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Tom Rogers, District Governor

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Home Club - Canandaigua, NY

November is Foundation Month

I will say it again - **"Every Month is Foundation Month"**!

Every day, we are supporting the Rotary Foundation with gifts of \$26.50 in honor of the initial Foundation gift in 1918; pennies and folding money in Polio Plus jars; gifts of \$10 and more through Rotary Direct; and the significant gifts made in honor of Rotarians and community leaders in order to recognize their efforts as Paul Harris fellows. Through our Foundation, Rotary members have supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, provide basic education, and grow local economies. And, of course, we've been the leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide. Every day Rotarians are improving lives in communities around the world through thousands of service projects. Here are a few:

- Affordable drinking water in purification stations has been supplied to 8,000 people in North Cambodia by Rotary clubs there.
- Rotaract university students mounted a campaign in Zimbabwe for breast cancer awareness.
- In Nigeria a Rotary club donated food items, clothes and toiletries to prisoners in Keje Prison to commemorate World Humanitarian Day. (cont'd) >>

- And through a joint partnership with the Rotary Club Osada East and the Hospice of San Jose in the Philippines solar energy was provided for a school for special children.

These projects happen thanks to your donations to the Rotary Foundation.

Through our Annual Share Fund, we are able to support all of the programs of The Rotary Foundation. More than half of our gifts to the annual fund are used to fund large global grants throughout the world. In addition, over \$55,000 of the remaining half has been used this year to support our projects within District 7120. We have been able to award \$8,400 in 21 scholarships and over \$47,000 in 36 Club projects. Our Foundation areas of focus are being met in District 7120 as we fund many literacy projects, youth training and education enhancements, park and community improvements. While many of these projects may be modest in scope, their resulting impact on our communities cannot be considered anything but tremendous. I call your attention to a building restoration project in Red Creek that was supported by our Foundation dollars. The purchase of 40 gallons of paint spurred the community to beautify the downtown buildings. You will find before and after pictures following on [Page 2](#).

We are celebrating our Foundation Centennial this Rotary year. At every Club visit that I have been honored to make, I have stressed the goal of our Rotary International President that we all contribute a minimum of \$26.50 this year to the Foundation. I am happy to announce that we are well on our way to a record year of contributions. To date, our members and Clubs have contributed over \$45,000 to the Annual Share Fund, an increase of 25% over the same period last year. Lets keep it up.

DG Tom



Red Creek Building Restoration Project



Before



After



Before



After

Halloween Parade in Wayland

By Jean McMillan

For over 50 years, the Wayland Rotary Club has sponsored the Halloween community parade. This year over 75 kids participated. Cider, donuts and prizes for all that completed the event.



November Is Foundation Month



As Rotarians we gather together to exchange ideas and take action with like minded people. November has us focused on the Foundation and a great time to take action. This year more than ever we have reason to celebrate and show our support with the 100th anniversary of the Foundation. I encourage each of you to take the time

to make your special 'anniversary' contribution of \$26.50 this month. Make a difference in the fight to end Polio. Keep watching the number of Polio cases decrease around the world and take comfort knowing you helped make the children of the world safe from this disease. Ask me for more information on how you can help.

Laurie Vonglis, District 7120 Polio Chair



Poliomyelitis (polio)

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a highly infectious viral disease, which mainly affects young children. The virus is transmitted by person-to-person spread mainly through the fecal-oral route or, less frequently, by a common vehicle (e.g. contaminated water or food) and multiplies in the intestine, from where it can invade the nervous system and can cause paralysis.

Initial symptoms of polio include fever, fatigue, headache, vomiting, stiffness in the neck, and pain in the limbs. In a small proportion of cases, the disease causes paralysis, which is often permanent. There is no cure for polio, it can only be prevented by immunization.



Polio remains endemic in three countries

Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Until poliovirus transmission is interrupted in these countries, all countries remain at risk of importation of polio, especially vulnerable countries with weak public health and immunization services and travel or trade links to endemic countries.



Contribute

Rotarians are challenged to contribute to The Rotary Foundation where the Gates Foundation will match x3 to help end Polio.

This remains Rotary International's #1 Goal and we truly are "this close".

Update as of November 1, 2016

Wild Polio Case Counts

Country	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Date of last case</u>
Pakistan	306	54	15	2 Sept 16
Afghanistan	28	20	8	10 Aug 16
Nigeria	6	0	4	20 Aug 16
Total	359	74	27	



The Rotary Foundation News

By PDG Ellen Hughes, District Rotary Foundation Chair



Looking for help!

As you know, our district had a foundation brunch for many years. Last year we tried a different approach. This year...the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Foundation...we would like to do something extra special.

While November is Foundation Month we decided not to have the event in November when Rotary International President John Germ was expected and we did not want to overburden Rotarians. So we are planning an event at the end of March 2017 and we need YOUR HELP! If you have ideas you could offer to make this spectacular, please email Linda Wyse at lwyse@rochester.rr.com. If you would like to help and serve on a committee for the planning, email Linda Wyse at lwyse@rochester.rr.com....Contact her by December 1st - **PLEASE. WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Remember, November is Foundation Month and all the Rotary World celebrates by making donations on Giving Tuesday, November 29th. Will you join in?

Be on the lookout later this month for **The Arbor**, The Rotary Foundation newsletter for District 7120.

Pennies for Polio

By Elizabeth Becht



Seneca Falls Interact students collected Pennies for Polio on World Polio Day.

Paul Harris Recognition at Greece Rotary

By Judie VanBramer



Greece Rotarians welcomed their newest Paul Harris awardee recently with District 7120 Governor Tom Rogers assisting with the presentation.

Pictured above, left to right: Keith Rockcastle, Greece Rotary President; Mrs. Christine VanScoter; awardee Rhett VanScoter; Dan Barletta, Foundation Chair and District Governor Tom Rogers.

District Governor Visits Red Jacket

By Jeff Crawford



The Red Jacket Rotary Club hosted District Governor, Tom Rogers, and his wife, Sandie, at our breakfast meeting on October 18. They immersed themselves in the fun that we have at our meetings. Tom's words both challenged and informed members and guests.

Above - DG Tom presents club president Jeff Crawford with a 2016-2017 Rotary theme banner.



DG Tom Rogers chats with club member Dick Stearns.

Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club - District Grant Project Handicap Picnic Tables for Casey Park in Ontario

By PDG Mark Wyse

The Ontario-Walworth Rotary recently completed their District Grant Project, Handicap Picnic Tables for Casey Park. These tables will provide the opportunity for people in a wheelchair to be able to sit at a table and enjoy a family picnic without having to sit off to the side.



This project is a great example of how clubs can make a difference in their community through a District Simplified Grant (DSG). We started with looking at the community needs and talking with the Town of Ontario Parks and Recreation Department. We took an idea picked up from visiting the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club and applied it to the need in our own community. After the need was addressed then began the planning for real. We had to figure out the materials, equipment and labor required to put this project together.

We now had enough information to apply for the DSG, which the application had to be submitted by April 4, 2016. Applications for the 2017-2018 DSG are due by April 11, 2017. The application requires an itemized budget for the project as well as information on other organizations working with your club on the project.



The grants that are being awarded are announced at the District Conference.



There are a couple of big advantages to doing DSG projects. One is that it involves several members of the club and community. In our case it involved club members, parks department employees and Interact students as can be seen in the pictures. It also lets people see Rotary at work in the community. This helps gain support for your club, and can help with your membership growth.

Once the project is completed we then have to file the final report which is required to be completed by May 17, 2017. Clubs put up the money for the projects up front and then receive the grant payment once the project is completed and the final report is filed. These reports must include the receipts for the materials purchased as part of the grant project.



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Ontario-Walworth DSG - (continued):



This is an outstanding program of the Rotary Foundation which is funded by our giving to the foundation. The first thing that your club needs to do to qualify is to support the Rotary Foundation by giving. Also a Rotary Club must have two (2) members of the club attend the Grant Management Seminars and sign a Club Memorandum of Understanding. This is a program that all Rotary Clubs should be involved with.

Spencerport Rotary Collects Coats for Kids

By Colleen Farley



For the past 6 years the Spencerport Rotary Club has donated winter coats to area elementary schools for children K-6. This year is no exception. President Kathy Magin (pictured above) holds one of the coats. A total of 16 coats were donated to 3 local schools. Also donated were hats for boys and colorful matching head scarfs for girls.

The Challenge - For the Benefit of Camp Onseyawa

By Jeff Crawford

On Saturday, October 29th, our Red Jacket Rotary Club Immediate Past President, Vern Hecker, participated in a run in Geneva to raise money for Camp Onseyawa. The president of the club challenged Vern to wear a Tu Tu during the race. Other club members took up this call and committed well over \$100 in support - this was Vern's threshold to wear such a thing. District Governor Tom Rogers, during his visit to our club, invited Vern to raise funds during the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) taking place the same day.



Vern Hecker in front of the race sign in Geneva

When Vern passed the bucket RLI participants gave \$427. By the time matching funds were added the total raised for Camp Onseyawa was \$1,350!



Vern with family members who participated

In Remembrance

Alan C. Rosbrook



Alan C. "Poppy" Rosbrook passed away On October 15, 2016, at age 77.

Alan is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bev; children, Gary Rosbrook, Pam (Nick) Schlierf, Bob (Judy) Rosbrook; grandchildren, Alexa, Carli & Cooper VanMaaren, Logan Rosbrook;

brother, Dave (Barb) Rosbrook; sister, Cynthia (Ken) Baldwin; many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

The Victor-Farmington Rotary Club lost a longtime member and personal friend with the passing of Alan C. "Al" Rosbrook on October 15th. Al was a Past President of the club and a member for almost forty years. He was involved with virtually every club service project over those years. He was the founder of the Victor Farmington Rotary Foundation. A graduate of Syracuse University, and an accountant by profession, Al was retired from a career at Kodak.

He was particularly known for his involvement with the club's annual Senior Citizen's Picnic, the Rotary Giving Tree during the holiday season, the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and Rotary Camp ONSEYAWA for handicap children.

Al was always a smiling face at the club's weekly meetings and kept everyone up to date on the latest sports exploits of Syracuse University, Victor High School and the New York Mets.

Al and his wife Bev, also a Rotarian, are the grandparents of Carli Vanmaaren of Farmington who recently began a one year Rotary student exchange program in Denmark. Al and Carli were very close. Carli will continue with the exchange student program, telling the family that she believes that is what her grandfather would want her to do.

A special tribute was paid to Al by Club President Jim Crane and Past president Dave Luitweiler at the club's October 19th dinner meeting. Several members spoke in remembrance of Al. His contributions at both the club and district level spanned nearly four decades. Earlier in the day many Rotarians from the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club as well as from throughout District 7120 attended a memorial service for Al at the Farmington United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to the Victor-Farmington Rotary Foundation (PO Box 25176, Farmington, NY 14425) in his memory.

Welcome New Member

By Jack Kellogg



The Canandaigua is pleased to announce that John Goodwin (at right) was recently inducted to the Canandaigua Rotary Club. Mr. Goodwin is the Canandaigua Assistant City Manager. Pictured with John is (at left) Canandaigua's club president Ellen Polimeni

Trick or Treat - New Member at Bloomfield Rotary

By Pat Overmoyer



New member Kathy Mincer, flanked by President Don Cicchino and Pat Overmoyer (Kathy's sponsor). Kathy is (among other things) an independent distributor of Young Living Essential Oils. She was inducted into the Bloomfield Rotary Club at our breakfast meeting/Halloween party on October 31st, hence the clown nose and antennae.

Congratulations Newark Rotary - Celebrates 90th Anniversary



Those attending last October 27th Rotary dinner paused for a group photo, taken by Steve Synesael of WHAM 13 for Don Alhart's Bright Spot.

Members and guests of the Newark Rotary Club celebrated the 90th anniversary of the founding of the club, Thursday, October 27, at the Clifton Springs Country Club.

On that same date, in 1926, twenty three Newark professionals and businessmen formed the newest Rotary Club, with the Rochester club as their sponsor. The Grange Hall on East Miller St. hosted the event with 75 Rochester Rotarians along with 100 other Rotarians from Canandaigua, Geneva, Penn Yan, Cortland, Auburn, Seneca Falls, East Rochester and Fairport participating in the conducting the ceremonies. At that time, Newark joined 2460 clubs in 36 countries. Today, there are 34,282 clubs worldwide, in over 200 countries totaling about 1.2 million members.

The current President of the Newark Rotary Club is Karen Quartaro, who emceed the 90th birthday celebration. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a new award, the **Newark Rotary Service Above Self Award**. Sharing in the first ever award was the organization The Alex Eligh Community Center, and Rotarian Linda Werts. Accepting the award for the Alex Eligh Center was Len Colavito, the center board president, along with Mike Muscolino Executive Director. In addition, both the Alex Eligh Center and Linda Werts received recognition from Past Rotary District Governor Mark Wyse as well as proclamations read by Newark Mayor Jonathan Taylor.

Attending the celebration as guests were Steve Synesael and Charley Lookup of the Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club. Synesael is with WHAM 13 in Rochester and arranged for the event to be part of the newscast's Bright Spot.

Newark Rotary was the organizational force and sole sponsor of the Rotary Boys Band in 1927 which >>



At left - Len Colavito accepts the Newark Rotary Service Above Self Award on behalf of the Alex Eligh Community Center, celebrating their 75th year of serving the community.

At right - Linda Werts receives Newark Rotary Service Above Self Award from Past President Dr. David Hannan for her work in helping others live better, eat better and receive a better education, both home and abroad.



>> expanded to the High School band in 1937. Local projects over the years have been Camp Onseyawa, scholarships, Meals on Wheels, Red Cross, Canal Park beautification, Community Center, Perkins Park, Hill Cumorah, Pancake Day, Newark Wayne Hospital, needy families, free lunch program, Laurel House, and more. Internationally and through the Rotary Foundation, the club purchased an ambulance in India, supported a special education school in the Philippines, helped support an orphanage in Haiti, contributed towards schooling for children in South Sudan and began a Gift of Life program for children needing surgery. The Newark Club was an early and regular supporter of POLIO PLUS, Rotary's gift to the children of the 21st century.

Penfield Rotarians contribute to Wee-Walkers Library Program

By PDG Jack Best



Penfield Rotarian Mary Ann Mady, left, presented a check to Penfield Town Librarian Judy Carpenter for its Wee-Walker Program. Club President Jack Best looks on. Carpenter said that "the funds will provide special reading materials for kids who have just learned to walk, the earlier the better."

Happy 95th



Pictured above is Bill Kelly of the Dansville Rotary Club. Bill is seen at a Rotary outing celebrating his 95th birthday. Bill has been a Rotarian for 68 years.

Pittsford and Mendon-Honeoye Falls Teddy Bears Picnic

By Grace Soong



Pictured above, left to right: Mary DeLella, Matt O'Connor, Captain Paul DeLella, Joseph Rosensheim

Pittsford and Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotary clubs collaborated on the annual Teddy Bear Picnic on September 28th at Kings Bend Park in Pittsford. This year, they donated over 50 Teddy bears which will be distributed by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Monroe County Victims Advocate and Pittsford Emergency Medical Technicians to children caught in emergency or traumatic situations. In addition to the stuff toys, Rotarians also brought an appetizer, side dish or dessert to accompany the main course. Rotarian Jim Cameron grilled chicken breast and steaks.

Monroe County Sheriff Department Captain Paul DeLella, his wife Mary of Monroe County Victims Advocate, President of the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department Todd Long, and Monroe County County Clerk Candidate Cheryl Rozzi were a few guests. Emcees were Presidents of both Clubs, Matt O'Connor and Joseph Rosensheim. Singing sensations, Manny and Lynn Freshman, started the evening's program by leading the "The Star Spangled Banner". President Matt presented a check to Todd Long. And President Rosensheim announced that other Monroe County Rotary Clubs will pursue a similar Teddy Bears picnic.



Geneseo Welcomes New Member

By Marilyn Lyon

Geneseo Rotary inducted Martha Chichester as their newest member at their October 24th meeting. She was sponsored by Past President Linda Gibbs and Darcy Dewar Lynch.



Pictured above, left to right: Martha Chichester, Geneseo Rotary President Tim Hayes and Darcy Lynch.

Dansville Welcomes New Member



Pictured above, left to right: new member sponsor Terry Dearing, new member Tom Fellion and Dansville Rotary President Jim Vogler.

Special Presentations by Greece Rotary

By Judie VanBramer

Greece Rotary Club made special presentations recently to two community groups - Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and the Clothing Closet. Both organizations are helping those in the community facing significant challenges and Rotary's donations help to make a difference in their lives.



Pictured above - A check for \$1,067 was presented to Polly McCubbin (center), chairperson Food Shelf by Keith Rockcastle (left), Rotary president and Chuck Gannon (at right), Rotary Board member. The money represents tip money collected during Rotary's volunteer service at Red Wings games this past summer.



Pictured above - Pattie Anthony (center), past Rotary president presents a check for \$1,800 to Clothing Closet volunteers Diane Englert (left) and Amy Peritsky (at right). The monies will be used for clothing and household needs of their clients.

Photos by Tony Pierleoni

Kaaren Gerlach to Receive Waterloo Rotary's "Service Above Self" Award



Kaaren Gerlach

As a volunteer for countless community projects, Kaaren Gerlach is the first to arrive and the last to leave. That dedication to serving her community is why Waterloo Rotary will present Gerlach with its Service Above Self Award. The award recognizes an individual whose life work exemplifies the Rotary Motto...Service Above Self.

As program director for Literacy Volunteers Gerlach works with both students and teachers, encouraging, supporting, cheering their successes. She has helped scores of students learn to read, become citizens, and reach their literacy goals.

"I met Kaaren when our daughters played soccer together. We hit it off right away because we were both teachers," said Rotary President Kathy Sigrist. Gerlach later retired after a lengthy career as a teacher in Auburn. After Sigrist retired, Gerlach invited her to be a Literacy Volunteer. "If ever I was in need of materials to help my students or needed to talk through a situation, Kaaren was always there," Sigrist said. "The students, too, like Kaaren and know she is there for them."

Gerlach shuns the spotlight, preferring to work behind the scenes. She was a member of the Waterloo Music Boosters for many years, and a loyal supporter of Waterloo sports teams. She volunteers with the Community Christmas project and is a member of Rotary Corps, the service arm of Rotary.

"Although I have known Kaaren from the time she was active in the Girl Scouts and my daughters were members, it wasn't until the late Verne Sessler hired us to write the History of Waterloo that I experienced firsthand her dedication to her hometown, and to preserving its history," said Doris Wolf. "She was tenacious in digging out facts, checking and rechecking to be sure they were correct. When it came time to move on to other projects, Kaaren was the first person I called on for help. I treasure her sage advice, loyalty, and positive energy."

Five years ago Gerlach and Wolf co-founded the Trevor's Gift backpack program, helping feed Waterloo's hungry children. Gerlach heads the milk ministry for Trevor's Gift, collecting milk nearing its sell-by date at Rite Aid and taking it to the Waterloo Baptist Church for distribution to needy families.

"I got to know Kaaren very well through the research work that she performed for the "History of Waterloo" book." Jane Sessler Shaffer said. (continued) >>

Kaaren Gerlach (continued):

"I remember her telling me about how she tracked down old newspapers that were poorly stored in a shed and brought them back to the history office for better safekeeping and further research!"

"Working on the history book with her led to our being committee members on the Celebrate Commemorate Committee where she chaired the Horse & Wagon History tour, helped with arts and crafts, the merchandising booth and wherever an extra hand was needed, recalled Shaffer, Celebrate Commemorate co-chair.

For 17 years, Gerlach and Wolf co-chaired the Celebrate Parade. "Kaaren hand wrote a card with commentary for every unit within the parade. She'd hand them to me as I announced the parade, often shuffling them around as groups came down the street to be sure the order was correct. The most memorable parade was the year that the wind swept the cards out of her hands and across Main Street!"

A loyal and reliable friend, Gerlach offers advice and counsel to her friends and family and can always be counted on for transportation, child sitting, a sympathetic ear or researching a friend's genealogy.

"She is a person who gives tirelessly of herself and prefers to keep in the background. That's why Kaaren is most deserving of the Service Above Self Award." Shaffer said.

Rotary Past District Governor Ellen Hughes agreed. "She is a quiet person and only gradually have I come to realize the extent of the time and effort Kaaren devotes to all her endeavors on Celebrate Commemorate and with Rotary and Trevor's Gift. I respect the work I have seen her do and her quiet determination to make this world a better place," said Hughes. "She never shares her own troubles, if she has any, but seeks to improve the community. She is a model worth emulating and exemplifies the Rotary motto, Service Above Self."



Celebrate with us in Atlanta! [Register for the convention](#) by December 15th and save.

Watkins-Montour Rotary Announces Students of the Month

By Charlie Haeffner

Jacob Carocci was named the Watkins-Montour Rotary Student-of-the Month for Watkins Glen High School for September. Teacher Kelly Muir described Carocci as one of "our future leaders." He is a great citizen and friend. He is well known for his athleticism, a member/captain of the Watkins Glen High School cross-country team, which has a chance of winning a state title this year. Carocci is also the National Honor Society President and is "on the ball" with service club projects. Muir speculated that Carocci learned the importance of hard work, reliability, and resourcefulness from helping out on his family's farm and produce stand. Carocci's classmates, teachers, and teammates have great respect and admiration for him. Carocci thanked his teacher, his parents, and Rotary for the honor. He plans to attend a 4-year university and then apply for medical school, possibly entering field of psychology.



Odessa-Montour senior **Emelia Paulischak** was honored by the Watkins-Montour Rotary Club as its Odessa-Montour Student of the Month for September. The honoree was introduced by Superintendent Chris Wood, who described her as "incredibly intelligent" and as someone who "can change the world." Paulischak, he said, "is one of the most accomplished individuals that I have ever presented" as a Rotary honoree -- a student who has "had the highest GPA (grade-point average) in her class 23 out of 24 times" while taking "challenging course work" such as ACE Spanish, Physics and Calculus. Captain of the school's swim team, a member of the school's annual musical and ranked No. 1 in her class, she plans to attend college -- which one is as yet undetermined -- to major in biomedical engineering and public policy.



Your attention please!!!

WHAT: District Training Assembly

WHEN: Saturday, April 8, 2017
7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Newark High School
Newark, NY

WHY: To find out how to be the
change maker of your Club

*Not too early to mark
your calendars*

Club Officers, Club Board of Directors,
Club Committee Chairs & members,
new and current members.

Every Rotarian is invited to attend!

Rochester Southeast

By Dave Boyer



Photo by Dave Boyer

Great News from the (still new) Rotary Club of Rochester Southeast. 2016-2017 club President Antwan Williams of Rochester WORKS was able to arrange a new 1st Mondays of each month meeting location: The UNITED WAY Greater Rochester building on 75 College Ave. near Village Gate. The conference room is well equipped with tables, mounted A/V equipment and things to perfectly optimize a 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Monday meeting. The rest of the month members meet at different locations. LIKE their award winning Facebook page to see their next meet-up location: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryRocSE/>

East Street Clean-Up

By Grace Soong



Pictured above, left to right: Pete Crooker and Matt Wahl.

The Rotary Club of Pittsford has signaled its commitment to keeping Pittsford beautiful by adopting East St. from Rt. 96 to Mile Sq. Rd., a 3-mile stretch, and pledging to keep it litter-free. NYS DOT outfitted them with the appropriate safety gear; provided trash bags for roadside clean-up; and properly disposed of the trash that was collected. The Department also erected a blue-and-white Adopt-A-Highway sign within the adopted highway to acknowledge their efforts.

East Street clean-up Chairperson, Pete Crooker organized a clean-up on Saturday, October 15. Rotarians Pam Wright, Billy Pieper, Grace Soong, Roger Zanglein, Pete Crooker, Pat Mallery, Matt Wahl and Charlie Turner met at 8:00 AM that morning at the Pittsford Little League Baseball on East Street to pick up the DOT garbage bags, rakes, work gloves and reflectorized jackets. They divided the group into 3 teams working about 2-miles per team (picking up debris on both sides of the road).

Bath Rotarians Shop for Elderly

By Robin Lattimer

Bath Rotarians pitched in over the summer months, substituting for Haverling Interact Club students, shopping and delivering groceries weekly to elderly residents in the community. As part of Project Care, which is sponsored by the Steuben County Office for the Aging, Bath Rotary Club and Haverling Interact Club members team up throughout the year to help seniors who are unable to get to the grocery store for weekly shopping. Interact students handle the tasks during the school year and Rotarians step up from July to September.

Stanley Bhasker, chairman of the Bath Project Care program, enlists local Rotarians each week to shop for elderly residents

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Shop for Elderly (continued):

at Tops Friendly Market and deliver groceries to their homes. The program connects Interact students and Rotarians to elderly residents who, not only appreciate the delivery of their groceries, but also provides an opportunity to spend a few minutes talking with them, noted Bhasker. "Rotary's motto is 'Service above Self' and Project Care is a perfect vehicle for Rotarians to fulfill that goal," he added.



From left, Bath Tops Friendly Market Manager Bill Woolever greets Bath Rotary President Elaine Tears and Bill White, club Service Director, as they embark on their weekly grocery shopping tasks for elderly residents who are unable to get to the store. Bath Rotarians take on Project Care duties during the summer for Haverling Interact students, who volunteer for the program during the school year.

Project Care, supported by the United Way of the Southern Tier, is a community action program which reaches out to seniors age 60 and over with solutions for grocery shopping, transportation for appointments, referrals for simple home repairs, occasional chores, safety checks, and other assistance, agreed upon by the senior and Project Care. The program's mission is to assist seniors in the greater Bath area to remain in their homes as long as possible through grassroot networks of local volunteers, neighbors helping neighbors, and screening and training of volunteers. Volunteers are found in area churches, schools, community service organizations, and the community-at-large.

The Project Care Shopping for the Elderly program supports one of Rotary's primary purposes, i.e., a global network of volunteers who provide humanitarian service.

Dictionaries and Thesauri Distributed to Honeoye Falls-Lima Students

By Denise Lowery



The Honeoye Falls-Mendon and Lima Rotary Clubs coordinated the project of distributing dictionaries and thesauri to students within the Honeoye Falls-Lima school district. On Friday, October 14th, members of both clubs gathered at the Honeoye Falls-Lima Middle School to bring a thesaurus to each 6th grade student in 7 classrooms while providing information about the books as well as Rotary, Interact and community service.

Then, the Rotarians joined members of the HF-L Interact Club Board at the Manor School for an assembly to distribute the dictionaries to the 3rd grade students. Principal Jeanine Lupisella coordinated an engaging PowerPoint presentation while the enthusiastic 3rd grade students unscrambled words such as "literacy", learned about how Rotarians are helping with literacy in their community as well as across the world and how they could use the dictionaries now and in the future. They were excited to know the connection to the Rotary coins they received as 2nd graders from HF-M Rotarian, Sheldon Boyce.

A dictionaries and thesaurus distribution will also take place at Lima Christian School in the near future.

Rotarians and Interact students helping with the distribution were:

Honeoye Falls – Mendon Rotary Club - Drew Ashley, Sheldon Boyce, Barry Kissack, Jeanine Lupisella, Drew Moore, Chris Radi, Joe Rosenshein.

Lima Rotary Club - Courtney Larson, Rene Tilly Lyness, Susie Rose, Michael Rose, and Tina Zaludny

HF-L Interact - Sarah Bond, Ally Brunell, Kiera Smith and Kenzie Ward

One Rotarian made poignant observations stating, "All of these kids will come across times in their lives where they want to feel better. Many of them will turn to things that are not healthy or productive. (continued) >>

Honeoye Falls-Lima - (continued):

That doesn't make them feel better in the long run. While trying to decide "what to do to feel better", help them to consider "helping others" as not only a "good" but even a "best" option. The lesson - Be Truthful! Fair and Beneficial! And Build Goodwill! It IS the truth, It is fair and beneficial to all concerned, and it does build goodwill and better friendships."

Avoca 3rd Grade Receives Dictionaries from Prattsburgh Rotary



Members of the Prattsburgh Rotary Club presented dictionaries to each 3rd grade student at the Avoca Central School District as part of their literacy program. In addition to the dictionary, each student was given a new pencil as well as a book mark, good for a free Kid's Meal at Friendly's which were donated by Friendly's at the Riverside restaurant. Since Avoca doesn't have a Rotary club Prattsburgh Rotary extended their dictionary program to the Avoca school several years ago. Rotarians present to make the presentations were: Aimee Bristol, Maureen Kunak, Marge Selleck and Howard Selleck.

**"FRIENDSHIP WAS THE
FOUNDATION ROCK ON WHICH
ROTARY WAS BUILT AND
TOLERANCE IS THE ELEMENT
WHICH HOLDS IT TOGETHER."**

- Paul Harris

Wayland Third Grader Students Receive Dictionaries

By Jean McMillan



Pictured are the third graders at Wayland-Cohocton Central School, Wayland building, right after receiving their dictionaries (and shortly after Halloween when the sugar was still keeping them moving!) What a great group of kids!

Wayland Rotary also presents dictionaries to the 3rd grade students at the Cohocton building.



Dansville Rotary Cleans up Route 36

By Jon Shay



Dansville Rotarians Amy Pollard, Nancy Nice and Lisa Johnson wrapping up the club's semi-annual highway pickup. For 20 years the club has done a 2 mile stretch of Route 36 as one of their many projects.



Dansville Rotarians Nancy Nice and Pete Vogt with a load of highway trash gathered up on their 2 mile stretch along Route 36.

Bath Rotarians bid Farewell to Exchange Student

By Robin Lattimer

There were smiles mixed with tears as Bath Rotary's exchange student, Andrea Guzman Juarista of Mexico, bid farewell to her sponsors, host family and Haverling classmates after spending an entire year in Bath as part of the Rotary International Youth Exchange.



Pictured above, left to right: Bath Rotary Club Youth Exchange Chairman Dave Stewart, Bath Rotary President Elaine Tears, Andrea "Andy" Guzman Juarista, with Andy's host family of Jeff and Linda Robbins.

Andy, as she liked to be called, resided with the Jeff and Linda Robbins family during the school year. She quickly became acclimated to her host family and the Bath community, joining in many school activities such as the Haverling Interact Club, which is sponsored by the Bath Rotary Club, and sports teams.

She attended the Rotary District 7120 conference in Hershey, PA., meeting a number of other youth exchange students from around the world. She also took advantage of the opportunity to tour the United States at the conclusion of the school year, visiting many well-known national sites all over the country.

Have you Reserved these dates:

May 19th, 20th & 21st - 2017

District 7120's District Conference

Erie, Pennsylvania

(just off I-90 at Exit 24 - Peach Street Exit)

Dansville Rotary Club Pictures

By Jon Shay



Dansville Rotary President Jim Vogler at the grill during the Balloon Rally.



Above - Campers at the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp this past year.



Pictured above are participants in the Rotary sponsored Sunshine Softball Game.

MIDLAKES HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
presents
A HOLIDAY CONCERT
FEATURING THE
ROCHESTER PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA
NOVEMBER 16, 2016
MIDLAKES HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM ~ 7:30 P.M.

ADULTS: \$10.00 AT DOOR \$8.00 PRESALE
STUDENTS: \$5.00

Tickets are available at:
Phelps-Clifton Springs High School Office
Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic
Phelps Hometown Pharmacy
Please make checks payable to Clifton Springs Rotary

Rotarians enjoy Five-Star Lunch.

By PDG Jack Best



Executive Chef Paul Molisani (standing) pulled out all the stops for a superb luncheon at Atria Senior Living for members of the Penfield Rotary Club. Among the attendees were, seated, left to right: Dave Sturtz, Paul Marinucci and Linda Kohl. The Club holds some meetings in Penfield restaurants to expose other diners to Rotary's presence in the community.

Belmont's John Maynard - 35 years

By Mary Fuller

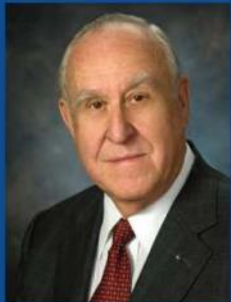


Belmont Rotary Club recently had a special young guest to lead us in the Pledge to our flag, ring the bell, and assist at the fining wheel. John Maynard (at right) brought his 5-year-old grandson, Finn Hunter (in front of John), to our meeting on November 9th. John is commemorating 35 years as a Belmont Rotarian. He will retire and vacation in Florida after the Holidays. We will miss John, as he is a very active Rotarian. John has made it very clear that he is not quitting, just retiring! We expect to see John frequently. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do for the Belmont Rotary Club, John. Pictured at left, assisting at the wheel, is President Elect Dirk Knapp.

SAVE THE DATE!

91st Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner
Tuesday, December 6th

Joseph A. Floreano Riverside Convention Center



Keynote Speaker:
John Germ,
RI President 2016-2017

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Geneva Rotary Club Santa Train Express Is Back On Track For The Holiday Season

By Phil Beckley

A unique holiday experience for children and families in the Finger Lakes will take place on Saturday, December 3rd, when the Geneva Rotary Club and Finger Lakes Railway fire up the Santa Train Express.



People of all ages will have smiles on their faces at the Geneva Rotary Club Santa Train Express presented jointly with Finger Lakes Railway on Saturday, Dec. 3rd

"This is a wonderful holiday event!" said Co-Chair Dave Cook. "Finger Lakes children, parents, families and friends love it as they not only get a chance to ride a train, but they get to meet Santa Claus and listen to Santa's singing elves. Kids of all ages come home with big smiles on their faces and the youngsters get a coloring book, crayons and candy canes."

Santa Claus will sit with each child individually and Santa's elves will sing Christmas Carols during each train trip. Food will be available for purchase the day of the event.

"We are so happy that Finger Lakes Railway and our club are working together to make Christmas spirits brighter for kids and families in the Finger Lakes," said Santa Train Co-Chair Lisa Petronio. The railroad and Geneva Rotary have presented the Santa Train for 15 years.

The five trains will board in downtown Geneva adjacent to the Public Safety Building on Railroad Place, just off Exchange Street. Trains will depart promptly at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and a special Pajama Train at 4 p.m. The actual boarding time will be 15 minutes before the scheduled departure time for any train.

Tickets cost \$18 per person with lap sitters under 2 riding free. All tickets this year will be sold through the Smith Center for the Arts and can be purchased on line at tickets.thsmith.org, at the Smith Box Office, 82 Seneca St., Geneva, or by calling the Smith at 315-781-5483.

(continued) >>

Santa Train Express (continued):

Box Office hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You must bring your email confirmation to the event. This confirmation is your boarding pass.

For more information about the Geneva Rotary Santa Train Express, check www.genevasantatrain.com or genevarotaryclub.org.

All proceeds from this event are used by the Geneva Rotary Club to help with youth activities in Geneva.

This year Rotary is collecting hats and mittens on the day of the trains, and if you bring a pair of mittens or a hat you will receive a free cup of hot chocolate. Rotary will donate all of the hats and mittens to Gloves of Love.

Spencerport's "Night at the Races"

By Colleen Farley



A big crowd filled the Pinewood Country Club for Spencerport Rotary Club's annual "Night at the Races". The popular fundraiser features friendly "gambling" on a number of horse races, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and a buffet of assorted sandwiches and finger foods. Each year a new theme is announced --- this year was a "Western Night" theme. Lots of prizes given out and fun was had by all!

Coming Soon

*** THE ARBOR ***

District 7120's

Foundation Newsletter



**Featuring performers from
NYC's The Chain Theatre
and Mendon's Monsignor Schnacky
Community Players!**

Friday, December 9th at 7PM at the
Monsignor Schnacky Community Center
(26 Mendon Ionia Rd. Mendon, NY 14506)
Traditional Schnacky refreshments available

Saturday, December 10th at 7PM at the
Bloomfield HS Performing Arts Center
(11 Oakmount Ave. Bloomfield 14469)
Refreshments available

Minimum donation for either venue is only \$15.00 per ticket. All open seating

To purchase tickets: go to www.SaintCathOnline.com
or any Bloomfield Rotarian.
For more info call Don at 585-301-0320

Proceeds benefit the many charitable causes of Rotary such as scholarships, polio eradication, camp for children with disabilities, international student exchanges and much more!



The Bloomfield Rotary Club presents "It's a Wonderful Life", an original, live radio theatre style production with holiday music, featuring performers from NYC's The Chain Theatre and Mendon's Monsignor Schnacky Community Players.

Two performances:

- Friday, December 9 at 7 PM at the Monsignor Schnacky Community Center, 26 Mendon Ionia Rd., Mendon, NY 14506.
- Saturday, December 10 at 7 PM at the Bloomfield HS Performing Arts Center, 11 Oakmount Ave, Bloomfield, NY 14469.

Refreshments available.

Tickets are \$15 each (open seating) and must be purchased either online at www.SaintCathOnline.com or from any Bloomfield Rotarian.

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For more information, call Don at 585-301-0320.

What's Happening at Rochester Southeast Rotary

By Dave Boyer



At left - Rotarian Jason Kropidowski, hypnotist with ROC Hypnosis, displays the club banner at the new 1st Monday meeting conference room at UNITED WAY. *Thanks for your help, Jason!*



At left - BIG NEWS ! The duplex property restoration project at 163/165 Delamaine Drive in Rochester is nearly complete. One half has been rented out now to some fine tenants. The restoration is coordinated by the congregation of **God's House of Refuge (GHR)**, 63 Hebard Street 14605. Rochester Southeast Rotary took it on as one of their community service projects. Seen here working

very hard on windows (left to right) are club President Antwan Williams and club Treasurer and Bishop of GHR Theodore Jordan Jr.. *We all wish to warmly thank everyone who volunteered over the last several months.*



At right - Rochester Southeast Rotarian Christine Whites, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson with Keller Williams Realty, joined many others who volunteered to transform this duplex house into a happy home. *Great attention to details, Chris!*

Photos by Dave Boyer

Upcoming DISTRICT Events

<http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictActivities.cfm>

November 2016

- ♦ November 19th (Saturday) - Governor's Advisory Council Meeting, Peppermints, Avon
- ♦ November 19th (Saturday) Foundation Director's Advisory Council Meeting, Peppermints, Avon
- ♦ November 19th-20th (Saturday & Sunday) - Youth Exchange Outbound Interview Weekend - Rotary Sunshine Campus, Rush
- ♦ November 20th (Sunday) - District Governor 2019-2020 Interviews

December 2016

- ♦ December 6th (Tuesday) - Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner - [See page 19](#).

January 2017

- ♦ January 9th - 14th - District Governor Elect Host Hospitality

April 2017

- ♦ April 8th - District Training Assembly - Newark [See page 12](#).

Upcoming CLUB Events

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November 2016

- ⇒ November 16th (Wednesday) - Midlakes High School Chorus Presents a Holiday Concert - Midlakes High School Auditorium - 7:30 PM. [See page 17](#)

- ⇒ November 24th:



Thanksgiving Day
November 24, 2016

December 2016

- ⇒ December 3rd (Saturday) - Geneva Rotary's Santa Train Express - [see page 18](#) ; For more information about the Geneva Rotary Santa Train Express, check www.genevasantatrain.com or genevarotaryclub.org.
- ⇒ December 9th & 10th (Friday & Saturday) Bloomfield Rotary presents "It's a Wonderful Life". [See page 19](#) or call Don at 585-301-0320.
- ⇒ December 15th (Thursday) - Brighton Rotary Holiday Auction - Locust Hill Country Club, 2000 Jefferson Road, Pittsford, NY; Dinner at 6:30 PM - check the [District calendar](#) for updates or contact Roland Steorts at 585-482-1149.

Let us know when your club's special events are

The information can be entered on the District website - contact: Tom Brown at TomBrown@mediabarker.com

To be listed in The Grapevine email the information to: Howard Selleck, Editor hselleck@empacc.net



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Club Name	Division	Membership		Attendance		
		Member Count		Year to Date (YTD)		Percent
		7/1/2016	9/30/2016	+/-	September 2016	YTD
Avon	E	53	No Report			
Bath	F	33	33	0	99.00	96.00
Belmont	G	17	17	0	100.00	100.00
Bloomfield	F	27	30	3	75.00	76.00
Brighton	F	29	No Report			
Brockport	F	22	21	-1	70.00	69.67
Caledonia-Mumford	G	8	8	0	80.00	83.33
Canandaigua	D	111	111	0		39.67
Canisteo	G	16	No Report			
Chemung County Sunrise	F	32	No Report			
Clifton Springs	F	43	44	1	68.00	70.00
Clyde	G	10	10	0	95.00	80.55
Corning	D	111	103	-8	48.00	47.67
Dansville	F	39	40	1	76.61	76.71
Dundee	F	27	27	0	81.00	80.33
East Rochester	G	17	16	-1	74.00	70.33
Elmira	F	42	37	-5	50.04	47.75
Elmira Heights	G	27	27	0	82.00	78.67
Fairport	E	58	No Report			
Friendship	G	14	15	1	100.00	100.00
Gananda	G	14	14	0	100.00	100.00
Gates-Chili	G	16	16	0	72.00	70.67
Geneseo	F	40	No Report			
Geneva	E	69	69	0	75.00	69.67
Gorham	G	14	No Report			
Greece	E	84	No Report			
Hammondsport	G	9	9	0	80.00	93.33
Hilton	G	9	No Report			
Honeoye	G	19	22	3	58.00	59.00
Honeoye Falls-Mendon	F	27	26	-1	56.70	63.27
Hornell	G	16	No Report			
Horseheads	G	15	No Report			
Irondequoit	F	32	30	-2	58.00	56.00
Lima	G	13	15	2	80.00	80.00
Livonia	F	29	34	5	78.00	75.67

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		Member Count		Percent		
		7/1/2015	9/30/2016	Year to Date (YTD) +/-	September 2016	YTD
Lyons	G	13	No Report			
Monroe County South	G	15	No Report			
Mt. Morris	G	23	23	0	52.00	56.00
Naples	F	45	No Report			
Newark	E	95	97	2	68.10	64.09
Nunda	G	6	9	3	100.00	100.00
Ontario-Walworth	F	29	28	-1	73.00	68.00
Palmyra-Macedon	F	39	39	0	89.00	91.67
Penfield	F	19	20	1	65.00	71.33
Penn Yan	F	41	38	-3	61.20	75.37
Pen-Web	G	18	No Report			
Perry	E	66	65	-1	100.00	100.00
Pittsford	F	49	42	-7	62.50	66.83
Prattsburgh	G	10	10	0	75.00	81.67
Red Creek	G	16	16	0	68.75	69.69
Red Jacket	G	20	22	2	89.00	85.33
Rochester	B	342	357	15	50.00	49.33
Rochester AM	G	15	19	4	63.00	63.67
Rochester Deaf	G	13	12	-1	40.00	43.33
Rochester Latino	G	15	17	2	52.00	58.00
Rochester Northwest	G	13	No Report			
Rochester Southeast	G	24	No Report			
Rush-Henrietta	F	35	34	-1	84.80	79.900
Scottsville	G	11	12	1	66.67	79.90
Seneca Falls	E	53	54	1	69.00	67.00
Sodus	G	21	23	2	82.00	81.67
Spencerport	F	28	29	1	96.00	98.05
Victor-Farmington	G	22	No Report			
Waterloo	F	29	29	0	79.31	72.41
Watkins-Montour	E	51	52	1	64.00	63.67
Wayland	G	14	14	0	80.00	90.33
Webster	G	24	No Report			
Wellsville	F	23	23	0	91.00	85.00
Williamson	G	5	No Report			
Wolcott	G	14	No Report			