Magazine Month?

If you read your copy of The Rotarian this month and read RI President Ron's article, you realize that April is Magazine Month in the Rotary world. I was in awe of that article as I had been thinking about writing this and already decided I did not have 500 words to say about a magazine! So in doing my due diligence, April is Rotary Magazine Month! You may want to take a page from Bloomfield President Travis Piper's book...every week in their bulletin there is a trivia question from that month's Rotary magazine ... and he gives prizes! What a great way to encourage the in depth reading of our informative magazine.

Okay so 130 words later I am done with the Rotary magazine comments. But of course I am not DONE....I have just segued (not very smoothly) to other topics.

How about some trivia of my own? Of course I will give prizes so email me your answers! So sharpen your keyboard skills or pens or whatever (yes I suppose you could send it by way of Facebook but I am not very good with that YET and can't promise I'll figure it out and see it....twitter is still in the thinking stage for me).

1. What percentage of clubs have donated to the Annual Program Fund Share so far this year? Or how many clubs haven't given yet?

2. Out of 2500ish Rotarians how many have joined the Sustaining Member Society? (Signed the paper saying you will give $100 per year as long as you are able and sent it in to Mahendra Shah mjshah@stny.rr.com)

3. With what countries do we currently have approved global grants? (Hint: there are two.)

4. Who is the District Governor for 2016-17 and from what club is he?

5. What is the number one initiative of Rotary International? Since that is too easy I'll add and what is number two?

6. Who will be the RI President in 2014-15 and from what country is he?

7. Who is the next district governor for this district? (and can you spell his name correctly?)

8. From The Rotarian, who likes to make "stunning images of people doing common things"?

9. How many inbound exchange students do we currently have?

10. According to The Rotarian, who has raised money to End Polio by riding in El Tour de Tucson?

You do not need to submit answers to all...a prize will be given for each question and a grand prize for the most correct. Have fun....answers to me by April 26. If there are multiple correct answers, winner will be selected by random draw. Answers and winners next month.

Well I hope you have enjoyed this article and it shows to prove it doesn't matter what you read; you can enjoy reading and learn from it. All reading has value in and of itself. However if you are looking for good Rotary information, the magazine is a good place to go. And if you have a suggestion for an article they listen to that to. When John Kenny from Scotland was the RI President, the president of the Waterloo Club was also named John Kenny. I sent The Rotarian an email suggesting they do an article. At first they said no but later decided to do it. They did a phone interview with John Kenny from Waterloo and he did some great PR for our camps for children with disabilities. So if you have something to say, speak out!

I hope you enjoyed the District Training Assembly and I hope to see you in May at the district conference. You "MOOSE" be there!

Yours in Rotary service,

Ellen
Welcome New Members

Rochester AM Rotary

The Rochester AM Rotary Club was happy to induct their newest member, Jane Bernard, at their meeting on March 14th.

Pictured at left is Jane Bernard and President George Hulbert.

Canandaigua Rotary

Paul Miller was recently inducted into the Canandaigua Rotary Club. He is the Director of the Literacy Volunteers of Ontario and Yates Counties. Mr. Miller and his wife hail from Florida, missed the cooler weather and settled for Canandaigua.

Pictured, left to right, is Club President RJ Pietropaolo, Janet Tenreiro installing Paul’s pin, and Paul Miller.

Bath Rotary

James Watson, COO/President of Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital (IDMH) in Bath from 1997 – present, was recently reinstated into the Bath Rotary Club. On a professional level Watson is currently Board President of the Rochester Regional Healthcare Association, member of the Board of Directors of the Healthcare Association of New York State, a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives since 1992, and a member of the Keuka Healthcare Foundation. Watson is most pleased and proud of his recent accomplishment at IDMH which includes the oversight of the 5 million dollar Emergency Department expansion and renovation as well as his participation in the fundraising effort by the Keuka Health Care Foundation for the Emergency Department project.

Victor-Farmington Rotary

The Victor-Farmington Rotary Club inducted a new member, Amanda Henry, who was welcomed into the club in a formal ceremony at a Rotary dinner meeting. Amanda is the Financial Service Representative at the Victor Office of the Canandaigua National Bank and has been with the bank for 9 years. She resides in Manchester with her husband, “BJ” and children, Hallie 10 and Dylan 7. V-F Rotarian Brian Pancoast (above-left), who sponsored Amanda for membership, spoke briefly on her qualifications to be a Rotarian and the community service responsibilities that come with membership. Rotary District 7120 Governor Elect Scott MacDonell presented her with her Rotary pin and congratulated her on joining Rotary.

Bath Rotary

By Elaine Tears

Guy Hallgren (center), Director of Municipal Utilities in Bath, was inducted into the Bath Rotary Club on April 3rd by club President, Jennifer White (left). At right is Neil Wrinkle (sponsor). Hallgren was an Electrical Technician at Cornell University, and he worked for NYSEG for 20 years in various engineering and operations positions. He was also owner and president of Prime Power, Inc. which sells, installs, and services residential, commercial, and industrial generation systems as well as develops anaerobic digester systems.

Photo by Al Johnson
Welcome New Members

Red Jacket Rotary

Dennis Hazlett, right, is Red Jacket Rotary's newest member. He is seen here being welcomed by Club President Ed Clark. Dennis is a barber with fifteen years experience who recently opened his own barber shop on Main Street in Shortsville.

Newark Rotary

Newark Rotary members welcomed their newest member at their recent induction ceremony. Pictured above from left to right are: Adam Olschewske, sponsor and mentor, Robert Ellis - New Member Inductee, Newark Rotary club president John Zornow, Dr. David Hannan, membership chair, and President Elect and PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly.

Avon Rotary

Heather and Jake Ayers have lived in Jake's hometown of Avon for the past 4 years. Jake is an Occupational Therapist at Monroe Community Hospital and Heather is in Business Development for First American Equipment Finance, which is a technology financing company located in Fairport. They both enjoy hunting and camping when it isn't hay season for Jake and when Heather is on break from getting her MBA at the University of Rochester. They are looking forward to becoming more active in the community through the great work of Rotary.

Geneseo Rotaract

Members of the SUNY Geneseo Rotaract Club assisted the Geneseo Rotary Club at the April 5th District Assembly. They sold silent auction tickets and helped check-in the gift baskets donated by District clubs. Pictured above, from left to right: Todd Lee (Treasurer), Devin Grau (President), Emily Hoffmann, William Yeung.

NEW MEETING PLACE
Meets Tuesday 6:15 PM at Shea’s Restaurant
6361 Knickerbocker Road, Ontario, NY
Belmont-Rotarian of the Month

Carissa Knapp (pictured) was selected as Belmont Rotary’s April “Rotarian of the Month”. Carissa joined Rotary immediately after finishing college in 2005. She attended her first meeting with her Dad sometime around 1985 and continued to be his guest at meetings throughout her childhood. Carissa’s first memory of actually being involved with a Rotary project was making buttons for the Amity for Renee project. She grew up not only with the belief that Rotary was an avenue of helping others in the community, but also that she was welcome to assist Rotary in its efforts. There was never a question in her mind that she would join Rotary when she became an established adult. After nine years as a member Carissa continues to be amazed at the ways in which the Belmont Rotary Club touches the lives of people not only in Belmont, but around the world.

In 2005, Rotarian Knapp took a job as an Assistant District Attorney prosecuting cases in the town courts. In 2006, she started working as Assistant County Attorney where she is currently employed. Although her primary focus is on child protective and foster care legal matters, Carissa also represents the county in many different areas and frequently appears in court regarding adult protective concerns, property tax foreclosures and support court matters.

Brockport Rotary’s Ziti Dinner

By Pat Baker

Brockport Rotary’s 23rd annual Ziti Dinner raises money for Camp Haccamo and community projects.

Above: District Governor Ellen Hughes poses with (left to right): Chief Cook Dom Buono, DG Ellen, President John Egan and Brockport Rotary VP Brad Mitchell.

Below: College at Brockport’s new Rotaract Club was represented by (L-R) president Juan Delgado, Megan Gorenflo, Taylor McCoy and Daniel Schudel who helped serve and donated a gift for the Chinese Raffle.

District Officers or Committee Chairs

We are compiling the information needed for the publication of the 2014-15 District Directory. If you would like to list any 2014-2015 District event or activity in the new Directory please forward the title and the date to Directory Chair Tim Lincoln at tim.lincoln@waterloocsd.org. The deadline for submission of all information is May 1st, 2014. This will allow us to meet printing deadlines and have the Directory ready to go by July 1st. Thanks very much.

My best regards in Rotary service,

DGE Scott MacDonell
District 7120
New Benefactors Named

It was announced that Tim and Sandy Reed were the two new patrons to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. There are several ways to become a patron - through one’s will, or an outright gift, and applied to the World Fund, or the District Shared Fund, or the Rotary Centers. Contact a member of the Benefactor or Foundation Committee for details. Pictured above are Tim and Sandy Reed being congratulated by Club President RJ Pietropaolo.

Newark Rotarian Honored with PHF

Pictured above is Newark Rotary’s newest Paul Harris Fellow - Bruce Chambers. Bruce is a first time Paul Harris recipient and earned his award through his contributions to The Rotary Foundation. His award was presented to him by PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly.

Waterloo Rotary Club Welcomes Newest Member and Paul Harris Fellow

Pictured - Waterloo Rotary President Bill Sigrist (left) presents Paul Harris Fellowship to the club’s newest member, Walter Wolf, as his wife, Doris, looks on.

For their 50th wedding anniversary, Walter and Doris Wolf celebrated with a party with their Rotary family at Waterloo Rotary Club. At the party, Walter presented Doris with a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of her “service above self.”

When a person who is not a Rotarian presents a Paul Harris Fellowship to a Rotarian, one is presented to thegifter as well. So when Walter joined the Rotary Club last week, in a surprise move President Bill Sigrist presented Walter with his own Paul Harris Fellowship.

Wolf already has been living the Rotary motto of Service Above Self. He is a Rotary Benefactor, having designated a bequest to the Rotary Foundation in his will, and he sponsors the Waterloo Rotary scholarship to a BOCES graduate that will be presented this year and for the following two years at the Waterloo graduation.

Two Receive PHFs at Rush-Henrietta

Pictured at right - The Rush Henrietta Rotary honored two with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow. Walt Springer (left) made the presentations to Laurie Broccolo and her husband Al Broccolo - for their service to Rotary.
Membership Ideas From the District Training Assembly
Held on Saturday, April 5, 2014

Below are some of the ideas that presenters in the 3 Membership-related sessions shared at the District Training Assembly.

1. Set membership goals even before the beginning of the new Rotary Year. Example: How many for the year? What is the Target audience/population? How diverse is the Club diversity and who are missing?
2. To get prospective members know what Rotary is all about, invite them to the Club’s service project or social events and attend meetings.
3. Create presence in the community. In addition to including an article in your local paper, how about having offsite meetings. If your Club is too big this may be difficult to have a different avenue to accommodate your entire Club; however, think about holding your Committee meetings where people see you. People may start asking some members what they are doing at that location. This opens up the opportunity to tell your Rotary stories.
4. Keep meetings interesting and programs relevant to the members. How about having prayers or reflections from other religions or countries. Keep members in guessing eagerly what is coming up for the next weekly meeting.
5. Get a Club banner that shows the Club name and the meeting days/time and location. Include a picture or pictures of your events. Display the banner at a place where you maybe selling tickets for one of your events, maybe at a bank or grocery store. Ask a member or two to sit at a table with your tickets and display the banner with a big picture showing your past event.
6. Talk about membership often. Have the Membership Chair give a report on a regular basis. Example: Who are in the prospective member list? Who has been approved by the Board and ready for announcement in the bulletin for the next 2-3 weeks? Who is coming up for induction?
7. Social media is the preferred tool for reaching out for younger Rotarians. Create a Club website. Get into Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
8. Ask the younger members to help members who may feel not too savvy on the use of these social media.
9. Younger Rotarians are as attracted to service as any other Rotarian. Consider that they are just starting their employment and may not be financially able to assist. Give them the opportunity to do hands-on projects. They are great at it!
10. Honorary membership – What is it and how are they designated? Use Honorary member classification to recognize, to hook new members, to keep a member who maybe unable to pay fees due to lost employment, etc. Be very cautious about changing one’s status to honorary. Ask the member if they are interested in becoming an Honorary member and talk about the benefits of Honorary membership.
11. Membership dues and other fees - How could it be contained to allow others to remain as members? A few Clubs talked about subsidizing dues to keep members. Clubs have developed procedures that members are made aware of.
12. Clubs are autonomous which means some of their practices are within their control. Rotary International and District membership dues are one of those that the Club has no control over.

A warm THANK YOU is extended to all the presenters in the 3 Membership Sessions - To current Club Presidents Diane Krans of Penn Yan, Jeff Graff of Clifton Springs & Harold Hall of Sodus; to our young Rotarians Meredith Smith of Rochester, Matt Value of Canandaigua & Lomax Campbell of Monroe County South, the newest Rotary Club of the District; and to ARC/PDG John Hall & PDG Glenn Balch.

To all Rotary Clubs: The District Membership Committee members are available to speak at any Rotary Club of the District, if requested.

Committee Members: Sara Visingard, Daniel Kelley, Jonathan Usdin; Jim Locker, Gary Reilly, PDG Norma Madayag-Reilly
Welcome - Monroe County South

Pictured above are members of District 7120 newest Rotary Club - Monroe County South. Also pictured is PDG Glenn Balch (3rd from the right) who worked very hard in forming the new Rotary club. The new club has 21 members.

Joker Pair Awards in Canandaigua
By Jack Kellogg

The Canandaigua Rotary Club has a 50/25/25 cash drawing at every meeting with 50% going to the club, and a 25% cash drawing, and the other 25% drawing to the person who draws the Joker from the deck of cards. Obviously, the chance of drawing the Joker is 1 out of 52, or less. Until the Joker is drawn, each 25% accumulates until the Joker is drawn, and that person gets the jackpot. It gets exciting when only 25 cards and the Joker is left in the deck.

On this round the very elusive (52 times worth) winning ticket holder JR Ryan finally drew the Joker as the very last card on February 13, 2014. He donated the accumulated funds to charity, and Marty Potter presented him with a plaque. The 25% cash pot that week was an all time high due to all the interest in the final drawing. That ticket holder, Doug Lowden, was smiling as he was presented with a plaque and a new special deck of cards that were allegedly made up of just Jokers.

Soup-er Bowl in Bloomfield

Pictured above - Soup-er bowl Participants: Kathy’s strawberry soup; Matt Steele’s white chili soup.

Bloomfield Rotary was busy with a SOUP-ER BOWL on March 1st - held at the local Bloomfield High cafeteria as a benefit for Music Boosters and also for Bloomfield Rotary projects. Twenty delicious soups donated by local citizens and businesses competed for yummy prizes. The public came out en masse on a really inclement day and over one thousand dollars was raised. Home made desserts and bread were also part of the eating extravaganza, as everyone tasted a sample of each soup. The Jazz Choir and the musical chorus from “Fiddler on the Roof”.

Exchange Student celebrates St. Patrick’s Day

Canandaigua Rotary Club's foreign exchange student Juliette Bellest from Paris, France observed St. Patrick's Day with an American flare. Pictured above are, left to right: Rotary host Dave Korpriel, Juliette, Rotary members Rhoda Childs, Jeff Anthony, and Bob Palumbo.
Many thanks to the 350 Rotarians that attended the District Training Assembly - learning more about Rotary and sharing ideas.
Watkins-Montour Rotary Names March Students-of-the-Month

The Watkins-Montour Rotary honored Samantha Gill as its Watkins Glen High School Student of the Month for March. Sam is a two sport athlete, president of Watkins Glen National Honor Society, class vice president, a member of Rotary Interact, and involved with her church’s ministry youth group. Sam plans to attend LeMoyne College and pursue a career as a Physician’s Assistant.

The Rotary honored Jordan Little as its Odessa Montour High School Student of the Month for March. Jordan has been on the varsity swim team for five years and is a member of the varsity bowling and softball teams. She is also in band and chorus, treasurer of the National Honor Society, and has served as a class officer. She has also performed in many school musicals, volunteered as a student aide and peer tutor, and worked the concession for the Booster Club. Jordan plans to attend Alfred University and student Environmental Science - she’ll also be swimming for the Lady Saxons.

Photos courtesy of Charlie Haeffner / The Odessa File

District Grants at Work

Rochester Northwest Rotary Club uses its District Simplified Grant to distribute ‘Kindle Fires’ to several Rochester City Schools and Mary’s Place Refugee Outreach Center. The 17 Kindles were loaded with apps by the Rochester Main (Rundel) Library and will help tutors and their students with English as a Second Language for the refugees, and English Language Learners (ELL) in the City’s elementary schools.

Pictured - Amanda Gilbert (left), AmeriCorps volunteer at Mary’s Place Refugee Outreach Program works with one of many adult refugees learning English.

The Kindles were distributed to representatives of the libraries and Mary’s Place at Rochester Northwest Rotary’s Annual Mardi Gras celebration March 1st which raised money for a new District Grant to benefit literacy in the City, an appropriate way to celebrate Rotary International’s theme of the month - Literacy!

Rochester Rotary Service Fellows

At the Rochester Rotary Tuesday luncheon on April 1st we honored six new “Service Fellows” recipients. Each member has given more than 50 hours of volunteer time to Rochester Rotary over the past Rotary year. Our club created this award this year to recognize the significant contributions of time and talent volunteered by our members in furtherance of our club’s activities – none sought this recognition, but each deserves it.

Pictured, left to right – President Bob Attardo, Kathleen Pringle, Pat Coakley, Mary Lewis Consler, Tim Cook, Beth Cross-Wilhelm and PDG Don Alhart
Canandaigua Rotary Club donated $1500 to the Lap Robes for Veterans program at a recent meeting. A lap robe is presented to each veteran when they return from their Honor Flight to Washington, DC. At the same meeting, the oldest Rotary member in attendance from each military service was also honored with a robe. Those honored were Al Walker, Dick Joseph, Len Kane, George Herren and Anders Platou.

Pictured above, left to right: are Ken Poole, Foundation Chair, RJ Pietropaolo, Club President, and Nancy VanApledorn, from Lap Robes for Veterans.

Bath Rotarians read to children at the Dormann Library

By Elaine Tears

Pictured - Terry Northrup, Bath Rotarian, reads to children at the Dormann Library during its weekly Story Time as part of the club’s participation in Rotary Literacy Month.

Bath Rotarians celebrated Rotary Literacy Month throughout March by reading to children during the Dormann Library’s weekly Story Time. By participating in this program the local Rotarians are working with children, parents, and caregivers to encourage and build reading skills at an early age. Carol Berry, Director of the Dormann Library and Chapters Café in Bath, who is a Rotarian herself, stated she is grateful to the members of the Bath Rotary Club for their support of the Dormann Library. Their donation of 100 books to celebrate the club’s anniversary was a welcome addition to their collection as is the club’s annual renewal of Time Magazine for the library’s casual reading area.

Bath Rotary Club presented dictionaries in November to all third graders at Vernon E. Wightman School in Bath and Campbell-Savona Elementary School in Savona. Throughout the year, books, donated by the local Rotarians, have been given to the local library, other institutions, or organizations in honor of the speakers at the club’s weekly luncheons.

The Bath-Haverling Central School Interact Club continue to participate in a literacy project. The students gather unused books from middle and high school teachers as well as other sources. Once the local school board had declared the books surplus, the Interactors begin the process of packaging the books. The students then fill boxes with the books which will be sent to Texas and onto less fortunate children in Africa, Asia, and the Americas in order to help promote English language literacy.

Ontario-Walworth Rotary Donates Books to Wayne 5th Grade Students

Members of the Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club gave every fifth grade student at Wayne Central a book as a special gift to promote literacy. Each student received a copy of, “Andy and Elmer’s Apple Dumpling Adventure”, which is the story of a young entrepreneur who starts an apple dumpling business.

Pictured above, left to right, is Rotarian Linda Wyse and Ontario-Walworth Rotary President Mary Merritt - and their club’s moose.
Elizabeth Haussner Elected Into Phi Beta Kappa

Elizabeth Haussner, a member of SUNY Geneseo’s Rotaract Club, was among 80 students elected into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest academic honor society, by the faculty members at the College recently. Liz’s hometown is Centereach, NY. About 10 percent of the nation’s institutions of higher learning have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. Geneseo is the only undergraduate SUNY college with a chapter.

A Winner at Newark Rotary

Karen Quartaro (second from left) won Newark Rotary’s Queen of Hearts 50/50 raffle drawing to benefit the Orphanage in Haiti that Newark Rotary sponsors. Karen won over two thousand dollars with the orphanage also getting over $2,000.00 to help them with everyday expenses.

Victor-Farmington Rotary Exchange Students at Rochester Americans Hockey Game

Pictured, left to right: Irene Zimmerman to Belgium (2014-2015); Moose Mascot; Constance Bostoen from France (2013-2014); and Margo Maybeck to Sweden (2014-2015)

The Victor-Farmington Rotary Youth Exchange students attended Rochester American hockey game and had the opportunity to meet the team mascot - The Moose. All three girls are seniors at Victor Senior HS. Constance Bostoen from France is currently spending a year in Victor and Irene and Margo are her “host sisters” - both of whom will leave this summer for a year in Europe as Rotary exchange students.

Clifton Springs Rotary Club

Poulan Pro Yard Tractor Raffle
$1,300 Value

$5.00 PER TICKET - $20.00 FOR FIVE
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For More Information or to Purchase Tickets Contact:
JEFF GRAFF: 315-462-3010, jgraff@rileygraff.com
JOHN MCCARTHY: 315-719-7596, jmccarthy@prenticewealth.com

Change in Meeting Location

Effective April 15, 2014 the Penn Yan Rotary Club will be meeting at:
Top of the Lake Restaurant
301 Lake Street, Penn Yan, NY
(This is the former site of Sarassin's Restaurant)
The price for our meal will now be $12.
Meeting day and time - Tuesday at 12:05 PM
Clifton Springs meets Sheldon

Club President Jeff Graff, along with our speaker, Dr. Kelli Eckdahl, E-Learning Director at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES and "Sheldon", the robot that allows students to be present in classrooms while they are unable to attend school. This picture shows Jeff Graff on the laptop which is projecting his face onto Sheldon's i-pod "face" which is attached to a Segway that allows Sheldon to move around a school, or in our case, our dining room.

Greece Sponsored Singers Take Top Awards
by Judie Van Bramer

Greece Rotarians were honored to welcome winners of the Rotary District 7120 Vocal Competition to a recent meeting. The Club sponsored four high school students, with two of them being named to the top awards. Each student received a monetary prize and a certificate, presented at the meeting by District Rotarian Sandy McLellan. Shown above, following the presentation, l-r are Rotary President Larry Evarts, Giuliana Bozza, Junior/Arcadia High who tied for third place, Sandy McLellan, and first place winner MacKenzie Wright, Senior/Athena High. A musical program of their award winning singing showcased their talents for the Rotarians.

The Rotarians Prayer

We get our education at Rotary
We learn it is better to give than receive
We are better Rotarians and are blest
When we conform to the Four Way Test

Working together as a team
Completing projects and dreams
Working together we can plainly see
That we have a great commodore

When we meet every week
It is a big and wonderful family
Joking and laughter with friends who are there
And a prayer for those who are sick to show we care

So don’t be afraid to stand up with pride
To say what has been bottled up in your heart
Thank you each and everyone of you
For being in are lives and doing your part

So this coming year we can celebrate
We had a hand on World’s Polio to eradicate
And our little hands reached out to the needy in other lands
So stand up and be as proud as you can be
So don’t only consider this your club
Consider this your family

Written by Ralph Adams

Avon Interact Exchange Student Weekend 2014
By Julie Carney

On March 20th the Avon community had quite the international flair as 18 Rotary Exchange students arrived for the annual Avon Rotary Interact Exchange Weekend. Through the hard work of the Avon Interact Club members and their advisers, they were ready to entertain our foreign visitors with a fun packed, activity filled weekend.

After arriving and meeting their host families, the majority of students and families went to the Avon Inn for wing night where everyone got acquainted and (cont’d on Page 14)
Avon Interact (continued from Page 13)

-- where some lifelong friendships were beginning to form.
On Friday, the students went with their host student(s) to
Avon High School for first period, then loaded onto a bus
where they went to RIT for a tour of the school. All forty
students were provided lunch and two mini lectures by two
of the professors, one on Ethics and the other on
International Business.

After school everyone spent a few hours with their host
families. In the evening, they all returned to Avon High
School to join Avon Students at the "Glow Dance" where
they danced under black lights where anything white or
fluorescent glowed.

Saturday was bowling in the afternoon and then a late
evening at Casino Night, which has become a favorite where
all the students show up dressed for a high class evening at
"Casino Royal". They played Blackjack, Texas Hold-Em
and Roulette, all while being served by a diligent waitstaff
made up of volunteer Rotarian's.

Sunday morning, Chef Ernie, who after a light night at his
job has a casino dealer, arrived bright and early and
prepared a pancake breakfast for the exchange students,
Interact students, weekend host families and the long term
host families who came to pick up our visitors up. All the
students received tee-shirts to commemorate the weekend
which they spent over an hour having everyone sign. It was
then hugs goodbye as the exchange students returned to their
host communities.

This weekend is really made possible through the work of
the Interact Club who raise all the money for the activities.
A very special thanks has to go out to Principal Barbara
Zalazney, who opens the school dance to the Rotary
Exchange students and who provides the bus transportation
to RIT and bowling, at no cost to the club.

Casino Joe, who we have always rented the equipment from,
is so impressed with this group of kids that he donated the
use of the equipment for the second year in a row. All this
means that the Interact Club has more funds that they can
apply to service projects around the globe to further Peace
through Service.

We can now close the book on another fabulous Interact
Exchange Weekend!

Bath Rotary Club Holds Open House
By Elaine Tears

On March 27th Bath Rotarians, their guests, and other
community members gathered at The Old National Hotel in
Bath to enjoy an evening of celebration in commemoration
of the 91st Anniversary of the Bath Rotary Club. Benita
Nesbitt, Bath Rotary Club President-Elect, served as chair
of the event, and Jane Russell, Bath Rotarian and owner of
Around the Corner Catering, provided a delicious array of
hors d’oeuvres for the attendees to savor. Door prizes were
provided by Nesbitt and her husband, David, of Nesbitt
Financial Services.

Pictured: Row 1(left to right): Jennifer White, Bill White,
Dave Stewart, Joel Brazie, Elaine Tears, Benita Nesbitt, and
Neal Wrinkle. Row 2 (left to right): Mike Slovak, Dave
Peterson, Dick McCandless, Jane Russell, Don Snyder, and
Al Johnson. Row 3 (left to right): Paul Zaidel
(Hammondsport Rotarian) and Joanne Sheehan.

(Watermark added: photo by Al Johnson)

Watkins-Montour Rotary Club Offering
Community Grants

The Watkins-Montour Rotary Club has announced that
April 30, 2014, is the deadline for applications for
community grants from the club. Annually, the club
considers grants for specifically-identified projects or needs.
Grants generally will range from $100 to $1,000. A limited
amount of funds is available. “We believe it is part of our
mission to Rotarians to support worthy endeavors in the
community with financial donations when possible,” said
Rotary President, Tony Fraboni. Guidelines for applying for
a Rotary community grant are available on the club’s
Canandaigua Rotary Donates to Girl Scout Gold Award
By Jack Kellogg

The Girl Scouts have a Gold Award, which is similar to the well-known Boy Scouts Eagle Badge. Josie Scherer, a senior at Red Jacket, is a Girl Scout working on her Gold Award to erect a fitness station in the Gateway Trail next to the Manchester Village Hall. The Canandaigua Rotary Club donated funds to the Girl Scout Troop to help make this project possible. Additional donations may be made by making checks payable to Girl Scout Troop #40945, Manchester Village Hall, 8 Clifton Street, PO Box 188, Manchester, NY 14504.

Pictured above holding a check is Rotary member Ken Poole and Josie Scherer.

Canandaigua Rotary Distributes Dictionaries
By Jack Kellogg

The Canandaigua Rotary Club recently distributed approximately 250 personal dictionaries to the Canandaigua Elementary third graders. These dictionaries not only contained the standard contents but also chart, tables, and maps, which the students quickly found.

Pictured above is Rotarian Janet Tenreiro who helped distribute the dictionaries holding a laminated Rotary 4-Way Test card which was also left at each third grade classroom.

Rotary Greets Honor Flight 33 Return
By Jack Kellogg

On April 6th the Canandaigua Rotary Club were among the many who greeted the vets on the 33rd Honor Flight return at the Rochester Airport. The Club helped to sponsor the flight with the Lap Robe Program, where each returning vet received a hand sewn robe representing each of the military services. The testimonials of those in attendance were very heart warming.

I’ll be waiting for your arrival
District 7120 Change Over Dinner
scheduled for Monday, June 30th.

Join District Governor Ellen and District Governor Elect Scott for the District Change Over Dinner from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Bristol Harbor Resort overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake. Registration Information and Form available on the District Website.

5:30 pm Fellowship with cash bar
6:30 pm Buffet Dinner & Program

Cost $45 per Attendee

Mail reservations and payment no later than June 20, 2014 to: Community Bank, Att: Changeover Registration, 26 East Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432

Perry Rotary Announces Inaugural Spring Raffle - Local Business’ Contribute Thousands in Prizes

The Perry Rotary Club has announced its inaugural Spring raffle with over $10,000 in prizes which were donated or contributed at reduced price by the local business community. The Perry Rotary Club is hoping that this raffle will be a success and enable the club to focus its member’s efforts toward larger community projects and away from smaller fundraisers. Prizes include TV’s, guns, golf memberships, appliances and theme packages for local businesses. The first 1200 tickets are available for $10 each from club members and at select business’ in and around Perry, NY. If the first run of tickets is sold out, a further run will be created with every additional 25 tickets sold resulting in an additional $100 cash prize being added. The Drawing date for the raffle is May 22nd at 1pm during the Clubs weekly meeting (winners need not be present).

The Perry Rotary Club uses the funds it raises toward the betterment of Perry and the world through projects such as the Splash Park, due to open this summer, the Read Around Perry initiative, which has installed book shelves in and around Perry businesses, and donations to Rotary Internationals efforts to end Polio worldwide.

To all Golfers
Save-The-Date

Friday, September 5, 2014
District 7120 Golf Tournament

Island Oaks Course
Lima Country Club
Lima, New York

More details to come.

Naples Rotary Celebrating 75th

On Saturday April 26th, the Naples Rotary Club is celebrating their 75th anniversary from 4pm-7pm at Hunt Hollow Ski Club located 10 minutes north of Naples on County Rd 33. They will have “live” music, grazing stations, and there will be wine, beer, soda and water for purchase. The cost is just $20 per person, RSPV’s need by April 21st. President elect Skip Miller will be collecting RSVP’s at skipjudym@gmail.com. We hope you’ll come join us for some great fun, music, and Rotary fellowship!
Reflections On My Nicaragua Adventure
By Dr. Jim Tompsett

When I reflect on our trip to El Sauce and the adventure of assisting the local populace building a much needed rural school through the Enlace Project I become very emotional. Yes, “choked up.” Why? Because it was a life changing and life affirming event for me. I was part of a twenty member group from Avon, New York, the “Avon for Nicaragua” group, made up of six high school Interact students, various teachers, principals, a librarian, counselors, an engineer, a tile installer and three youth - ages 11, 11 and 13, plus myself and another dedicated Rotarian.

I took my 11 year old granddaughter, Olivia and 13 year old nephew, Christian. They, along with Ella, daughter of the other Rotarian raised $1100.00 for building materials for the school. We all paid our own expenses. Everyone worked hard. The children contributed a great deal in terms of work, energy, emotional and psychological support. We feel so affirmed in our efforts as the residents were very gracious, friendly, helpful and thankful.

Much credit goes to the Enlace Project support team in country. These folks are diligent, dedicated and extremely well organized. May God Bless all those involved.

Reflections - continued:

Alaska Rotary Tour

A message from PDG Terry Hall:

"I was working on an Rotary tour with District 5010 and Anchorage South Rotary Club. After a lot of investigation and pricing, we have been able to put together a package that is cost conscious and delivers touring to Denali and the Kenai including a cruise through the Glacier field to see the 26 glaciers and seeing Anchorage.

The information has been on the Canandaigua Rotary Web site for a month now and we have a group of 7 that have committed. It was always my intent to open it up to District Rotarians once I knew the commitment size for Canandaigua. The ideal group size would be 15-20 and minimally 10."

Here is the link to the information. Click on the link or copy and paste the link into your browser:

May 2014

- May 2nd - May 4th - District Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Burlington, VT Check in starts @ 3 PM on the 2nd.
- May 10th - Advisory Council meeting - at Peppermint's in Avon - 8:30 AM start.

June 2014

- June 1st - June 4th - International Convention In Sydney, Australia.
- June 30th - District Change Over Dinner - 5:30 PM - Fellowship and cash bar; 6:30 PM - Dinner and program; Adjourn at 8:30 PM - at the Bristol Harbor Resort overlooking Canandaigua Lake.

April 2014

- April 26th - Camp Haccamo/ Sunshine Camp Clean Up Day - at the Sunshine Campus.
- April 26th - Naples Rotary celebrating their 75th Anniversary - 4 PM to 7 PM - at the Hunt Hollow Ski Club.
- April 26th - Rochester Latino 5th Annual Dinner/Dance Fundraiser - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Diplomat Banquet Center, 1956 Lyell Ave., Rochester, NY.

May 2014

- May 1st - Geneva Rotary’s Service Above Self Dinner - 6:00 PM at Club 86, 86 Avenue E., Geneva, NY
- May 3rd - Pittsford Rotary Club will hold its annual “Bike Drop” (Saturday) from 9AM to 2 PM at Pittsford-Mendon High School, Pittsford-Mendon Road (Rte 64).
- May 10th - Lima & Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotary Club “Rotary Community Golf Tournament”; 8:00 AM at the Lima Country Club, 7470 Chase Road, Lima, NY
- May 10th - Penn Yan Rotary’s Radio Auction - 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM; auction items online beginning May 1 at www.BiddingForGood.com/PennYanRotaryAuction.
- May 31st - Camp Haccamo's 2nd Annual Auto/Truck Meet

June 2014

- June 22nd - Rochester Deaf Rotary Club's 10th Anniversary - more info to come soon.

Bath-Haverling Interact Club Attends Rotary Club Meeting

By Elaine Tears

At a recent luncheon meeting of the Bath Rotary Club twelve members of the Bath-Haverling Interact Club were honored for their service locally and internationally.

Colin Gilbert, Interact President, and Ariana Manikas, Interact Secretary/Treasurer, addressed those in attendance about the projects that the club has undertaken so far this year as well as plans for the remainder of the school year.

Front row (left to right): Lauren Barlow, Ellen Eichensehr, Shannon Barry, Ms. Cari Scott, Alexandra Schlechter, and Emily Gugliotta. Back row (left to right): Ariana Manikas, Colin Gilbert, Jack Robbins, Megan Preston, Lindsay Robbins, and Sarah Wright. (photo by Al Johnson)

In order to help fund their service projects it was announced that the Interact club will sponsor again this year a spaghetti dinner which will be held on Tuesday, May 20th, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Bath-Haverling Middle School Cafeteria. The $8.00 dinner tickets will provide the dine-in or carry-out customers spaghetti, salad, bread, and a beverage. Tickets, which will go on sale on Monday, April 21st, may be purchased from any Interact member or by contacting Ms. Cari Scott, faculty advisor, at 776-4107, extension 2034. The students are hoping for a good turnout for the dinner since the May 20th date coincides with the school’s art show and budget vote.
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