending Spencerport High School as a senior this year. She likes art, drawing, basketball and swimming. (Submitted by Colleen Farley)





### Geneseo Rotary Inducts Four New Members on August 14th



(left to right) Rev. William "Billy" Daniel, Pastor of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Geneseo, Adam Barrett, Bakery Operations Manager at Monk's Bread in Retsof, Pres. Stephen Kelley, Kim Cox, recently retired Superintendent of the LeRoy Central School District and Tom Cox, retired school administrator and Executive Director of the Genesee Valley School Boards Assoc.

Rev. Daniel was sponsored by Pres. Stephen Kelley, the other three were sponsored by PP Tim Hayes.

(Photo by PP Tim Hayes, submitted by Marilyn Lyon)

### Rochester Deaf Rotary Inducts 5 New Members With DG Don Milton's Visit on August 22- WAVING HANDS!



Left: David Gratzter, Christa D'Auria, AG Paul Minor, DG Don Milton, Lyle R. Cummins, Stacie Parks and PP John Haynes (new members- David, Christa, Lyle & Stacy- One more new member was out of town - Debora Swearingen.) Submitted by Bob Green.

### Wayland Club News



top photo: Abbie and Ethan take advantage of the water bottle filling station donated to WCCS by Wayland Rotary, as well as other community helpers.

bottom photo: When some of the food trucks didn't arrive for the Wayland Car Show, Rotarians Rick (l) and Paul (r) went to work cooking burgers and dogs for the hungry attendees. Our Heroes!

The beautiful weather and many cars made for a great day - and a great fundraiser for the club!

(submitted by Jean McMillan.)





## Honeoye Lake Rotary Reading Rally and RYLA



*front row -- Cody Vanderwark, Cora Gillette, Abbey Almeter, Alyssa Bailey*

*Back row -- HCS librarian and Rotarian Janelle Deal, Molly Rubadeau*

At the HLRC's August 10 meeting, our Rotary Reading Rally participants who read over 100 books were recognized and welcomed to our "100 Book Club". These students read over 100 books in third, fourth and fifth grade. Cora Gillette, Cody VanDerwark, Molly Rubadeau and Abbey Almeter were presented with 100+ t-shirts and gift certificates for ice cream at Mill Creek. Alyssa Bailey was given a game in recognition of the achievement of reading over 150 books. Alyssa joined the 100+ book club last year. Cora, Cory Ashley and Alyssa will be able to add to their numbers this coming year while Molly will be heading to Middle School. Congratulations to these students and their parents who supported them along the way to this accomplishment.

Our Rotary Reading rally program is a major factor in encouraging students to read and report on what they have read I and out of school. Our beginning level is ten books – when that goal is reached students receive a certificate and are invited to a Rotary sponsored end of the school year pizza party.

Upon reading 30 books students are awarded plaques at the end of the year awards assembly. Some students achieve this level in one year while other take three years from third to fifth grade to get there. If a student reads 60 books in this time span they are given a trophy. From there they may elect to reach for the 100+ book club. As a result of the Rotary involvement in this reading incentive, students in grade three through five read over 1200 books each year --- not a bad number considering we only have about 150 students total in grades three, four and five.



Another aspect of our Adopt-A-School Program, centers on our sending a student to the RYLA program held at the end of June at RIT. This year our participant was Kali Pestle, now a senior at HCS. At our August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting,

Kali joined us to share her experience with the RYLA program where she enhanced her leadership skills. One of the jobs Kali took on was helping to publish the yearbook. She also shared with us the many activities she engaged in to foster her leadership skills and how she is going to utilize them throughout her senior year and as she heads off to college.

Kali is pictured with the t-shirt designed by RYLA participants. This program received rave reviews from Kali and she highly recommends it for future candidates. (Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)

## Geneseo Rotary's President Honored

Pres Stephen Kelley was honored with an 8x Paul Harris pin and a Major Donor Crystal and pin recognition on August 21. (Photo & info by PP Tim Hayes. Submitted by Marilyn Lyon)



(left to right) President Stephen Kelley and Foundation Chair PP John Lanpher

## Rochester Deaf Rotary Presents T-Shirts

On August 22nd souvenir T-shirts were given to District Officials from the Rochester Rotary Deaf Club's successful BBQ fundraiser to help NYDBAR (NY DeafBlind Adult Retreat) community funds that raised over \$400 in proceeds. (Submitted by Bob Green)



Left: AG Paul Minor, PP John Haynes, DeafBlind BBQ Chair Bob Green and DG Don Milton

## Newark Rotary's Youth Exchange Student, Sami Cepulo, Speaks to Club

Newark Rotary's 2016-2017 Youth Exchange student Sami Cepulo spoke to the club recently, describing her experiences in Latvia.

She is shown presenting the Riga Ridzene, Latvia club banner to Newark Rotary President Kevin Mooney. (Submitted by John Zornow)





## Honeoye Lake Rotary Joined Lap Robes For Veterans in Welcoming Home Service Men and Women From Honor Flight



Friend of Rotary Dick Hamele, Greg Flynn (restaurant manager), Richie (restaurant employee), Bonnie (our waitress), Friend of Rotary Paul Eigbrett and Rotarian Paul Humphrey

in recognition of his/her service to our country. After sharing details of their hard work, Nancy presented Navy vet, Paul Eigbrett with a Navy lap robe. A fleece blanket was also presented to Marine vet, Buss Geartz. We learned that some of the staff at the the Boat House Grille are also vets, so lap robes were presented to them as well. Army vet Dick Hamele was given his lap robe in June and Marine vet Paul Humphrey accepted his upon returning from his honor flight trip a few years ago. At the September 10<sup>th</sup> Honor Flight homecoming, representatives from the HLRC, were given lap robes for Navy vet Guy ward and an army one for Linda Zukaitis' son.

In appreciation for all Lap Robes for Veterans does, we passed the hat to help offset the cost of materials for the thousands of lap robes already distributed and those that will be given in the future to show our vets thanks. What a wonderful service project this is for our community and beyond. And to those vets who served our country for us **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.**

(If you would like to have Nancy and her **LAP ROBES FOR VETERANS** team present at a meeting, Nancy's email is [nvanapeldoorn@gmail.com](mailto:nvanapeldoorn@gmail.com). Her phone number is 585-478-6781) (Submitted by Jeanne Hamele)

Last June a few Honeoye Lake Rotary Club members joined **Lap Robes for Veterans** in welcoming home the servicemen and women who served our country and were coming home from their Honor Flight to Washington, DC. This was a very moving experience for our members and we were so intrigued by the **Lap Robes for Veterans** group, we invited them to join us at a meeting. Nancy Van Apeldoorn and her co-worker, Audrey, joined us at our August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting to share what, why and how their organization does to ensure every vet receives a lap robe or a blanket. Nancy and Audrey brought a display of lap robes --- at least one for each branch of the service. In addition to delivering these at Honor Flight homecomings, their goal is to be sure every vet receives one

## Newark Rotary Inducts Three New Members

Three new members were inducted into the Newark Rotary Club on September 7, at their noon meeting at the Newark American Legion.

Photo- Newark Rotary President Kevin Mooney, John Zornow, sponsor of Jonathan Taylor, guest Cari Taylor, Sue Earl, sponsor of Marsha William, Art Williams, President Elect and Membership Chair Linda Werts.

Seated: Suzette Nadeau, sponsored by Joe Van Haelst. (Submitted by John Zornow)



## Avon Rotary Inducts Katie DeGraff and Charlene Masten

On August 15th the Avon Rotary Club inducted two new members. (Submitted by Laurie Vonglis)



L-R: President Tom Vonglis, Sponsor Laurie Vonglis, New Avon Rotarians Katie DeGraff & Charlene Masten and DGE Mike Slovak

### Katie DeGraff

My name is Kathleen, but I go by Katie. I am married to my wonderful husband, Austin and we have two children (Brandon 18 and Madden 2) and we reside in Leicester.

I work for Tompkins Bank of Castile and I am the new Branch Manager for our Avon Office. I was introduced to Rotary by the former Branch Manager and Rotarian, Diana Williams who connected me with Kirk Vanderbilt.

At my first meeting as a guest, there was a presentation about building schools in Nicaragua. I was overcome with passion and commitment from Avon Rotary and knew I needed to become involved with this great group of people. Since then, I have felt the warmest of welcomes into this community.

I hope to continue to learn more about Rotary and exemplify "service above self."

### Charlene Masten

A little bit about me....I'm married to my wonderful husband, Christopher Masten, who is also a Rotarian. I have two beautiful children, Natalie Masten, who is 14 years old, and Evan Masten, who is 12 years old.

For the past 11 years I've worked for M&T Bank and for the last 3 years I've been the Retail Branch Manager at the Pittsford Branch. I'm not sure how many years ago my husband joined Rotary, but he was the one who initially introduced me to the Rotary club and all of the amazing members. Through him and my new Rotarian friends I became involved in volunteering for Rotary events. I learned throughout those years all the amazing things that Rotary does for its local community and nationally. I decided to join Rotary to become part of something bigger than myself. I've always felt the desire to volunteer and do more than just take care of myself and my family.

For 14 years I've dedicated myself to my family, and I want to show my kids the importance of helping others and how those selfless acts can have an impact on them. I've found a great group of Rotarian friends that I enjoy spending my time with, and I can't think of a better way to serve my community next to all of them.

I look forward to many years of involvement with Rotary and would eventually like to make the trip to Nicaragua to help build a school for kids that are less fortunate to have the education we provide in the states.



## Brockport Rotary In The News



District 7120 governor Don Milton presents a 2017-18 RI banner to Brockport Rotary president Eileen Whitney. The governor talked about many of his priorities for the year, dearest being that of childhood poverty.



The club had already expressed interest in that topic. Inviting Brockport Central School District Superintendent Dr. Leslie Myers to speak on "the Face of Poverty" in the Brockport school district.

Dr. Mary Jo Orzech, Director of the College at Brockport Drake Library presented a copy of the College's college/community book for this coming school year.

Also in the photo (right) is Linda Menear, club president-elect. (Submitted by Pat Baker)

## Greece Rotary Provides Book Case

The Blue Book Case project, sponsored by the Greece Rotary, is bringing a bit of peace and tranquility to the patients in the Dialysis unit at Unity Hospital in Greece. The book cases, painted vibrant blue, are filled with novels that patients can borrow to fill the hours during their treatments. Shown with the most recent placement are l-r Rachel Krug, Social worker; Katie Lester, Department Secretary; Rotarian Larry Wills, creator of the club's program; Amy Adams, Department Secretary and Tracy Wooden, Rotarian. Future plans call for providing the blue book cases to several area nursing homes and senior facilities.

(Submitted by Judie Van Bramer)





## Red Jacket Rotary August News

The Red Jacket Rotary had an eventful August. Members worked hard at the Pageant of Steam and hosted some informative speakers at its Tuesday morning breakfast meetings. Marketing Operations Manager, David Lee, and Director of Marketing and Communications, Christen Smith, from the Finger Lakes Visitor's Connection spoke on August 22. The Visitor's Connection is the official tourism office for Ontario County. They discussed factors that drive tourism and marketing strategies in the County. Club members were amazed by the methods used to reveal tourism trends. David and Christen distributed the 2017 Visitor's Guide and the most updated Wine Trail brochures.



Preston Pierce.

On August 29 Ontario County Historian, Preston Pierce, detailed the research he has done to comprehensively uncover World War I Veterans Grave Sites throughout the County. Preston has put together 40 page document which was distributed to club members. (Submitted by Jeff Crawford)



David Lee and Christen Smith

During the week of August 7 the Red Jacket Rotary Club was involved in a major service and fund raising effort as it manned a food concession at the New York State Pageant of Steam on the Steam Grounds just off Routes 5 and 20 near Canandaigua. The weather was great and club members, with family and friends, served approximately 4000 attendees. Hots, Burger, Sausages and Steak Sandwiches, among other tasty offerings, were on the menu. This was a great opportunity for fun, hard work and satisfying the hunger and thirst of many of the 12,000 who arrived from all over the mid-west and east to watch antique steam engines work their magic. A big draw were the tractor pulls which occurred right outside of our concession.



Mae and Heidi



Bliss Family



Yates Family



Collins Family



## Newark Rotary Honors Perfect Attendance Club Members

The Newark Rotary Club recently had several members achieving perfect attendance for the 2016-2017 year. Presented certificates were Norma Madayag-Reilly, Gary Reilly, Jan Hence, Michele McManus, Linda Werts, Helmuth Reinhardt (48 years), and Dr. David Hannan. (Submitted by John Zornow)



## Did You Know?

The first Paul Harris Fellows include 1937-38 RI Director Allison G. Brush and longtime RI Treasurer Rufus F. Chapin, both for donations made in 1946. Mrs. Adan Vargas was the first woman to receive the recognition, for a gift made in 1953. Mrs. Harry L. Jones was the second, and one of only five people recognized for contributions made in 1957.

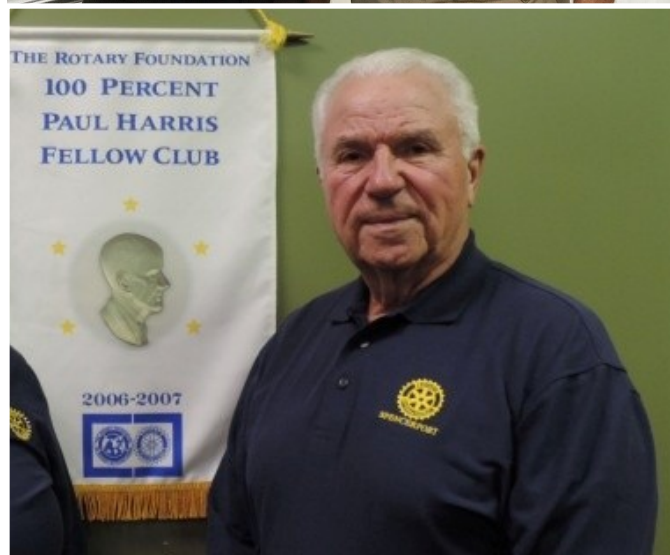
(Source. Rotary Archives)

## Spencerport Rotary Awards Two Paul Harris

Milt Danko, a Rotarian since 1994, has served on the District Ambassador Scholarship Committee, chaired the Soap Box Derby Committee and headed up the Rotary award winning Sneaker Recycling Program to assist Katrina victims. Milt is also a Rotary Foundation Benefactor.

Myron Fox, a Rotarian since 1989, has served as Co-Chair of Night at the Races, Chair for Cartons for Christmas, and on the Memorial and Mueller Scholarship Committee. Myron is also a Rotary Foundation Benefactor. Congratulations to both Rotarians for all the good work they perform in the community and for their support of the Rotary Foundation.

Pictured below: Top photo President Dave DeMers and Myron Fox. Bottom photo Milt Danko



## Perry Rotary Awards Paul Harris Fellow to Eric Kelly



Musician, minister, son, husband, father, community servant are roles that Eric Kelly fills and fills well. Last Thursday, Perry Rotary Club honored him with a Paul Harris award, the highest honor a Rotarian can receive or bestow. In this case, friend and shirt-tail relative Hans Kunze surprised Eric who thought he was at Rotary to speak on popular music. When Rotarian Eric Parker began describing the history of the award, pocket doors at the Masonic Temple where Rotary meets opened to reveal the Kelly family including his mother Lois, wife Val, son Liam, daughter Elise and sister Amy Jacuzzi and her daughter, Kelly. Eric's surprise was real, "You scammed me," he told them, later adding, "I am very honored, overwhelmed and for once, Val, I don't know what to say."

A Paul Harris awardee receives a pin and certificate and his/her name is etched on a Rotary plaque that hangs in the Masonic Temple where the club meets weekly. The monetary aspect of the award is that a \$1,000 donation in the recipient's name is given to the Rotary Foundation where it is used for projects that include literacy, community development, health, water and peace.

"It symbolizes that the recipient exemplifies the principles of Rotary including the objectives of its Four Way Test, and its motto, 'Service Above Self,'" explained Eric Parker during the presentation. The award, he continued, brings sustainable change the communities in need.

Rotary also recently named former orchestra teacher Dorothy Regis a Paul Harris Fellow. Like Eric, her efforts touched many lives and made and make Perry a better place, a community that appreciates and values the arts.-LS  
(Submitted by Daryl Heiby)



## Meet Newark Rotary's Newest Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Recipients



Congratulations to our newest multiple Paul Harris Fellow recipients! Marilyn Lawrence and Jan Hence of the Newark club received their recognition at the September 7 meeting.

Participating in the presentation were DGE Dr. David Hannan, and PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly. (Submitted by John Zornow)



## VICTOR-FARMINGTON ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATES 50th ANIVERSARY

The Victor-Farmington Rotary Club recently hosted a dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the club on August 14th, 1967.

President Bonnie Cottone welcomed special guests that included District 7120 District Governor Nominee Dr. David Hannon, MD, Assistant Rotary District Governor Mary Green, Canandaigua Rotary Club President Marty Muehe, and Farmington Supervisor Peter Ingalsbe.

Special presentations were made by Rotarian speakers who discussed the history of the club. Ross Cottone spoke about the early years of the club, Dave Luitweiler discussed the 1970-1980s era, and Jim Crane covered the period from 1990 to the present.

A special commemorative Rotary lapel pin, celebrating the club's 50th anniversary, was presented to all current club members. Special recognition pins were presented to all Rotarian spouses in attendance.

Club President Bonnie Cottone closed the dinner by thanking all of the Rotarians for what has been accomplished during the first 50 years of the club's existence and encouraged everyone to continue those efforts in the coming years.



DGN David Hannon and President Bonnie Cottone

District Governor Nominee Dr. Hannan congratulated the club on fifty years of service and the contributions it has made to both the local community and the worldwide goals of Rotary. He presented the club with a certificate from District 7120 recognizing those contributions. (Submitted by Dave Luitweiler)



Victor resident Bob Barry, a founding member, has maintained perfect attendance for fifty years. A special recognition was made for the many contributions that Bob has made to the club over the past fifty years. Particularly notable has been Bob's long-time involvement with Camp ONSEY-AWA.

Canandaigua Rotary Club President Marty Muehe presented Bob with a special certificate attesting to his service.

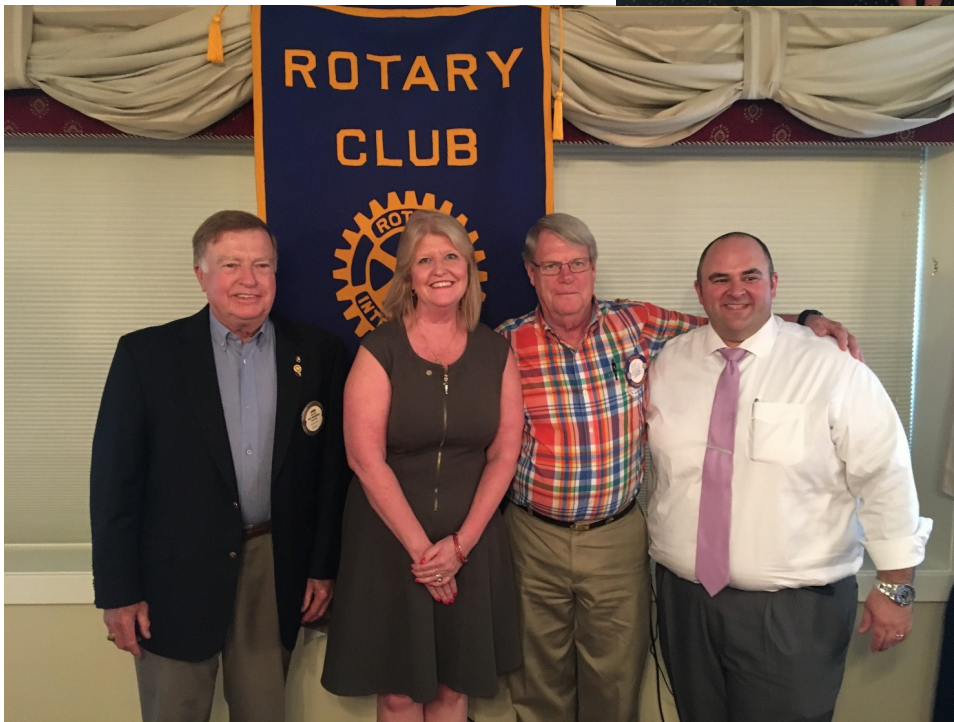
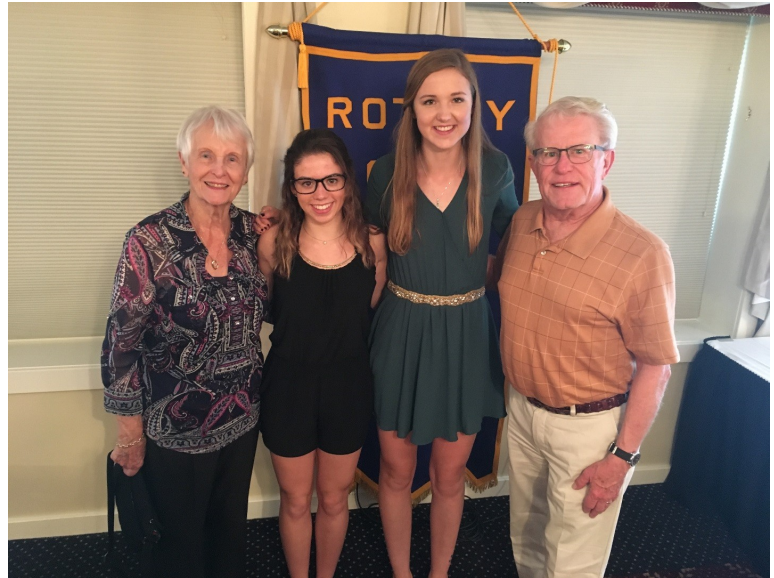


Farmington Town Supervisor Pete Ingalsbe and founding member John Mandrino

**Fairport Rotary September 10, 2017****Scholarships**

This year's Scholarship recipients were introduced to the Fairport Rotary Club - Madison Cardinal (on the left) received the \$1000 Fairport Rotary Scholarship and Olivia Anderson (on the right), winner of the \$1000 R. Clinton Emery Memorial Scholarship also given by the Fairport Rotary.

Pictured with the recipients are Clint's wife, Barbara Emery, and Warren Knapp, Scholarship Chairperson.

**New Members**

John Hall and our President Dominic Cecconi are happy to welcome two of our newest members, Vicki and Tom Hemiup.

Submitted by: Thomas Wolanski



**Magic and Illusion  
and Beyond**

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club

*Presented By PDG Bill Gormont*



**September 16th, 2017, 2pm - 4pm**  
Honeoye Central School Auditorium

**Profits will benefit community service,  
and youth programs**  
**Cost \$5 children and Senior Citizens**  
**\$8 Adults**



**Drive Safely**

**Community**



**STOP HUNGER NOW**

...now known as "Rise Against Hunger"

**Together we can end hunger**  
**3rd Annual 30,000 Meal Challenge**

**2017 Event**

Friday, September 15:	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 16:	8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
400 South Main St., Newark, NY

**Donate or volunteer in person or online by August 25, 2017**  
**Pre-registration is required**

For volunteer questions, contact Mary Jo Fenyn at 315-331-4166 or fenyn2@aol.com  
For sponsorship or general information, contact Linda Werts at 331-6999 or lwerts@aol.com






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.

**Join Penn Yan Rotarians on 9/16/17**



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://htscongo.org/walkforwater.html>





## Geneseo Rotary Club Fall Plant Sale

Saturday, September 23

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

In front of The Bank of Castile

Mums, Gourds, Pumpkins,

Winter Squash, Indian Corn

Prices Range From \$2 - \$10



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



ROCHESTER AM ROTARY PRESENTS

## THE NINTH ANNUAL WINE PAIRING DINNER

Supporting **CAMP DAYDREAMS**  
and other local charities

SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 22, 2017

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM @ Midvale Country Club  
2387 Baird Rd, Penfield, NY 14526

PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR AN  
UNFORGETTABLE  
EVENT!

Tickets: \$65 per person.

Reserve your table early. Groups accommodated.

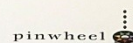
Information, Reservations and Payment:

Matt Korona, 100 Office Pkwy, Pittsford, NY 14534 • [matt@olverkorts.com](mailto:matt@olverkorts.com) • 387-0500 x 17

Taste four wines from  
around the world,  
selected and described  
by **ELLE ANDREWS**,  
local wine expert and  
GM at Flight

Each wine served with a  
specially prepared dish

Silent auction of wines  
and wine accessories







WATERLOO ROTARY

PRESENTS

**FALL FROLIC**

RAFFLE

including a

Wine and Cheese Reception

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2017

1:00-4:00 PM



The Dairy at Muranda  
3075 State Rt. 96 S  
Waterloo, NY 13165



Featuring Music by  
Artistic License

**Raffle tickets: \$50.00**

includes wine and cheese reception,

and 10 chances to win cash prizes

Grand prize is \$1000.00

Total of \$2500. given in prizes

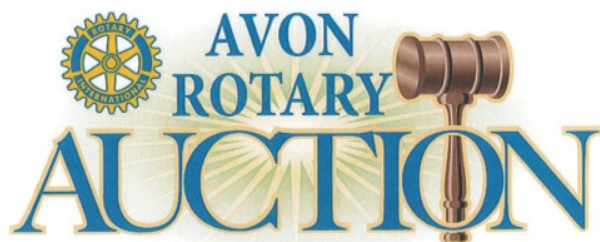
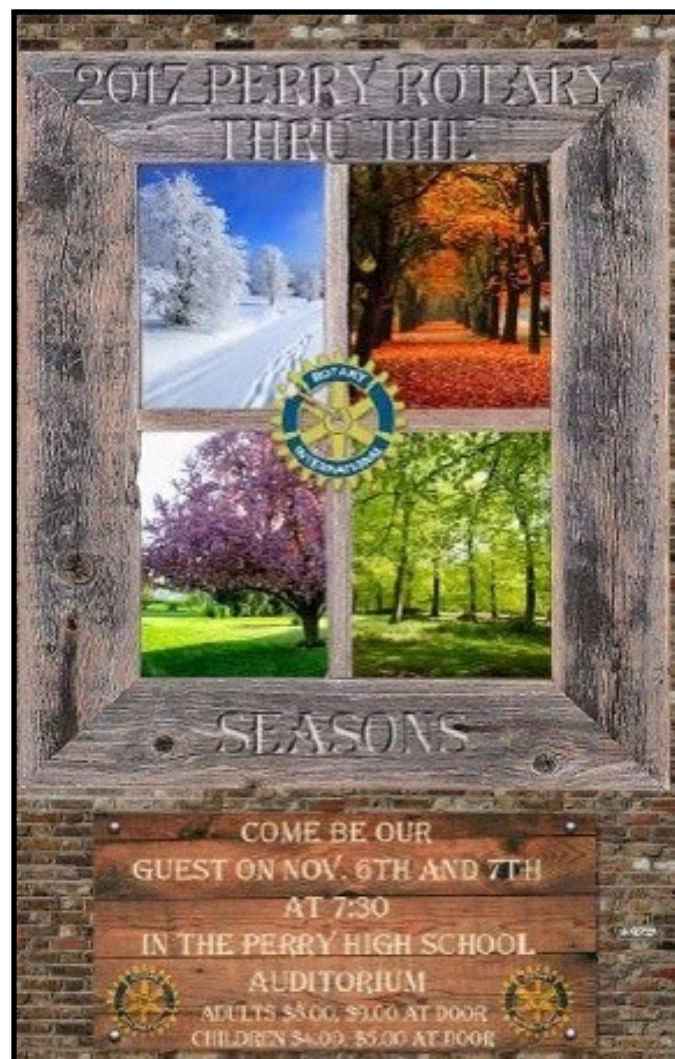
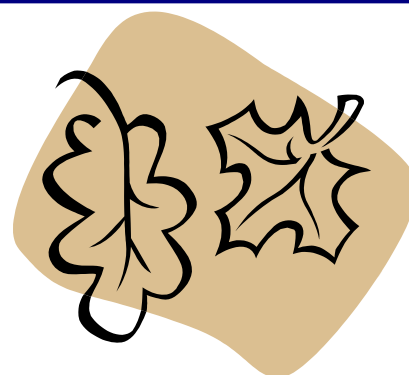
Maximum of 200 tickets available

One extra guest per ticket: \$20.00

There will also be a Silent Auction.

Proceeds to benefit Community Activities

Tickets are on sale **NOW** from any Waterloo Rotarian or  
The Dairy at Muranda or Liquid Products (631 Waterloo Geneva  
Rd., Waterloo)

**Saturday, November 11, 2017**

Avon Elementary School

Preview: 8 AM Auction: 9 AM

### Upcoming DISTRICT Events

#### SEPTEMBER

09/16/2017	District Membership Seminar	Bath
09/23/2017	District Literacy Seminar	Clifton Springs
09/30/2017	District Membership Seminar	Pittsford - Harris Beach

#### OCTOBER

10/14/2017	Grants Management Seminar (Renewal)	Webinar
10/15/2017	Youth Exchange Outbound application due	
10/17/2017	Council of Governors - Fall Luncheon Meeting	Canandaigua
10/21/2017	Grants Management Seminar (full)	Bath
10/25-29/2017	Zone Institute	Chicago

#### NOVEMBER

11/4/2017	Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)	Canandaigua
November-Dec	Fireside Chats	Specific to Each Area
	Eastern Cities Dinner TBD	Rochester
11/5/2017	Foundation Brunch	Geneva, Ventosa Vineyards
11/5/2017	District Governor Interviews 2020-2021	Geneva
11/9/2017	District Finance Committee Meeting	GoToMeeting
11/18 & 19/2017	Youth Exchange Outbound Interview weekend	Rotary Sunshine Campus - Rush
11/18/2017	Governors Advisory Council & Foundation Directors meeting	Peppermints

### Upcoming CLUB Events

#### ⚙ September 2017

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

September 23rd—Geneseo Rotary Fall Plant Sale

September 24th—Waterloo Fall Frolic

#### ⚙ October 2017

October 22—Rochester AM Rotary Wine Pairing Dinner at the Midvale Country Club

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

The Gananda Rotary 9th Annual Haunted House & Hayride

#### ⚙ November 2017

November 6th-7th — Perry Rotary Show

November 11th — Avon Rotary Auction

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	7/31/2017	+/-	July 2017	YTD
Avon	E	59	57	-2	79.00%	79.00%
Bath	F	33	33	0	100.00%	94.92%
Belmont	G	16	No Report		100.00%	100.00%
Bloomfield	F	28	28	0	82.00%	82.00%
Brighton	F	29	32	3	57.00%	57.00%
Brockport	G	21	21	0	70.00%	70.00%
Caledonia-Mumford	G	7	No Report		%	%
Canandaigua	D	108	108	0	66.00%	66.00%
Canisteo	G	13	No Report		%	%
Chemung County Sunrise	F	29	29	0	82.00%	82.00%
Clifton Springs	F	41	42	1	60.00%	60.00%
Clyde	G	12	14	2	61.67%	61.67%
Corning	E	98	99	1	48.00%	48.00%
Dansville	F	42	No Report		%	%
Dundee	F	30	29	-1	79.00%	79.00%
East Rochester	G	16	19	3	65.00%	65.00%
Elmira	F	39	39	0	50.43%	50.43%
Elmira Heights	F	26	26	0	84.00%	84.00%
Fairport	E	56	No Report		%	%
Friendship	G	12	12	0	100.00%	100.00%
Gananda	G	13	No Report		%	%
Gates-Chili	G	13	No Report		%	%
Geneseo	F	42	No Report		%	%
Geneva	E	75	74	-1	73.00%	73.00%
Gorham	G	14	No Report		%	%
Greece	E	76	No Report		%	%
Hammondsport	G	7	7	0	90.00%	90.00%
Hilton	G	9	No Report		%	%
Honeoye	G	24	24	0	62.00%	62.00%
Honeoye Falls-Mendon	G	18	21	3	59.50%	59.50%
Hornell	G	15	No Report		%	%
Horseheads	G	13	11	-2	60.83%	60.83%
Irondequoit	F	28	No Report		%	%
Lima	G	16	16	0	90.00%	90.00%
Livonia	F	31	33	2	75.00%	75.00%

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Lyons	G	13	No Report		%	%
Monroe County South	G	15	No Report		%	%
Mt. Morris	G	17	17	0	86.00%	86.00%
Naples	F	47	No Report		%	%
Newark	E	97	97	0	71.39%	71.39%
Nunda	G	8	9	1	90.00%	90.00%
Ontario-Walworth	F	29	32	3	77.00%	77.00%
Palmyra-Macedon	F	40	40	0	99.00%	99.00%
Penfield	G	16	18	2	94.00%	94.00%
Penn Yan	F	33	30	-3	77.40%	77.40%
Pen-Web	G	17	No Report		%	%
Perry	E	65	65	0	100.00%	100.00%
Pittsford	F	32	No Report		%	%
Prattsburgh	G	9	11	2	95.00%	95.00%
Red Creek	G	11	11	0	81.80%	81.8%
Red Jacket	G	21	21	0	95.00%	95.00%
Rochester	B	339	356	17	49.00%	49.00%
Rochester AM	G	14	No Report		%	%
Rochester Deaf	G	14	No Report		%	%
Rochester Latino	G	17	17	0	71.00%	71.00%
Rochester Northwest	G	11	No Report		%	%
Rochester Southeast	G	10	No Report		%	%
Rush-Henrietta	F	34	34	0	85.20%	85.20%
Scottsville	G	12	12	0	44.44%	44.44%
Seneca Falls	E	51	51	0	65.00%	65.00%
Sodus	G	21	21	0	41.00%	41.00%
Spencerport	F	30	29	-1	100%	100%
Victor-Farmington	G	22	No Report		%	%
Waterloo	F	27	No Report		%	%
Watkins-Montour	E	55	No Report		%	%
Wayland	G	11	11	0	100.00%	100.00%
Webster	G	22	No Report		%	%
Wellsville	F	25	25	0	79.00%	79.00%
Williamson	G	4	4	0	100.00%	100.00%
Wolcott	G	13	No Report		%	%