Valley Courier

Monthly Newsletter

The Rotary Club of Geneseo, N.Y.

Club 4780 of District 7120 www.GeneseoRotary.com

Birthdays

Scott Kamakaris	Oct 1
PP Dave Parish	Oct 3
Bill Derby	Oct. 26

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Wedding Anniversaries

Stephanie Fadale	October 1
PP Paul Metzger	October 2
PP Susan Crilly	October 30

Upcoming Programs

10/3	The Clubs Around Us-PP **Chris Rider**
10/17	LATS Update-**Bonnie Turner**
10/24	Genesee Country Museum-**D. Welch**
10/31	What is TRIAD?

Rotary Archive

18 October 1864

Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer, was born.

Gus was one of the first four to gather in Chicago on February 23, 1905.

(From left: G. Loehr, S. Schiele, H. Shorey, P. Harris

86th Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner

October 4th

Riverside Convention Center

5:00 pm Reception

6:15 pm Dinner

With R.I. President

Kalyan Banerjee

As of Sept. 19, seven members from our Club will be attending this event.

"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood." —Paul Harris, 1935

September Club Donation$

$100 to the Ramon Rocha 5K Run/Walk
which benefits The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming

$200 to The Fatherhood Connection

Halloween Parade

October 31st

5:30 pm —Assemble at the Village Park

6:00 pm —Parade Begins

Cider & Doughnuts!

Sponsored by:

The Geneseo Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs

Prizes Will be Awarded!

The *Newsletter* masthead photo is a seasonal display near Geneseo.

Summer Family Fun Event

Kim Sanford's summer horse riding experience on August 18 was a success, with about fifty attending and 35 riding.

Possible Future Activity:

A hay ride or pumpkin patch experience.

(Source: Good Neighbor Committee Meeting Minutes)

Lima Golf & Country Club

September 9th

Geneseo team at Rotary District Golf Tournament were l. to r: President **Howard Stewart**, **Kelly Palmer** and PP **Art Hatton**

Kelly Palmer was very pleased with this drive.

Kelly Palmer had a special four-legged fan at the Rotary District Golf Tournament

President Howard tees off. What's wrong with this picture?

Photos & captions by PP **Art Hatton**

October is Vocational Service Month

Rotarians have put Service Above Self for more than a century. Through vocational service, Rotarians serve others through their professions and promote high ethical standards. In honor of Vocational Service Month, members are encouraged to apply the skills and talents they use in their professions to their club's service projects. To discover members' unique skills, clubs could conduct a skills inventory to determine a service project that maximizes members' professional abilities.

(Source: R. I.)

As of 30 June 2011, there were 8,703 Rotaract Clubs worldwide, representing 171 countries and geographic areas. Estimated membership: 200,169. Growth rate overall: 1.74%

(Source: Rotary International News)

50/50 Drawing Winner$

September 12—**Mo Dalton**
September 19—PP **Sue Crilly**
September 26—PP **Sue Crilly**

Genesee Valley Hunt Races

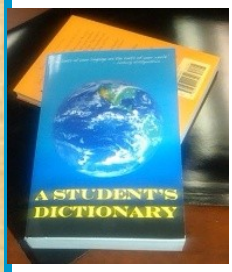
Saturday, October 8th,Nations Road

10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Contact PP Steve Wiener to sign up. This event benefits Rotary and the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong.

Dictionary Project

PP **Sue Crilly** has reported that



127 dictionaries have been ordered. They will be distributed to the third graders at Geneseo and York Central Schools and the Genesee Country Christian School later this fall.

District 7120 Conference, May 18-20, 2012

Rochester, New York

From the ABC's of Rotary...

The first official Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City, Missouri in 1915. In 1922 a Rotary flag was carried over the South Pole by Admiral **Richard Byrd**, a member of the Winchester, Virginia Rotary Club.

Victor-Farmington Rotary Club

Beer & Food Pairing

October 15th

7:00 pm -10:00 pm

Finger Lakes Gaming & Race Track

Tickets: $30/person

Contact Karen Parkhurst for reservations
karen@newenergyworks.com

Dancing With Our Stars!
Elmira Rotary Club

October 22nd 7:00 pm Clemens Center, Elmira

Local celebrities will compete in a night of dancing. The winner will have $1000 donated to their favorite charity. General Admission is $20.00. For ticket/voting information visit: http://www.elmirarotary.org/DWOS/Tickets/Tickets.htm

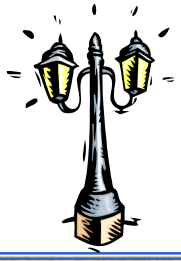
Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Upcoming December Club Events

Food Basket Distribution

Holiday Dinner

Salvation Army Bell Ringing



Holiday Sing

Pantry Day

October 3rd

The Geneseo-Groveland Food Pantry accepts non-food and personal care items in addition to food.

Presently the Pantry is in need of laundry detergent and toilet paper.

Questions? Call 243-1141 or 243-3163

World Polio Day, October 24th

Marks the anniversary of the birth of **Jonas Salk,** developer of the first safe and effective polio vaccine.

For more information, visit **worldpolioday.com**

Polio cases worldwide decreased almost 50% during the first six months of 2011 compared with the same period in 2010. (Source: R. I.)

General Secretary & CEO of Rotary International **John Hewko** (right) met with **Bill Gates** in Seattle on Sept. 7, 2011 to discuss moving forward together to eradicate polio.

(Source: Rotary International)

Rotary e-Club

To make-up a club meeting on the internet, visit the following website:

http://www.rotaryeclubny1.com/home-pg.html

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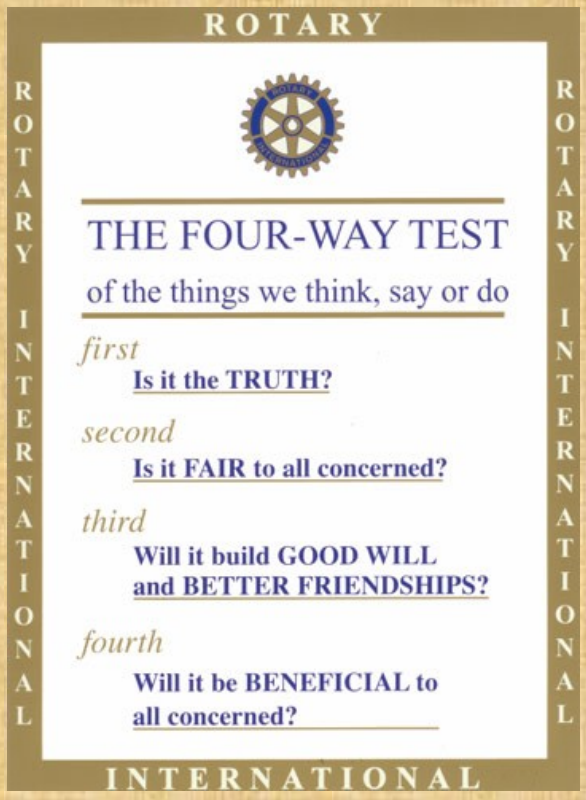
Columbus Day

October 10th

No Club Meeting



PP **Matt Gaynor** reports that he is transitioning from Branch Manager at The Bank of Castile to Commercial Lender in Livingston County.

Rotaract Service Project 2011-12

The **Rotaract Club** will again be knitting and crocheting caps for chemotherapy patients at Strong Hospital.

If anyone in our Club (or their family) would also be interested in making them, please let me know and I will pass the information on to the Rotaract President.

Thanks. ***Marilyn Lyon***

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

October 15, 2011

Mini-PETS Foundation / Membership Seminar

Contact **Gavin Hurley** at the Pittsford Rotary Club for more info.

Yom Kippur begins at sundown on October 7th

The Club welcomed **Bill Derby** back on September 12th.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD
OCTOBER 22, 2011

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Grand Multidistrict Project Fair

Veracruz, Mexico

January 27—February 2, 2012

If interested in attending, please contact PDG Jeff Kranz jkrans@rochester.rr.com.

Rotary Leadership Institute
November 12, 2011
Inn on the Lake, Canandaigua

Registration fee: $65

The Next Meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on October 6th.

New Member Inducted Into Club

On September 12, President **Howard Stewart** inducted **Dan Strom** into our Club. Dan is Vice President for Commercial Sales at Five-Star Bank in Geneseo. He and his wife have two children and live in Avon. Dan was sponsored by PP **Sue Crilly**. (Photos by **M. Lyon**)

Pres. **Howard Stewart** welcomes **Dan Strom**

Dan Strom and PP **Sue Crilly**

Gifts for the President

The following Rotarians brought gifts for Pres. **Howard Stewart** after returning from their travels:

PP Art Hatton, Bruce Godsave, PP Carol Carey and Kelly Palmer

Four Fine$

PP **Dick Gallivan** paid a fine for his sister, **Mary Lou Dietrich**, recipient of the second annual Paul Harris Award (West Seneca Rotary Club) for demonstrating extraordinary volunteer service. She founded the West Seneca food pantry in 1978 and currently serves as its Director**.**

PP **Steve Wiener** paid a fine for his son, **Eric**, who has been promoted to the position of Executive Producer for News for the NBC affiliate in Las Vegas.

PP **Linda Gibbs** paid a fine for the article in the October 2011 issue of *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine that featured a house her daughter decorated.

Charles Tyo paid a fine for his new grandchild.

The Following Thank You Letters Were Received During the Month of September

From District Governor **Norma Madayag-Reilly** and her husband **Gary** for our Club's hospitality to them on their August 29th visit.

From the **Red Cross** for our donation.

From **Chances & Changes** for our donation**.**

From **Geneseo Productions** for our support of summer concert series.

From the **Livingston County Historical Society** for our donation towards their croquet tournament.

From **Livingston Cares** for our support towards the construction of a new school in El Sauce, Nicaragua

Rotaract President Visits Club Meeting

On September 26, **Olga Varechtchouk**, S.U.N.Y. Geneseo Rotaract Club President, visited our Club meeting. She presented a brief overview of her summer 2011internship at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. The hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children.

Olga is a senior at S.U.N.Y Geneseo majoring in Biology. She plans to attend medical school in fall 2012.

PROGRAM REPORT

Fatherhood Connection Founder Speaks at Club Meeting

From left: **Gretchen Micheaux**, Pres. **Howard Stewart**, **Reginald Cox**, and **Laird Gesler** (Photo by M. Lyon)

Reginald Cox, Founder and Director of The Fatherhood Connection, was our program speaker on September 26th. He was accompanied by **Laird Gesler**, who initiated the program in Livingston County. Mr. Gesler is a Dept. of Social Services Supervisor for Foster Care.

Reggie relayed that this Fathers program is designed to help men accept the responsibility and significant role of the father for the best interest of the child. Fathers and father figures, no matter what their age is, are all welcome to participate. The program encourages fathers to share their life experiences and become open to explore various ways to raise their children in a comfortable non-judgmental and supportive atmosphere.

Reggie said that he quit his job 12 years ago to establish his first father's group in Rochester. He hopes to expand the program to all the counties surrounding Rochester. The "Fathers Matter to Kids!" meets every Monday from 6:00—8:00 pm at the Hillside Children's Livingston Center Office at 24 Main Street in Mount Morris and the Genesee Region program meets at the Batavia Assemblies of God on Tuesday evenings. Dinner is provided.

Reggie explained that the length of the program is 13 weeks and that participants can begin at any time. After attending meetings for the required number of weeks a "Certificate of Accomplishment" is awarded.

After Reggie concluded his program, Pres. **Howard Stewart** presented him with a check for $200 . The money will be used to support the ongoing mission of The Fatherhood Connection.

For addition information, Reginald Cox can be reached by phone at 284-2445 or by e-mail: thefathersconnection@gmail.com

Reginald Cox is the originator of the Changing Lives Father's Program. He is also the Pastor of the Changing Lives Worship Center in Rochester, New York. (Program information source: www.thefatherhoodconnection.com)

The deadline for the November *Newsletter* is October 28th

Rotaract Club Members Participate in Comfort Care Walk

On Saturday, September 24, 2011 two members of the S.U.N.Y. Geneseo Rotaract Club, **Olga Varechtchouk** (Club President) and **Devin Grau** (Club Historian) participated in the 7th Annual Comfort Care Walk to raise money for the Teresa House in Geneseo.

Olga Varechtchouk and **Devin Grau**
(Photo by D. Grau)

October District Dinners

October 16th

Gates-Chili Rotary
Pasta Dinner

Turkish Society
677 Beahan Road
5:00 pm

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October 21st

Newark Rotary Club
85th Anniversary Dinner

Quality Inn
125 North Main Street
Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm
Program: 8:00 pm
Tickets: $35.00
RSVP by October 6th
315-331-1253

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October 22nd

Fairport Rotary Club
Pasta Dinner

4:00—7:00 pm
Perinton V.F.W. Post, Route 31
Tickets purchased at the door or from any Fairport Rotarian:
Adults $7, Child $5, Family $20

Interact Club -- International Service Project

Darcy Lynch has reported that the Interact Club at Geneseo Central School will be collecting used shoes for the Republic of Haiti.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Kelly Palmer has recently accepted a new position as Customer Accounts Representative at the William Schuster Allstate Agency in Lakeville.

The revised Club Constitution and Club By-Laws were approved at the meeting on September 12 and are available on the Club's website.

Rotary International Convention

www.rotaryconvention2012.com

May 6-9, 2012