

# A ROTARY JOURNEY

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LESSONS LEARNED AND LOOKING FORWARD



# WHERE IT STARTED

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- Geneva, NY
- Geneva Rotary Club
  - Interact Club

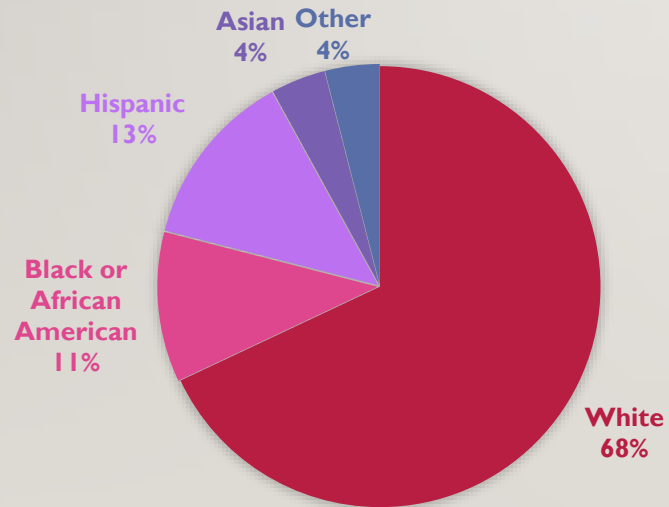
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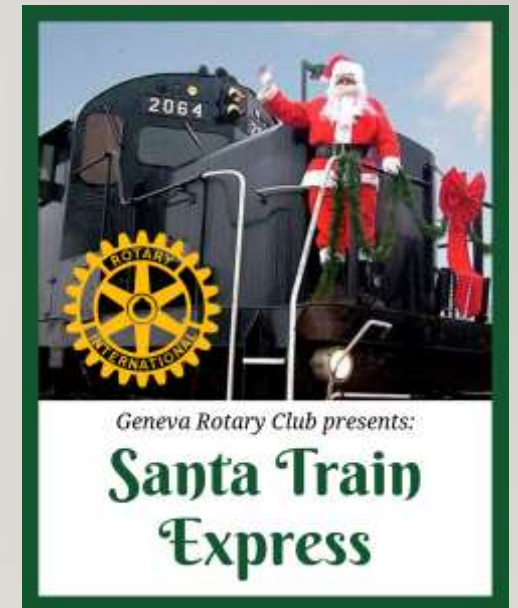
# GENEVA COMMUNITY

# INTERACT CLUB

- Population 12,888
- Poverty Rate: 20.5%
- Demographics



- Adopt a highway
- Meals for the Holidays
- Santa Train
- Pumpkin Walk
- Day of Service (w/ HWS)
- Polio fundraising
- Backpack Program





# RIT RYLA

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- 14 years old
- Learned about leadership
- Met other students from the area
- First time I ever felt intellectually challenged: Why do you think the way you think?



# COLLEGE

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- Rotaract Club of American University –  
Rotary Club of Federal City
  - Founded at the Embassy of Pakistan – 101 Members
- Meal Swipes for the Homeless
- Meal Packaging
- Internship - Networking
- Big Brother, Big Sister
- Cards for Nursing Homes/Military Abroad
- Local RYLA





# RYLA NORTH AMERICA





# ROTARY PRE-CONVENTION

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- San Diego, CA
- 1/3 Rotaractors from the US – 100 total from around the world
- First time Rotaractors were invited
- Grand Hyatt in downtown San Diego



# POST-GRADUATION

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- Rotary Club of Federal City
- Graduated, began work at the Pentagon





# LAW SCHOOL

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# WHY ROTARY

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## Superficial (trick reasons)

- High School – free lunch
- College – internships
- Network
- Work on speaking skills with people of different generations

## Real

- Empathy for other people
- Self-Improvement
- Forces you to be humble
- International sense of understanding
- The skills you can't teach

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