Re"Member"

While I know this is the Governor's message to write, I would like to start by quoting RI President Ron Burton:

"We're not asking just anyone to join Rotary. We're looking to attract busy, successful, motivated people who care. We’re asking them to take their valuable time and give it to Rotary. So if they say yes, and they come and join our club, then we’d better be showing them that their time in Rotary is well spent. We have to make sure that every Rotarian, in every Club, has a meaningful job – one that makes a real difference to the Club and the community. Because when you’re doing something meaningful in Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you.

In Rotary, we all have something to give. At every stage of our lives and our careers, Rotary has something for all of us – a way to let us do more, be more, and give more. Rotary gives our lives more meaning, more purpose, and greater satisfaction. And the more we give through Rotary, the more Rotary gives back to us in return."

It is because of that quote that I chose the title for August … we all know it is Membership Month. But we must keep in mind that it is more than new members. It is also being sure that our current members are appreciated and satisfied. One suggestion I have heard is to do a member satisfaction survey....how can we improve to make sure everyone is finding what satisfies them about Rotary.

Many of you have heard me say that I was asked to join Rotary "to bring youth exchange back to the Waterloo club." Well I did that and then just kept going. But I never wondered how I fit into the club or what my role was...I knew from Day 1. Then I was asked to start an Interact club which I did. I remember the surprise on the faces of the long time members when I walked into a meeting wearing a PHF that I had received from then Governor Bob Gaffney at his District Conference for my work with Youth Exchange and Interact. For many of them Rotary had become only a weekly meal with friends. That is an attitude we must work to overcome.

Please join us (at least a representative of your club) at the Membership seminars scheduled on Sept. 28 .... one in Dansville at the Public Library and one in the more northern part of the district. I believe you will find it worth your time and effort. I look forward to seeing you there!

Well, I waited to write this until after the Red Wings Game on Aug. 3. What fun it was and 12 innings! I must admit I had the check all but written when they gave up 5 runs in the 10th .... they could have taken it easier on my heart and blood pressure. I told our Red Wing Representative they must have come back because they heard I was going to ask them to contribute to cover my bet!!! As it was, they made it an exciting ending AND saved me money!

My thanks to the clubs who supported my request to buy 10 tickets...indeed to all those who purchased any tickets … I needed the support from the family of Rotary … and yes, I could hear you from the stands when I was on the field and it gave me courage. So my thanks to the following clubs for their support: Avon, Belmont, Bloomfield, Brighton, Canandaigua, Clifton Springs, Dundee, Fairport, Gananda, Gates-Chili, Greece, Hilton, Honeoye Falls-Mendon, Irondequoit, Naples, Newark, Ontario-Walworth, Pal-Mac, Penfield (the highest seller!!!!!), Pen-Web, Perry, Pittsford, Prattsburgh, Red Jacket, Rochester NW, Rochester, Rochester Latino, Rochester Deaf, Rush-Henrietta, Seneca Falls, Spencerport, Victor-Farmington, Waterloo and Wolcott. (List provided by the Rochester Red Wings) Also to David “Bippy” Boyer who used his media credentials to be on the field … he was great by my side support!

Well enough for one month … remember to tell your Rotary story to inspire others to join us and to re"member" those who are already with us as we Engage Rotary. Change Lives. Have a great August!

Yours in Rotary service,

Ellen
New Member Inducted at Perry Rotary

Pictured above is Jeff Fitch (left) presenting the Rotary badge to Rev. Kavin Rossman.

Bath Rotary Inducts Debbi Tally

by Elaine Tears - photo by Al Johnson

Pictured above, left to right: Bath past President Becky Stranges, new member Debbi Tally and Don Snyder, Bath Rotarian and sponsor for Debbi.

Debbi Tally retired from Corning Incorporated in 2009 after being employed there for 31 years. Tally is actively involved with Diabetes on Target Education and Support Groups, the Southern Tier Diabetes Association, and a trustee for the Centenary United Methodist Church. She stated, “I wanted to join the Bath Rotary Club due to my desire to help others in any way that I can. The Bath Rotary Club reaches out and touches so many individuals and groups that it was the organization with which I wanted to be associated.” Debbi resides in Bath with her husband, John Gould.

Greece Rotary Inducts New Member

Greece Rotary welcomed its newest member, Zo Ann Soong at its August 7th meeting. Ms. Soong is the manager of the Latta/Long Pond Office of Canandaigua Bank. Joining in the induction ceremony were, left to right: Rotarian Bill Selke, sponsor, Zo Ann Soong, Past President Joe Darweesh who officiated and Club President Larry Evarts.

Newark Rotary Inducts New Member

Pictured above is the induction of Anthony Natale (center) at a recent Newark Rotary meeting. Pictured with Anthony is PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly (left) and club president John Zornow (right).
Camp Onseyawa Receives $500 Grant

Camp Onseyawa has been selected, by the Tony Collins Foundation, as recipient of a $500 grant.

The grant application was written by Dawn Reeners, President of Camp Onseyawa Board of Directors, and asked for money to replace archery equipment. Each piece will note it was given by the Tony Collins Foundation. Tony and Trudy Collins have agreed to join the Penn Yan Rotary Club at Camp Onseyawa on Tuesday, July 20, 2013. As is true with so much of what we do in life, seeing the commitment of the volunteers and the smiles on the face of campers is what makes us continue to support this wonderful camping experience for children with special needs.

NEW!! Rotary Foundation Graduate Scholarships

District Governor Ellen has set aside $15,000 in DDF to support a global grant, to be sponsored by the District, for a graduate scholarship. The Rotary Foundation's World Fund will match our $15,000, so that the value of this scholarship would be $30,000.

This process replaces the previous Ambassadorial Scholarship program. Eligible candidates must be pursuing a graduate degree in one of the six areas of focus of the Rotary Foundation. Clubs are encouraged to identify good candidates and contact our Scholarships Chair, Ken Steadman. They can email Ken at kts5@verizon.net. Candidates would do well to go to www.rotary.org and look at the Foundation's Six Areas of Focus and read about scholarships on that website.

In addition, as a district we are able to nominate one candidate per year for the Rotary Peace Fellow Scholarship. Those interested in this program should contact our Peace Scholarship Chair, Jack Best, by email at jackbest@rochester.rr.com.

Note: A child or grandchild of a Rotarian are not eligible for these scholarships.

DG Ellen at Geneseo

District Governor Ellen Hughes visited the Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival on Saturday, July 13th.

Past President Steve Wiener and Jan Montanye-Castillo were Co-Chairs of the Summer Festival which is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Geneseo Rotary Club. Pictured above, left to right: Past President Steve Wiener, Past President Carol Carey, DG Ellen Hughes, President Dennis Dawson, Past President Bonnie Swanson, David Woods and Jan Montanye-Castillo.
District Membership Committee Corner

Congratulations to all the Clubs that inducted new members in the month of July. Great job!

Welcome new Rotarians to District 7120! We are so glad that you decided to join Rotary. According to the District website, the following are the new members and the Rotary Clubs that inducted them:

Andrew DeMay        Wolcott Rotary Club
Richard Heinonen    Dundee Rotary Club
Anthony Natale      Newark Rotary Club
Christine Platino   East Rochester Rotary Club
Kavin Rossman       Perry Rotary Club
Cynthia Silver      Honeoye Falls Rotary Club
Deborah Tally       Bath Rotary Club
Rebecca Walker      Wayland Rotary Club
Stanley Wojciecho   Seneca Falls Rotary Club

Membership Seminar will be held on September 28, 2013 at two locations:

Session:   Morning     Afternoon
Time:      8:30 a.m.   1:30 p.m.
Location:  Dansville   Harris Beach PLLC
            Public Library  99 Garnsey Road
            200 Main St.    Pittsford, NY.
            Dansville, NY

We hope to see all Club Membership Chairs, Assistant Governors, and all members interested in strengthening their Club’s membership. There is no fee to attend this seminar.

Introduction of the members of the District Membership Committee for 2013-2014:

PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly, Chair
Diana Hernandez  prindino@gmail.com
Sara Visingard   svisingard@HarrisBeach.com
PatVerPlank     PVPDesign@aol.com
Jim Locker       jclocker@stny.rr.com
Greg Lamb        lambe@gmail.com
Gary Reilly      gmreilly@frontiernet.net
Daniel Kelley    dkelley@bankwithlnb.com

DG Visits Avon Rotary

On July 9th, DG Ellen Hughes visited the Avon Rotary Club, where President Marcia Cameron ran her 1st meeting of the year.

With a full crowd, Ellen spoke of this year’s Rotary theme: Engage Rotary, Change Lives. She shared stories of her involvement with Rotary and her passion for the Foundation. On behalf of the Avon Rotary Club, President Marcia presented DG Ellen with a $1000 check for the Foundation.

Perry’s RAP - Read Around Perry

RAP volunteers helped children paint a caterpillar during the RAP event at the Chalk Art Festival on July 13 in downtown Perry.

After creating their caterpillar, children visited Farmers’ Market vendors to collect fruit and vegetable stickers. When they had collected four stickers, the children returned to the RAP booth for a voucher to receive a free copy of The Very Hungry Caterpillar at Burlingham Books. Some 37 families received copies of the ever-popular book.

Rotarian Daryl Heiby joins his wife Ellen as the RAP mascot at Perry Farmers’ Market. The RAP mascot, Ellen, encouraged children to join in RAP’s The Very Hungry Caterpillar activity.

August is Membership Month
Continue your efforts in attracting, engaging and retaining members!
Paul Harris Presented at Perry Rotary

Pictured above is Amanda Parker (left), Past President of the Perry Rotary Club and partner with Bonadio & Co. shown receiving the PHF Award from PHF Hans Kunze at their June 27th changeover meeting.

Paul Harris Proud: Super Size That

At the recent change over dinner at the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club out going club President Jeanne Hamele called upon Area 5 FAD Tracy Main to address the assembled crowd. Tracy presented a short history of the Rotary Foundation, its importance for the future of Rotary and the power of what small clubs can accomplish. Tracy then called upon then DG Gaven Hurley and PDG Don Alhart to join him as they presented 12 Paul Harris Fellow Awards to the following individuals:

First time recipients:
Paul Eigbrett, Donna Eigbrett, Kathy McGory & Barbara Humphrey.

Second time recipients (PHF+1):
Katharine Lustig, Jeanne Hamele, Bob Gendreau, Keith Stumbo & Bert Treble.

Third time recipients (PHF+2):
Ralph Lustig, Jerald Passer & Marilyn Passer

Paul Harris Proud (continued)

The Honeoye Lake club is not a large club but maintains all the clogs in the Rotary Wheel doing what Paul Harris and others set out to do, “for the purpose of doing good.” The Honeoye Lake club is a true example for others to follow in our district. PDG Don stated: “I cannot remember any other club in the district presenting so many PHF at once, it’s a testament of what and who you are as a club, as individuals and the continued leadership of all of the club’s members.” Added then DG Gaven Hurley: “all clubs can learn from this and what can be accomplished no matter the size, you are a great example for the large clubs in the district, not just the smaller ones.”

Paul Harris Recognitions at Newark

PDG Norma Reilly used her PHF recognition points to recognize Newark Rotarians who helped her during her year as District Governor - including the district conference. Receiving Paul Harris Fellow recognitions were, left to right: Scott Healy, Marc Kreuser, Holly Kreuser, (PDG Norma), Fred Hicks and Gary Reilly. PDG Norma encourages Rotarians to consider using their PHF recognition points

Also at Newark Rotary - PDG Norma Reilly (left) is shown presenting long time member Hank Gadjo with a Paul Harris Award.
Barb Wolf Receives Paul Harris Fellowship Award

Photo and info by Jack Kellogg

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club Barb Wolf was presented the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award for her long-standing service to our community. She has been a lay pastor at the United Methodist Church, and presided at over 400 funerals. Barb has also served the club as keyboard player for many years. In accepting the award she expressed how rewarding her association with the club has been. Pictured above, left to right are President Greg Gullo, Barb Wolf, her son Jim Wolf and his wife.

Watkins-Montour Rotary Names Two Paul Harris Fellows, Inducts New President

At their recent annual Changeover Dinner, Watkins-Montour Rotary not only inducted a new President, but also named two Paul Harris Fellows.

2012-13 President Michelle Benjamin (above-left) handed the gavel over to incoming President Tony Fraboni, who will serve through the end of June 2014.

The meeting was highlighted by the awarding of two Paul Harris Fellows - Rotary's highest award, recognizing Service Above Self.

J. Christopher Burns was presented his Paul Harris Fellow by Bridgette Stewart. Stewart called Burns "Quiet, Unassuming, Humble, Organized, Humorous, Involved, Educated, Committed, Dedicated, Thoughtful, Generous, Caring, Nurturing, Loyal and this list goes on." She praised Burns for his selfless service on a number of Rotary committees and the Board, as well as local organizations and their committees. Today, Burns is Schuyler School Support Services Coordinator, as well as Quality Assurance Officer for Schuyler County Public Health, along with a part-time position at Seneca View.

Carl Blowers was presented his Paul Harris Fellow by Dominick Franzese. Franzese called Blowers "a gentleman, loving husband, father, community-minded person, and a great friend. Blowers has been a Rotarian since 1975 in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Blowers graduated from Boston College, and his career has spanned Franzese Brothers Construction, Thatcher Glass and Corning Glass, as well as a successful consulting business in Minneapolis. Franzese praised Blowers' many activities with the Watkins-Montour Rotary Club, focusing on the numerous times Blowers and his wife, Suzanne, have hosted Rotary International dignitaries in their home. Blowers' community commitments - outside of Rotary - include the Regional Board of Trustees at Corning Community College, committee for the new dorm at Corning Community College, Chairman of the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Arnot Art Museum, Member of the Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency Board, Member of Project Seneca, and Co-Chair of the Steuben-Chemung County United Way Fund Drive. He and his wife are avid world travelers.
Belmont Rotarians Receive Recognition

The Belmont Rotary Club holds meetings at the homes of its members during the summer months. On July 10th, Past District Governor Gaven Hurley and his wife, Kathleen, were special guests at the home of Belmont Rotarian John Maynard. During the meeting, PDG Hurley awarded John Maynard (above-right) with his Benefactor Wings for his contribution to the Foundation. Rotarian Donna DiGirolamo (above-left) was awarded a crystal on becoming a member of the Bequest Society. It was certainly a pleasure to once again break bread with PDG Hurley and his wife, and an honor to have him award our Rotarians for their generosity.

Gananda PHF - (continued)

Generation". Jess is the school liaison for the club and coordinates student volunteers for a number of our projects, including the Haunted Hayride held in October.

Jess was presented with the Paul Harris Award by PDG Gaven Hurley. Under her leadership as president during the 2012-2013 Rotary year, the Gananda Rotary was awarded the Presidential Award as well as the Literacy Award. Jess facilitated a partnership with "Building Minds in Sudan", a project aimed towards building schools in Sudan, Helping Hearts and Hands, a Honduras based project aimed at changing the lives of poverty stricken children & their families. Under her leadership, these projects Gananda Rotary participated in culminated not only national recognition but also international recognition.

Gananda Past President Receives Paul Harris Award during Club Change Over

Jess Nichols, pictured above with PDG Gaven Hueley, is a Gananda High School graduate. Jess works in the Newark Central School District. Having parents who are Rotarians, Jess was involved with Gananda Rotary growing up. She has been more actively involved with Gananda Rotary for the past 6 years, with her past year as the Club President. She is an exemplary role model for the "New

New Sunshine Campus Logo Unveiled

At the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Campus Carnival, President Bob Attardo unveiled a brand-new logo for the campus. Featuring bright colors radiating sunshine and happiness - and combined with the new tagline “Where Kids Have No Barriers to Fun” - the logo conveys that this is a fun camp for children. The new logo also better links the campus to Rochester Rotary.

President Bob unveiled a new sign for the front entrance, and campers wore t-shirts in the Carnival parade sporting the new logo. Additional signage and materials will be changed over the next several months.

Much thanks also goes to the Marketing Committee Chaired by Tim Cook, which advocated for the logo re-design and played a key role in refining the logo design, and to Heather Rossi, who worked with Signs Now and the Marketing Committee on this project.
Rochester Red Wings wins in 12 Innings!!
(Do you stay ‘til the end?)

Welcome Rotarians to Frontier Field

A picnic was enjoyed by many before the game . . .

The weather was fantastic for baseball and the Rochester Red Wings made an incredible comeback to defeat the Syracuse Chiefs 7-6 in 12 innings! The game was a pitchers battle and was tied 1-1 after the regulation nine innings. Fireworks had been planned for after the game but they came early in the 10th inning when Syracuse scored 5 runs in the top of the tenth to take a 6-1 lead. However, the Wings came roaring back with 5 runs on their own in the bottom of the 10th - climaxed by a grand slam home run with 2 outs to tie the game. The Wings scored a run in the bottom of 12th inning to win 7-6 and then had a 3 game lead and were in first place in their division. The fireworks show AFTER the game was sugar on the cake - AND - Governor Ellen won her bet with the Rotary Governor from the Syracuse district.

Above - Rotarians from Victor-Farmington Rotary

Sports fans are passionate. This couple got married earlier at home plate.
Red Wings Rotary Day (continued):

On the mound, pitching for Rotary, #1 - DG Ellen Hughes!!

DG Ellen Hughes from the Rotary Club of Waterloo was one of several people who threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Rochester Red Wings game against the Syracuse Chiefs. Photographer Dave Boyer was able to get on the field to capture Ellen's first pitch.

Everyone stood at attention when the flag of the United States of America was on display.

Some of the many Rotarians that attended the Red Wings Game . . . . . .

PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly with her Executive Administrative Assistant and friends.

Linda Wyse with her grandchildren (Future Rotarians)

Some of the Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Honeoye Falls-Mendon. (Even your editor got in on this picture - you have to look real hard to find him.)

Pictured above is, left to right - DG Ellen Hughes with Rotary District 7150 Governor Dennis Schonewetter and his spouse Donna from Syracuse, New York.

These are just a few of the many pictures that were submitted. Many thanks to David Luitweiler for his information and pictures as well as the pictures submitted by David Boyer.
Bath Rotary Club Awards
$13,500 in Scholarships
By Elaine Tears - Photos by Al Johnson

Ten graduating seniors from five area schools were awarded $13,500 collectively in scholarships by the Bath Rotary Club as part of the organization’s continuing commitment to help students further their education. The members of the Scholarship Committee included Rotarians, Vicki Anderson, June Bates, Al Johnson, Richard McCandless, Ernie Peltz, Becky Stranges, and Elaine Tears.

Above: Bath Rotary Club and Interact Scholarship Recipients - each receiving $1,000 - Front row (left to right): Danielle Neu, Amelia Flint, Brooke Clark, and Darien Olesen. Back row (left to right): Sheri Neu, mother of Danielle; Mike Flint, father of Amelia; Nancy Clark, mother of Brooke; Steven Olesen, father of Darien.

Pictured: Frank E. Nichlaus Memorial Scholarship Recipients - $1,500 each: Seated: Rachel Nicklaus, widow of Dr. Frank E. Nicklaus; Front row (left to right): JoAnna Northrop, Elizabeth Wood, and Lauren Binnert; Back row (left to right): Mark Northrop, father of JoAnna; Karen Wood, mother of Elizabeth; Veronica Hunt, grandmother of Elizabeth; Tom Binnert, father of Lauren. Absent from photo: Connor Amsden and Sydney Farmer.

Wes Payne Memorial Scholarship Recipients - each receiving $1,000 Terance Payne, son of the late Wes Payne; Sheri Neu, mother of Danielle; Danielle Neu; Brendon Murray; Brenda Kirkum, mother of Brendon; Richard McCandless, Scholarship Chair; Absent from photo: Pam Boileau, daughter of the late Wes Payne.

Bath Scholarships (continued):

Canandaigua’s Change Over Luncheon
By Jack Kellogg

At the June 27th Canandaigua Rotary Club Luncheon outgoing President Greg Gullo presented incoming President RJ Pietropaolo Jr. with his new pin. RJ’s first meeting was scheduled for July 4th, but the Club marched in Canandaigua’s Parade instead. As RJ said, he “was very impressed by a parade for his first meeting.”

Pictured above is outgoing President Greg and incoming President RJ.
Watkins-Montour Names Students-of-the-Month

In June, the Watkins-Montour Rotary recognized their final Students-of-the-Month for the 2012-13 school year.

_Gavin Gates_ (at right) was named Student-of-the-Month for Watkins Glen High School, prior to his June graduation. Teacher Marie Fitzsimmons called Gavin one of her most outstanding students. Gates will be attending Cornell University in the Fall.

Two students were recognized from Odessa-Montour High School as Students-of-the-Month, prior to their graduations. Principal Chris Wood described _Adam Gardner_ (pictured at right) as a student with a sense of humor and a busy young man. He plays soccer and baseball, runs track, and participates in Rotary Interact and National Honor Society. Gardner graduated in the top 5 of his class and is a peer tutor. He will attend Corning Community College in the Fall.

Chris Wood also recognized _Sheode Brown_ (above-left, pictured with Past President Michelle Benjamin), saying that Sheode has a “great work ethic and personality...is energetic, kind, and a fantastic artist. She takes an active role in helping younger students and has truly given back to her school and fellow students.”

Brown plans to work for a year before escaping the cold of New York and heading to college in the south.

Canandaigua Rotary Receives Grand Marshal Award

By Jack Kellogg

The Canandaigua Rotary Club received the Grand Marshal’s Award for its participation in the July 4th parade. The Club had a band towed on a trailer, a few old cars, an old wooden Chris Craft boat, and a float made by Rotarians. The float represented the 97% completion of wiping out polio worldwide. This year’s Canandaigua parade was its biggest in history.

Next Month, September, is New Generations Month

Rotary’s Fifth Avenue of Service.

New Generations and the Avenues of Service Rotarians have long been committed to serving youth in their communities. The RI Strategic Plan encourages clubs to balance activities in all five Avenues of Service, but some fall under more than one. The New Generations Avenue of Service acknowledges the exceptional work that Rotarians do with youth and young adults while encouraging clubs to spread their reach even further. It also encompasses a fundamental idea: that every Rotarian has a responsibility to support the personal and professional success of young people while recognizing the diversity of their needs.
Canandaigua Rotary Presents Four-Way Test Awards

Photos by Jack Kellogg

At a recent meeting the Canandaigua Rotary Club presented its annual Four-Way Test Awards for the year 2012-2013 to five deserving individuals.

The Non-Rotarian Award went to Mrs. Rosemary St. Denis for her devotion to not only her own three children but also to 15 other children that she has adopted and/or fostered. Many of these children came to her with physical or psychological difficulties. It was cited that Mrs. St. Denis has given to more people than most of us can claim.

The Vocational Award went to Mr. Preston Pierce, a Canandaigua native, for his historic revelations which started as a freshman in high school with his 1876 copy of The History of Ontario County. His quest for the details of a quarry that had been used for the building of Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion State Historical Park’s Rock Garden between 1910 and 1919. Mr. Pierce taught Social Studies to junior high students for many years and became a Doctor of Education, and has given countless tours of Ontario County’s famous Court House. Now in his retirement from public education, he holds three part-time positions all related to history and its dissemination as County Historian at Ontario County Records and Archives, Finger Community College Professor of History, and the Documentary Heritage Program Regional Archivist for New York State Archives located at the Rochester Regional Library Council. Mr Pierce, a graduate of Canandaigua Academy, publisher of numerous papers along with 2 post card books about Canandaigua, a Retired Major, active with the Rochester Power Squadron, sought after speaker, faculty member at FLCC and personal tutor, a Paul Harris Fellow recipient in 2009, member of the Cheshire Meeting Hall Restoration Project, and most recently the recipient of the National Daughters of American Revolution Medal of Honor.

The Volunteerism Award went to June Middlebrook who has given her life in service to others. She is active in the Salvation Army, Gleaner’s Kitchen, Community Interactive Assistance, Elm Manor Nursing Home, and the Rotary Holiday Dinner, and many a landlord in identifying a trustworthy tenant.

The Rookie Rotarian of the Year Award went to Mark Prunoske (pictured above with his family) for his immediate participation in the Rotary activities and committees at the attendance table, Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup program, and the Arbor Day Tree Bagging Program.

The Rotarian of the Year Award went to Steve Smythe (pictured below-left with Mark Sheppard) for his commitments to family, church, United Way, Cooperative Extension, the Civic Center, and various Rotary committees. He was recently honored with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Mr. Smythe was instrumental in bringing together the Outhouse Park project with exercise equipment which required the coordination of the Town of Canandaigua, its Recreation Department, manufacturers, and Rotarians for final assembly.
Watkins-Montour Rotary Gives $5K to Community Organizations

The Watkins-Montour Rotary recently awarded over $5 thousand to a variety of community organizations. Awarded between $100 and $1,000 each were Schuyler Ambulance, Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Watkins Glen Summer Swim, Labor of Love, Watkins Glen High School and Odessa-Montour High School All-Night Prom Parties, and the Montour Falls Memorial Library.

Watkins Glen Boy Scout Troop 2674 received funds for their winter food delivery program. The Schuyler County Humane Society (pictured) received funds for their spay/neuter program for stray cats. Habitat for Humanity received funds for their first home in Schuyler County. The Montour Falls Memorial Library received funds for community programs, the Watkins Glen Public Library for a portable educational video player, and the Dutton S. Peterson (Odessa) Library for their summer reading program.

Bath Rotarians Grocery Shop for Seniors

By Elaine Tears - photo by Al Johnson

For several years the Bath Rotary Club and members of the Haverling Interact Club, sponsored by the Bath Rotary, have been participating in Project Care’s program of Shopping for the Elderly. During the months of July through September local Rotarians comb the aisles of Tops Friendly Market in Bath looking for the items on the shopping lists, provided by seniors who are unable to get to the store to do their own weekly, grocery shopping.

Pictured above - Bath Rotary Club members participate in Project Care’s Shopping for the Elderly. (Left to right): Bill White, Rotarian; Bill Woolever, Manager of Tops Friendly Market in Bath; Elaine Tears, Rotarian; Joel Brazie, Bath Rotary Club Project Care Chair.

After the checkout procedure is completed, the Rotarians deliver the items to the seniors and often spend a few minutes conversing with them. Joel Brazie, the Bath Rotary Club Project Care Chair, remarked, “This program not only satisfies the needs of the senior but also provides great satisfaction to the Rotarians whose motto is Service Above Self.”

Newark Rotary Breaks Ground

…. and raising of the fence for the new community garden at Perkins Park.

Pictured are from left to right, Roger Vandermortal, Alex Quku, Kurt Werts, Frank All and Linda Werts.

Project Care, sponsored by the Steuben County Office for the Aging and 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 grassroots 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.
Aya Kawauchi Returns to Japan

Pictured above is the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club delegation that was at the Rochester Airport on Sunday, August 4, to bid farewell to their 2012-2013 Rotary Youth Exchange Student Aya Kawauchi who was returning to Japan after her year with their club. Pictured - L to R – Kathy Pancoast, Brian Pancoast, Al Rosbrook, Bev Rosbrook, Judy Luitweiler (Aya’s Rotary Counselor), Aya Kawauchi & Dave Luitweiler.

Below is a communication that was received from Past President Nakai Kyoshi, Rotary Club of Toyama Mirai (Japan). Nakai was the President of his club (2012-2013) when Aya Kawauchi was with the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club. Toyama Mirai was the sponsoring club for Aya. He sent this unedited communication after Aya arrived home.

“She arrived in Toyama a good face. I like to change in the face full of confidence. Face of most Japanese seems to be no confidence. This is the power of the United States.

I think she spent in the United States the day-to-day that was enriched, I am glad to be able to continue the friendly relations with the Rotary Club of you. and was in great confidence in If you will visit Japan, please come up to Toyama. Our club are also welcome you together with her family.

I would like to thank deeply kindly to over one year of you. and thank you sincerely.”

Nakai Kiyoshi
Past president
Toyama Mirai Rotary Club

Red Jacket’s Major Fundraiser

Members of Red Jacket Rotary gathered in front of the Club's supply trailer, parked on the Pageant of Steam grounds near Canandaigua, in preparation for this year's show. The Club has a long term contract with the Pageant for operation of the food stand by the parade track and grand stands. They also operate the food stand for the Two Cylinder Expo - a three day event, a biannual gathering of John Deere equipment. This three day event, along with the annual Pageant of Steam four day show in August, are the Club's major fund raising activities each year.


As guests wander the grounds and enjoy the show, often times their K9 friends can suffer from the heat and lack of water. Several club members are dog lovers and saw a need for a water station. The watering station's proximity to the food ordering line has not hurt business and is a subtle way to guide potential customers to a freshly cooked meal.
Red Creek Rotary Supports Local Libraries
District Simplified Grant Funds Awarded
by Allen Tompkins

The Red Creek Rotary Club has presented $1,200 to the Fair Haven Public Library and $1,200 to the Red Creek Free Library to promote and support literacy projects in our communities. The Red Creek Rotary Club which serves the area encompassing the Red Creek Central School District applied for a Rotary District 7120 Simplified Grant to obtain the funds to support the projects.

Above - Librarian Linda Clum was happy to receive grant funds from Red Creek Rotary to help purchase items needed to support library which serves children in Fair Haven. The Fair Haven Public Library is planning to use the funds received to purchase children’s books, a laminator, CD and DVD players and other items to improve the reading and writing skills of preschoolers and early grade school children.

Community Service Award at Belmont

Belmont Rotary Foundation Chair John Maynard presented Belmont resident Dan Woolston with the Rotary Community Service Award at the August 7th meeting.

Dan and his wife, Barb, have two children, Nicole and Bridget. He is a Nurse Practitioner in Andover, New York. Dan currently serves as president of the Belmont Fire Company. Last year while responding to a house fire in Belmont, Dan and another fireman saved a man’s life as they carried the gentleman from his burning home to safety. Though locally very involved in his community, Dan serves the international community as well. For the past three years he has traveled to Haiti to assist the many men, women, and children there who continue to live lives unimaginable to us. Dan is a man who has touched the lives of so many people already in his young life. We are proud to recognize his “Service Above Self”.

Save the Dates

DISTRICT 7120 CONFERENCE
BURLINGTON, VT
MAY 2-4, 2014
**Upcoming DISTRICT Events**  
http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictActivities.cfm

**August 2013**

- August 24th - Youth Exchange Inbound Orientation

**September 2013**

- September 13th - District Golf Tournament @ Lima Country Club - 1 PM start
- September 21st - Literacy Seminar - registration at 8:45 AM - East Rochester First Presbyterian Church, 109 East Avenue, East Rochester, NY 14445
- September 28th - Membership Seminar - 8:30 AM, Dansville Public Library, 200 Main Street, Dansville, NY.
- September 28th - Membership Seminar - 1:30 PM, Harris Beach PLLC, 99 Garnsey Road, Pittsford, NY

**Save the Date! Saturday, October 19th: President Elect Training Seminar I (PETS I) for 2014-15 club presidents. To be held at Mt. Morris High School, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Some of the important topics to be addressed will be: Planning your Year as President,**

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**August 2013**

- August 15th - 18th Annual Mann Tournament - Triple Creek Golf Club - 10:30 AM - Contact Nunda Rotary Club: Doris Marsh at (585)476-2491 or Dmarsh@frontiernet.net.
- August 19th - Peter D. Formicola Sunshine Camp Golf Invitational - Midvale Country Club - If you have any questions or would like more information please contact 585-546-7435 x204 or hroSSI@rochesterrotary.org
- August 21st - Wednesday - 5:00 to 6:30 PM - Pen-Web Rotary’s Drive Thru BBQ - at Steinmiller Insurance, 1223 Bay Road in Webster. Tickets should be purchased in advance - call 585-210-3227 or visit www.penwebrotary.org/bbq.

**Check the District’s calendar for additional event information and newly added events.**

**September 2013**

- September 10th - Rochester Deaf Rotary presents 8th Annual Community Service Award - to honor Patty Starr for her contributions to the Deaf Community of Rochester. She will also be inducted as an Honorary member of Rochester Deaf Rotary. 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport. Contact John Hayes or Robert Tawney for reservation information - deafrotary@gmail.com. Or visit their website at http://www.deafrotary.net
- September 13th - Corning Rotary’s Sustaining Fund Mini Golf Tournament - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Contact Nora Smith
- September 14th - Canalside Fun Event - Registration begins at 8am – T. Spencer Knight Park, Newark, NY - benefit Newark Rotary International Service “Building Minds in South Sudan” - Call 315-331-6999 or e-mail lwerts@aol.com; Registration forms due by September 12th.
- September 14th - 7:00 PM - Lima and Mt. Morris Rotary Clubs are hosting a Dirty Dancing Disco at the Genesee River Restaurant, Mount Morris, NY. Contact members of either club for tickets or the American Hotel in Lima (585-624-9464) or the Genesee River Restaurant in Mt. Morris (585-658-2949).
- September 16th - Greece Rotary Charity Golf Tournament - 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM - Ridgemont Country Club, 3717 West Ridge Road, Rochester (Greece), NY - Link to Registration (Copy and Paste in your Browser) - http://www.greecerotary.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/GreeceRotaryGolfBrochure2013.pdf

**Another Event to Consider** - Richard Barth, a member of the Perry Rotary Club, and has just published a new memoir (Shadows From Can Tho) about his experiences as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War. A theater piece has been developed from the book that will debut in Rochester, at the Multi use Community Cultural Center, 142 Atlantic Avenue.

**August 16 & 17, 2013, 7:30 PM**

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