
It makes no difference what you do in your "real" life...everyone can be a Rotarian. This month we celebrate all vocations in the family of Rotary. We are celebrating with the introduction of a NEW DISTRICT AWARD!

As I visit clubs I often say that vocational projects are few and far between for most clubs. It is kind of sad since we started as a vocational organization. So, to help end that drought, I asked Melissa Jordan from the Greece Club to develop a VOCATIONAL AWARD that ALL clubs can earn by doing 4 vocational projects. You may even find some that you already do ... you just didn't think of them as vocational. But Melissa has read the Vocational Handbook and done her research and come up with 4 main topics.

There are projects under each topic and you must do one from each category. I will be emailing the award form and a supporting document to your president. To give you just a taste:

**Vocational Service is the second avenue of service and the very essence of Rotary**

- High ethical standards in business and profession
  
  *Honest language, behavior, no gray areas - always doing the right thing. Be a positive example in the workplace and the community – walk the talk!*

- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- The dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Practice High Ethical Standards using:

- **The Four Way Test**
- **Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions**
- **Object of Rotary**

I know I have heard of the Object of Rotary (and I know my club gives a copy to all new members) but can't name them as I can the 4 Way Test. This past week I was at a District governor training (yes, I am still learning!) and the emcee told us he memorized them just to impress us at this training!

Please ask your president to get started on this award .... if they don't, you can find it on the district website under District Vocational Service, listed on the left hand side of the home page. Thanks to Melissa Jordan, it is right up to date!

Well, since you won't be reading this until later in the month (yes, I know four people who actually do read this! - my proofreader, my husband (no, I would never ask him to proofread), the bulletin editor who proofs it again and one other person because they sent part of last month's on to other people!), I will remind you here that we have many exciting things happening in the district in the next few weeks. **Youth Exchange Applications for Outbound students are due Oct. 15th** ... if you have a student who still hasn't applied as you read this, have them contact Mark Wyse (Ontario Walworth, mwyse@rochester.rr.com) TODAY! It is an adventure they don't want to miss. Nov. 2nd is RLI (Rotary leadership Institute) in Canandaigua. I am hoping to see many of you there. Get your registration to Bill Redden (Lima, billredn@hotmail.com) as soon as possible. No matter what, you will learn something and enjoy a great day with fellow Rotarians. While not a district program, this is too exciting not to share. **Eastern Cities Dinner** is Nov. 3rd and the keynote speaker is Anne D. Matthews, the first woman vice-president EVER in Rotary. Rochester is planning on making it a tribute to the women in Rotary. I would put it in your calendar as a don't miss opportunity!

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Governor Ellen - (continued):

Last, but near and dear to my heart, is the Foundation Brunch on Nov. 10th. A great gathering of Rotarians who truly understand what it means to be a Rotarian and who support Rotary with their time, talent and treasure. This year’s speaker will be a survivor of polio … a most moving story of the power of our family of Rotary!

Well, again, I have gone on and on but there is so much exciting happening it is hard to stop. I look forward to seeing how many clubs achieve a Vocational Award and to see you at all the above mentioned events!

Have a great month as you Engage Rotary. Change Lives.

Ellen

Vocational Service through Rotary Fellowships

Joining a Rotary Fellowship is a wonderful way to fulfill the Fourth Object of Rotary.

Brighton Rotarian Peter Schwarz joined the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR) and here’s his story:

“On a flying trip to Florida in our single engine Piper Arrow we landed at Key Largo, a small airport in at the north end of the Florida Keys. The next aircraft to land was a vintage Piper Cub (J3) identical to the J3 I trained in to get my pilot’s license 40 years earlier. The pilot parked and tied down next to us. Painted on the tail of the J3 was a map of their flight from their home in the US to Alaska a year earlier. The J3 has high wing and by draping tarpaulins from the wing they would camp overnight at the airplane. From that time on, flying to Alaska was on my agenda.”

Flying the Alaska Highway - 1996

“The opportunity came in 1996 when Rotary International held its Convention in Calgary, Canada. I convinced my wife, Elaine, to go to our first RI convention and said, we’ll fly our plane to Calgary and then fly on to Alaska. We registered for the convention and learned the IFFR was to have their annual meeting during the convention. We were invited to meet with them and join one of their planned “fly-outs”. One of them was a week’s adventure to Alaska.

Elaine & I have met wonderful people from all parts of the world. We have met with the IFFR at every RI convention in North America plus Birmingham, England. We’ve joined most of their “fly-outs”. We’ve been to many beautiful and interesting places while enjoying what we like to do – flying.”

Ground transportation while in New Zealand - 1996

Note: For pilots IFR means flying in the clouds on Instrument Flight Rules but most of the flying with the IFFR is VFR (Visual Flight Rules) so we can enjoy the scenery.

If you have a story to tell regarding a Fellowship in which you are involved please email Diane G. Krans at dgkrans@yahoo.com or call 315-536-7180.
Membership Development Seminar

A total of 62 Rotarians attended the District Membership Seminar held on September 28, 2013 at two sites - Dansville and Pittsford. Forty (40) of the 68 Rotary Clubs were represented (59 %) at the Seminar. Thank you all for attending!!!! The presenter was PDG Dale Lepovetsky from District 7360 who is an Assistant Rotary Coordinator for Zone 29.

The following is a summary of comments shared at the Seminar:

1. Each Rotarian must ask oneself: What is it about my Rotary Club that sparks/ignites me? Why do I remain a member? Could it also ignite a prospective member?
2. Some Clubs feel that they do a great job in recruiting/attracting new members. More work is needed in retaining current members.
3. It was suggested that Clubs may consider using an exit survey or questionnaire.

NOTE: The District Membership Committee, at one of its meetings, discussed having the Committee send an Exit Survey to the members who left their Clubs rather than the Club. This approach may yield more candid answers as to why the person left the Club.

4. Using the website as a tool for recruitment. Direct prospective members to both your Club website and the RI website.
5. “Yourturnto.com” is a website that is under utilized. There are a few ways that Rotary Clubs could use it. Use it as an informational tool about local Rotary Club events/activities. Also, Clubs could use this website to promote its activities by sending a short video to Jon Alhart, District Co-Chair of the Public Image Committee.
6. It was suggested that Rotary Clubs get some of their members and have them share why they remain in Rotary. Turn these answers into a short video that could be used as a Club promotional tool.
7. Advertisement – how to use this to promote Clubs and their events/service projects, etc. One idea: Take a photo of the Club members and post it around the community. Under the photo, it could say: I am a mother, a friend, a nurse and a Rotarian.
8. For Club guests, Clubs could give a packet of information about the Club and Rotary and an invitation for a return visit to be just a guest without any responsibility attached.
9. If using auction items in Club fund-raising events, include in the package some Club and Rotary International information and an invitation to your Club?

10. One Club has a “Steak & Beans” dinner. Teams are formed with a recruiting goal. The Team that brings in a new member(s) will be served steak while those who were unsuccessful would be served beans.
11. When using a Team approach, try this: Have a Team that is composed of 3-4 members. One could be a person who is willing and eager to approach prospective members; 2nd member could be a Support person who is available to sit with the prospect and share what Rotary means to him or her; 3rd could be the Closer who is available to discuss any particular concerns or objections with the prospect and has high knowledge of the Club operations and works to close the “sale”; and, the 4th would be a Go-to member who is available after the member induction, able to answer questions and helps to establish a long term relationship.
12. Wear your Rotary membership pin and when asked what the pin is, be ready to answer “This represents one of the best decisions I have made in my life”. From this response, one could expand on what Rotary has done for oneself.
13. Keep your Rotary Club visible. Use not only news articles and pictures but show how your Club is “Doing Good” through the service projects in your local community.
14. A representative from a smaller Rotary Club suggested that maybe smaller clubs get together and cooperatively examine their situations and explore how to turn their experiences into something positive. The District Membership Committee is willing to facilitate this meeting and therefore is inviting all small Clubs in our District to join by sending an e-mail to PDG Norma, District Membership Chair at Leonora@frontiernet.net, to signify your interest. The following Clubs have already signed up to collaborate: Gorham, Clyde, Rochester AM, Wellsville & Wolcott.

On behalf of the District Membership Committee, a “big” THANK YOU for all who attended and hopefully you found the Seminar beneficial. The committee will be reviewing the contents of the evaluations. Think M & M - Members Matter!!

PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly
Chair, District Membership Committee
**Clifton Springs Rotary**

Pictured above is the newest member of the Clifton Springs Rotary Club, *Christa Socha* (center). She was inducted on September 10th. Christa is the daughter of DGE Scott MacDonel (left). At right is membership committee member Bill Lindner who is about to present the Four Way Test plaque to Christa.

At Clifton Springs Rotary Club's Sept. 24th meeting they inducted Father John Gagnier as a new member. Pictured above, left to right, are: Members David Retchless and Bill Lindner, newly inducted member, Father John Gagnier, club President Jeff Graff, and member Ray Hannan, Father Gagnier's sponsor.

**Canandaigua Rotary**

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club two new members were inducted into the club. Matt Hoose sponsored Kerri Buch, the Executive Director of the Ontario County United Way. Her family is selling their house in Batavia soon to relocate in Ontario County. Her husband works for the YMCA, and they have two children. Pictured above is Kerri being congratulated by Club President RJ Pietropaolo.

Pictured above, from left to right, is new member Jeff Praino, Club President RJ Pietropaolo, and Malcomb O’Malley. Malcomb O’Malley sponsored Jeff Praino who is a Certified Financial Planner from Pittsford. His wife and daughter enjoy watching him at his favorite sport - water skiing.

**Prattsburgh Rotary Inducts 3**

At their Rotary meeting on October 1st, 2013 Prattsburgh Rotary's president, Sandy Squires, inducted 3 new members. The new members, pictured (left to right) are: Mollie Schilling, President Sandy Squires, Trina Underhill and Stacey Bottoni.
New Member at Seneca Falls Rotary

Seneca Falls Rotary inducts new member, George Awad, pictured with his sponsor Tammy Scherbyn.

Exchange Student visits Geneseo rotary

On Sept. 23rd, returning outbound exchange student Katherine Feathers visited the Geneseo Rotary Club. Pictured above, left to right: exchange student Katherine Feathers, her father Tim, and Maurice Dalton, Club Director for International Service Projects.

Paul Harris Presentations at Greece

Six Greece Rotarians were recently honored with Paul Harris recognitions. Shown above with President Larry Evarts (left), and Paul Harris co-chairs Dave Nagel & Dan Barletta (at right) are: Al Meilutis - PH-Ruby-1, Chuck Krause - Sapphire-3, Keith Rockcastle - Sapphire-1, Ed D'Angelo and Pam Leathersich PH, and Judie VanBramer - PH Sapphire 1.

Pal-Mac Receives Hungarian Banner

President Pam Dean receiving Szaboles Zsudel's (Alias Sabi) club banner from Hungary, at his first Pal-Mac meeting.

National "Adopt-a-Dog" Month!

*Luna Hurley*, Lollypop Farm dog of PDG Gaven and Kathy Bride, wants you to know that October is National “Adopt-a-Dog” month! [Lollypop Farm](#), 99 Victor Road, Fairport, NY is celebrating by offering a 50% discount on ALL dog adoption fees the entire month of October (including puppies and junior dogs). This is your chance to give a homeless dog a second chance at love! [Meet the dogs waiting for homes](#), Can’t adopt or have a full house already? You can help dogs at the shelter by spreading the word about the adoption special or [making a donation](#) to support the care of homeless dogs.

Woof - Woof!! (Thank you)  
*Luna*
Avon Rotary Honors
By Mark Evans

On Tuesday evening, September 17th, the Avon Rotary Club's Foundation Committee presented a special public program called "THE AVON ROTARY HONORS" at the Middle School Auditorium. The concept was loosely modeled after "The Kennedy Center Honors" and tied in to President Marcy's goal to increase community awareness of the work of our club. Mark D. Evans chaired the event and served as Master of Ceremonies. Steve Csapo presented Avon Rotary's annual Building Awards. The recipients were:

- **Peppermint's Family Restaurant owner Chris Hetelekides** was recognized with a plaque for a variety of building improvements including new signage, new booths and tables, a new ice cream shop in the northeast corner, and a handicapped-accessible and fully-renovated banquet room, which hosts our weekly meetings.
- **Kids Club Child Care Center owner Julie Mike** was honored with a plaque recognizing the building she erected to house her growing business.

PDG Don Alhart, was on hand to explain the history and importance of Rotary's PAUL HARRIS FELLOW program. PDG Gaven Hurley shared his memories of working with our Club during his term of office and placed Paul Harris Fellow medallions around the necks of our three community honorees. Don joined him in pinning lapel pins.

Paul Harris Fellow Dr. Gerald Benjamin introduced retired St. Agnes teacher Cindy Zhe for her decades of service and her continued leadership in community projects including the ongoing playground project.

Paul Harris Fellow Dr. Robert Hayes introduced his lifelong partner Dr. Richard Collins for his lifelong service to Avon as a family physician and his leadership in the medical community.

Debra Byrd-Caudel introduced her son, Eric Byrd, who thrived in Avon Central School sports, went on to become an International Special Olympian, and who inspires all who know him with his determination in surviving a horrific automobile accident.

DG Visits Victor-Farmington

The Governor's visit to Victor-Farmington Rotary Club was held at the KOA Campground in Farmington. The meeting was hosted by the campground owner and Victor-Farmington Rotarian Victor Arsenault. Also present at the meeting was our 2013-2014 Rotary Youth Exchange Student, Constance Bostoen from France. A former Past president of the V-F Rotary, Elliott Olsen, who was camping at the KOA, was a guest at the lunch and renewed many old acquaintances.

Victor-Farmington Rotarians with Governor Hughes (center) and Constance (3rd from left) in front of KOA

In keeping with Governor Ellen's desire for active club participation in giving to the Rotary Foundation the club presented her with a $500 donation to the Foundation. Two upcoming V-F Rotary projects were discussed. The V-F Rotary Club is combining with Rotary clubs in Paraguay and Germany to finance and support a project to provide a tractor to impoverished farmers in a remote area of Paraguay who have been assigned an area of land to farm. The native farmers will be supported by a Mennonite group in that area but they do need a modern tractor to make the project work. The V-F Rotary will join with the Rotarians in Paraguay and Germany to see that they get one.

Locally, on November 20th the V-F Rotary Club will have a dinner at Mickey Finns Restaurant in Victor to bestow our first "JORDAN E. PAPPAS SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD" upon Ontario County Court Judge William F. Kocher for his distinguished career in the legal profession as a lawyer, Victor Village Attorney, Town Justice, Ontario County Assistant District Attorney and Ontario County Court Judge. The award is named in honor of Jordan E. Papas, a founding member of the Victor Farmington Rotary Club who was very active in Rotary, and a prominent attorney and business man in our area for fifty years. He passed away in May.
Seneca Falls Rotarians Create Community Link to Malawi Youth

The Seneca Falls Rotary Club recently distributed more than 150 pairs of durable Crocs sandals to the Malawi Children's Village in Malawi, Africa. For years, the Rotary chapter has supported an irrigation and education project in Malawi to help improve the lives of those who live there and enable them to become self-sufficient. Through this initiative, the Club organizes and delivers pumps and parts for wells, educational items, clothing and medical supplies as well as facilitates irrigation projects and proper land management education.

While viewing photos from fellow Rotarian's previous years' trips within Malawi, a member noticed very few children wearing any kind of footwear. This meant they were forced to walk, run, jump, and play barefoot, even in rough terrain. Without shoes or sandals, this left them vulnerable to germs, biting insects, cuts, and even disease.

What followed was a grassroots effort organized by Greg Zellers and his wife Heather to raise funds outside the Club itself to furnish every child with a brand new pair of Crocs capable of holding up through constant daily use. Even after Crocs provided a charitable discount, more than $2,300 was needed to be raised before every child could be outfitted with his or her own pair of sandals.

Thanks to Dave Markel, a Rotary member within the Seneca Falls Club who visits the Malawi site each year, and the support of the Club, the delivery and distribution of the sandals was a huge success. In the end, every boy and girl in the Malawi Children's Village received a brand new pair of Crocs, which were put to immediate use.

Every tweet, every Like, and every share on social media helped gather the support needed for the campaign and the resulting smiles made the entire effort both worthwhile and rewarding.

Literacy Seminar

The District Literacy Committee held their seminar on September 21st and over 55 Rotarians attended. A panel of educators discussed what Rotary Clubs could do for their local schools. Many good ideas were shared. Thanks to Mary Ann Mady and her committee for a great job.

Pictured above are panelist, left to right: Jeanne Hamele - Honeoye Lake, Miriam Vasquaz - Rochester Latino, Rob Lupisella - Avon, and Patti Holdraker - Gananda.

Pictured below are some of the many attendees.
Honeoye Lake Rotary

Honeoye Rotarians were honored to see the weathered sign at the Honeoye Central School tennis courts was recently replaced by the school. One of the many club community and school service projects, the tennis courts built by the Honeoye Rotarians in 1985, is used by community members as well as the school’s tennis team and physical education classes.

Gorham Rotary gets update on Boy Scouts - and makes an Award

At their August 22nd meeting, Gorham Rotary welcomed Mr. Michael Catalano, Mohawk District Executive, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Catalano represents Yates, Seneca, and Eastern Ontario Counties. He gave the Club an update on the status of the District and Local Scouting organizations. There are currently 29 Scout Troops, 22 Cub dens and 12 Venturing Clubs in the District. The ‘new’ coed Venturing program is for 14 to 21 year-olds and was designed to build leadership skills. There are over 1,000 Scouts and 600 volunteers currently registered in the District.

Pictured are Gorham Club President, Don Baldwin and Mr. Catalano.

At their September 26th meeting, the Gorham Rotary Club presented their sponsored Cub Scout troop with a check for $900. The award will cover about half of the cost of acquiring a new race track for their Pine Wood Derby program. The Scouts have raised the balance with other fund raisers.

Pictured are Club President, Donald Baldwin, Scout leader Jason Philips and son Connor.

Hilton Apple Fest

The above members of the Hilton Rotary Club are shown working at the fun but muddy Hilton Apple Fest. Pictured are, from left: President Bob Hunte, Bob Rumiano and Bonnie Gargano.
DG Ellen Visits Bath Rotary
by Carol Berry - photo by Al Johnsom

On September 12th DG Ellen made her official visit to the Bath Rotary Club. In honor of the District Governor’s visit and the call to eradicate polio, Jennifer White, Bath Rotary Club President, and Carol Berry, the local club’s Polio Plus Chair, presented Hughes with a check for $575.00 from the local Rotarians to be marked for the fundraising effort to end polio throughout the world.

Pictured above, left to right: Bath President Jennifer White, and Carol Berry, Bath Rotary Club Polio Plus Chair, presenting $575.00 to District Governor Ellen Hughes. President White announced that in order to promote literacy, highly valued by the District Governor herself, a book would be given to the Red Bookshelves Project in her honor.

PEANUTS - PEANUTS!

DG “Mrs. Peanut” (center) with Bill Brewer (left) and Jim Dix.

On September 19th the Elmira Heights Rotary Club held their Annual Peanut Sale on the streets of Elmira Heights. Two selling locations were set up at the corner of Oakwood and 14th Street and one was set up on College Avenue (NYS Route 14) both located in the Village of Elmira Heights. It was a beautiful fall day and between 11:00 AM and 4:30 PM fifteen club Rotarians, 3 friends of Rotary, two visiting Rotarians from Australia and DG Ellen Hughes (a.k.a. Mrs. Peanut) sold 2400 bags of peanuts at $1.00 per bag. It was a fun but tiring day, but the end result was a very profitable outing for the club. Thanks DG Ellen for driving down from Waterloo to help us out.

Newark Rotary’s Blood Drive

Newark Rotary helped to organize a blood drive in honor of Dave Murphy, who suffered serious injuries over the summer when he was struck by a car while riding his motorcycle. Much to our delight Dave and Tracy Murphy appeared at the blood drive. He was doing great in his motorized wheelchair and seems to be gaining daily. Many thanks to our workers - Bob Goodman, coordinator, Susie Earl, Suzie McUmber, Rich Holdridge, Mark Sheldon and Hannelora Reinhardt. Cookies were provided by Pam Gardner and Hannelora Reinhardt.

Newark Rotary Breaks Ground for Garden

Pictured are members of the Newark Rotary Club at the time of the ground breaking for the Rotary sponsored community garden. The garden has been installed on the Perkins Elementary School grounds in Newark. The first plantings should take place in the Spring of 2014.
Wayland Rotary Supports Multi-Sensory Environment Room at Wayland-Cohocton Central School

Liz Dean of the Wayland Rotary Club recently attended the ribbon cutting for the new multi-sensory room at Wayland-Cohocton Central School. It is the first such facility in a public school in New York State.

A multi-sensory environment (MSE) provides positive development for children with special needs through sensory relaxation. Children with autism spectrum disorder see the MSE as a safe environment to learn to interact with their surroundings. For children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the MSE acts as a tool to help harness concentration and focus. The MSE can also provide an outlet to center their emotions and learn new useful coping strategies for children with emotional and behavioral disorders.

Wayland Rotary was very interested in supporting this endeavor and plan to continue that support since this is the "base model" of the room and improvements are planned but are very expensive. The project was funded entirely by fundraising.

Rush-Henrietta Rotary Car Wash

Rush-Henrietta Rotary had a very successful Car Wash on September 28th at Garber Auto in Rochester. The Rotarians were assisted by Scout Troup 750 along with Rex the Rhino. Their efforts raised $3,000+ for Camp Haccamo.

Clifton Springs hosts Australians

Pictured - L-R: Ray Pluis, Clifton Springs Rotarian Vivian Ryan, Dianne Pluis, and DGE and Clifton Springs Rotarian Scott MacDonell. Ray and Dianne are visiting our district as part of an eleven person team from D9700 in New South Wales, Australia on a two week Friendship Exchange Program. Ray is a member of the Rotary Club of Leeton Central, Leeton, NSW. Picture was taken at a Friendship Exchange picnic at Stony Brook State Park in Dansville on September 17th. Scott and Vivian were hosting them for part of their visit.
Belmont Rotarian of the Month
September 2013

“It is really neat to think that a nineteen person organization in Belmont, New York can help folks out in India or wherever in the world through polio immunization, mine field eradication, clean water … the list goes on…” – Belmont Rotarian Dana Ross

Angelica native Dana Ross did not join the Belmont Rotary the first time he was asked. He and his wife, Sue, who have been married for thirty-six years, were raising two boys, Tony and Kris. He was busy with his job and their activities. For thirteen years he served on the local school board. Rotarians Charlie Smith, John Maynard and Bob Hunter had been after Dana to become a member. One evening, Rotarian Bob Hunter went to Dana’s home with an application and as Dana says, “forced me to become a member. I am so glad he did.” Dana Ross has served as Rotary President twice, Sergeant at Arms, and currently as its secretary, and social events chairman over the past fifteen years as a member.

Picnic Lunch for Victor-Farmington Senior Citizens

On Monday afternoon, September 23rd, the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club hosted a picnic lunch for approximately ninety (90) members of the Victor Senior Citizens and the Farmington Senior Citizens organizations. The event was held in St. Patrick's Church Hall in Victor. Hots and Hamburgs were cooked on gas grills in the back parking lot and a delicious lunch was served inside. There were 'tons' of desserts that were provided by Rotarians as well as The Legacy in Victor. Delicious salads were provided by Papa Jack's Diner in Victor and The Legacy. This was the eleventh consecutive year that the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club has hosted local senior citizens for a picnic lunch.

Esther Green was the Chair Person for the combined group of seniors. Victor Senior Citizen President Roland 'Whitey' Curtis welcomed the group and thanked the Rotary Club for the event. Rotary Club President Dave Luitweiler welcomed the seniors to the picnic and thanked the many Rotarians and spouses as well as the local businesses who help make this annual event such a success.

Special recognition went to Bev and Al Rosbrook who did much of the prep work arranging the food and Jim Crane for transporting the grills to the church hall and back.

Honeoye Falls – Clean-up of Rotary Park by the HF-L Interact Club

Saturday, October 5th, 30 or so students of the Honeoye Falls - Lima High School, Honeoye Falls – Mendon Rotary Interact Club took time out from their busy high-school day to help clean up the Rotary Park on North Main Street, Honeoye Falls. They showed their dedication and enthusiasm for this community project even as the day started out rainy and wet but progressed to a beautiful autumn day as they raked and planted spring bulbs.

Esther Green - Chairperson for combined Senior Citizens with Rotary Club President Dave Luitweiler.

Victor-Farmington seniors enjoying a picnic lunch!
Avon Rotary Supports Lima/Mt. Morris ‘Dirty Disco’
By Pam Hayes

On Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013 members from the Avon Rotary Club attended the Mt. Morris / Lima Rotary Clubs’ Dirty Disco Fundraiser which was held at the Genesee River Restaurant. It was a fun packed evening that was well orchestrated by the two clubs. Every half hour they had some form of an event or activity going such as dance instruction leading to a dance contest. They had the largest twister floor game that I have ever seen with Laurie Vonglis, Karen Vanderbilt, Terry Lemen and Doug Hayes stepping in to play. Laurie and Karen made it to the final four out of at least 50 participants! Food stations where set up with delicious appetizers such as stuffed mushrooms, deep fried ravioli, antipasto kabobs, veggies, cheese and crackers. Later at night pizza was brought out… no reason to go hungry when working up an appetite dancing! It was so enjoyable to see all the attendees dressed with their memories from the Disco era.

It was a tough competition for best costume but our Avon Rotarian Kirk Vanderbilt lead the pack and won for the event collecting $200 in winnings. Being the fine Rotarian that Kirk is he donated $100 back to the fundraiser. Laurie and Pam acquired some home decorating items from the silent auction (yes, Doug or Tom cannot stop us from home decorating and shopping even at a Disco Dance)!

We danced until the end and an awesome time was had by all. I want to give big kudos to the Mt. Morris and Lima Rotarians for putting on such a well organized, well thought out event for their first time. I certainly hope they do it next year…as I know we will all be signing up again!

Student of the Month at Penn Yan

Each month the Penn Yan Rotary Club recognizes a student as nominated by the guidance counselor for Student of the Month. The 2013-2014 year got started with Alexandra Cox of the Penn Yan Middle School being honored. Her guidance counselor Megan Gillette nominated her based on great academics, involvement with athletics and having started an anti-bullying campaign.

Pictured, left to right: Student of the Month Alexandra Cox, Guidance Counselor Megan Gillette and Diane Krans, Penn Yan Rotary Club President.

Each recipient receives a $25 gift card for Long’s Cards and Books in Penn Yan, a framed certificate and congratulatory letter. In addition, The Keuka Restaurant provided her with a $10 gift certificate for use at The Keuka Restaurant or Wise Guys Pizza. Alexandra said she loves living in Penn Yan and enjoys the Middle School. She is always looking for service opportunities.

Exchange Students meet at Greece Rotary

The Greece Rotary Club recently welcomed former exchange student Karin Marbacher, Switzerland and introduced her to Rosario (Rosa) Bernabe, this year’s exchange student from Chile.

The girls are shown above with Youth Exchange Counselor Kim Masiello and Rotarian Larry Wills.
Penn Yan Rotary Hosts Picnic

Each Fall the Penn Yan Rotary Club hosts a picnic at the Upper Pavilion of the Keuka Lake State Park. This year it was held on September 17th on a beautiful sunny evening. We were fortunate to have 14 Rotaract Students from Keuka College join us along with a couple from New South Wales Australia staying with Dean and Mary Ellen Morgan. The McVey’s presented the club with a flag and gave a fascinating description of their homeland.

![Rotaract students from Keuka College](image)

We find this particular fellowship event to be well attended as it is open to families and all we ask is that you come with a dish to pass. This year, new Rotarian Bob Bittner noted that he has worked in Penn Yan for some time and had no idea that this was a resource in our community. By the end of the evening and the sun sets we all pitch in to clean up and go home happy to be a part of the Penn Yan Rotary.

Avon Interact (continued):

and removed as many flags a possible. Beth Younger won the prize for the most flags captured. She showed no mercy and was able to capture 37 flags!!! If there is ever a Zombie Apocalypse I definitely want her on my team.

![Avon Interact Club](image)

Interacters Charlie Lemen, AJ Loughry and Alex Anderson joined us later in the day after their sporting event. After the race the Interacters enjoyed "Fright Night" at Darien Lake Amusement Park. They rode rides, went through haunted houses, and Grace Gilmore even participated in the magic show. Thanks to Pam and Doug Hayes we also enjoyed a tailgate picnic. There were hamburgers, hot dogs and a lot of camaraderie. I am very proud of our Interact Club and the enthusiasm they put into all activities. Next up for the Interact Club is the October roadside clean-up.

Avon Interact Club Raises Funds For Special Olympics

By Terry Lemen

Saturday, September 28th, was a beautiful Fall day like any other except at Darien Lake where Zombies were on the loose and attacking unsuspecting runners!!!

The Avon Interact Club participated in the 1st annual RUNDEAD 5k race to benefit the Special Olympics. Interact club Co-Chair, Pam Hayes and fellow Rotarian Terry Lemen chaperoned 11 of our Interact Club members who enjoyed a fun filled day while raising $650.00 for this very worthy cause. Interacters Jack McKeown and Jimmy Jadlos ran the 5k race while Grace Gilmore, Megan Allen, Erica Steele, Beth Younger, Jill McAvoy, Caroline Christiano, Caroline Hecht, Nick Hayes, and Henry Lemen played the part of Zombies. The goal of the runners was to reach the finish line holding on to their flags (which represented remaining human) while the zombies attacked.

Geneseo Rotary at GV Hunt Races

The Geneseo Rotary Club volunteered at the Genesee Valley Hunt Races which was held on October 12th on Nations Road in Geneseo. The event benefits the Golisano Children’s Hospital and Geneseo Rotary. Pictured above is Geneseo Rotary’s past president Sue Crilly.
Bath Rotary Presents Dictionaries
By Elaine Tears - photo by Al Johnson

On October 10th Vicki Anderson, Dictionary Project Co-Chair for the local club, delivered dictionaries to all third graders at the Vernon E. Wightman Primary School in Bath. The books will inspire the students to learn and to sense a pride of ownership. Its usefulness extends beyond the spellings, pronunciations, and definitions it lists.

During the presentation Anderson called upon the other local Rotarians present to speak briefly about some of the service projects in which their club has been involved.

Receiving the dictionaries from the Rotary members was thus also beneficial to the students in that it allowed them to meet successful adults in their community who cared enough about them to come to their school to present the books to them personally. Hopefully, the students will benefit not only educationally but also will realize the importance of service in their community and around the world.

In a letter sent home to the parents of all the third graders Anderson and Stranges wrote, “The Bath Rotarians hope that you will take time to read with your child and encourage the use of the dictionary whenever an unfamiliar word should appear. A strong vocabulary is a vital ingredient in the recipe for success in life. Together we can share the dream that all children in the world may be afforded a chance to become literate.”

Displaying their new dictionaries are the students in Mrs. Ford’s class. On the right kneeling is Mrs. Laura Ford and standing are Rotarians, Mrs. June Bates and Mrs. Vicki Anderson. On the left kneeling is Mrs. Becky Stranges and standing are Rotarians, Miss Elaine Tears and Mr. Joe Rumsey, and Mrs. Deborah Barlow, Principal at VEW.

In order to promote literacy further, highly valued by the local club members, books are donated by the Bath Rotarians to the local library and other local institutions and community sites in honor of the speakers at the club’s weekly luncheon meetings. In addition the local club sponsors magazine subscriptions at the Dormann Library.
### October 2013

- **October 19th** - **Pre-PETS** at Mt. Morris High School, 8:00 AM.
- **October 19th** - **Grant Management Seminar (Renewal)**, Mount Morris High School, 10:00 AM to Noon.

### November 2013

- **November 2nd** - **Rotary Leadership Institute** - Canandaigua Inn on the Lake - 8:00 AM start.
- **November 3rd** - **Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner** - Rochester Riverside Convention Center - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **November 10th** - **Foundation Brunch**, Belhurst Castle, Geneva, NY; Doors open at 11:30 AM.
- **November 10th** - **DG Interviews** at Geneva Ramada Inn - 3:00 PM

### Upcoming DISTRICT Events

- [http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictActivities.cfm](http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictActivities.cfm)

### October 2013

- **October 18th** - **Honeoye Falls Annual Harvest Supper** - Rabbit Room, 61 N. Main Street - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM.
- **October 19th** - **Camp Onseyawa Appreciation Dinner and Benefit** - Bristol Mountain Ski Resort in Canandaigua; chair lift rides from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A social hour with music by Big Blue House and complimentary wine and beer and a cash bar starts at 5:00 p.m. The Meat Carver’s buffet and program will follow at 6:00 p.m. [THE NAPLES ROTARY CLUB1.pdf](THE NAPLES ROTARY CLUB1.pdf)
- **October 20th** - **The Gates-Chili Club** - will hold their annual Pasta Dinner fund raiser - Noon until 5:00 pm.
- **October 26th** - **Clyde Rotary’s Autumn Scavenger Hunt** - Clyde-Savannah High School Cafeteria - 9:00 AM.
- **October 26th** - **Rochester Deaf Rotary’s Dingo Games** - 1564 Lyell Avenue, Rochester, NY - opens at 6:00 PM
- **October 27th** - **Honeoye Falls Manor School Annual Halloween Party** - 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
- **October 27th** - **Halloweenfest at St. John Fisher College** at 02:00 PM - 05:00 PM.

### November 2013

- **November 5th** - **Pittsford Rotary’s Annual Election Night Pasta Supper Fund Raiser** - Mendon High School 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- **November 9th** - **Avon Rotary Auction**, Avon Primary School - 8:00 AM
- **November 10th** - **Rochester AM’s Wine & Food Pairing** - Tavern 58 at Gibbs, 58 University Ave., Rochester - 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- **November 16th** - **Newark Rotary - SERRV Sale to Benefit BMISS** - South Main Emporium, 604 S Main St., Newark, NY
- **November 17th** - **Webster Rotary Pancake Breakfast** - Fireman Exempt Building. 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- **November 23rd** - **Corning Rotary’s International Dinner**, Radisson Hotel, Denison Parkway East, Corning, NY - 5:30 PM

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

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**AUTUMN SCAVENGER CHALLENGE**

**Saturday, October 26, 2013**

**Sponsored by:**

**Clyde Rotary Club**

**PRIZES:**

- $200 - $100 - $50
- 1 - 5 persons per team

**Cost:** $25 per person plus an item for the food pantry

**Lunch is included** children under 12 free

**Meet at 9 A.M. at the Clyde-Savannah High School Cafeteria**

**Pre-register via email to bobper671@gmail.com or phone: 315-945-0794**

**WALK-INS WELCOME**
### District 7120 Attendance Report - August 2013

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