

# Valley Courier

*Monthly Newsletter*  
The Rotary Club of Geneseo, N.Y.  
Club 4780 of District 7120



Ann Dawson	Aug 1st
Greg Ramsden	Aug. 5th
Darcy Lynch	Aug. 8th
Anna Grace	Aug. 11th
PP Mary Kay Yanik	Aug. 12th
PP Dick Thomas	Aug. 30th

## Wedding Anniversaries

PP Chris Rider	Aug 2nd
PP Mary Kay Yanik	Aug. 3rd
PP Linda Gibbs	Aug. 11th
Marilyn Lyon	Aug. 13th
Angela Ellis	Aug. 15th
Stephen Kelley	Aug. 16th
Bill Flood	Aug. 20th
Michael Mills	Aug. 25th



*August 19-25, 2018*

## Rotary Archive

The first Interact Club was formed in Melbourne, Florida in August 1962.

Interact is an international organization of service and social clubs for young people of secondary school age that fosters leadership and responsible citizenship and promotes international understanding and peace. The name was created by combining the words "international" and "action." (Source...Rotary International)



## Summer Festival Service Above Self Awards Presented on July 16



Congratulations and thanks again to everyone who worked on the festival activities. A tremendous amount of effort and what a success! At the meeting, I recognized a few individuals for going above and beyond to help make the Summer Festival successful!

PP Steve W. was presented with an apron as the Summer Festival Grill Master! Special thanks and "Mounds of Appreciation" were also presented to PP John, Laura, PP Steve K., PP Howard, Don and Lisa. (Don and Lisa not able to attend July 16 mtg). Also in the picture is DG Mike. Thanks everyone!

(Photo by Jo Slovak, photo and info submitted by Pres. Angela)



DG Mike Slovak and Pres. Angela Ellis.

(Photo provided by PP Matt Gaynor)



You can help children with special needs experience the fun and adventure of a playground.



A fully accessible playground will be the newest addition to the Sunshine Campus. Shirley's Playland is named for Shirley Isaac, wife of past Rochester Rotary President Jim Isaac, who loved children and the Sunshine Camp. There is no better tribute to her memory than a fun, accessible playground at the camp. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2019.

Donor information available at:

<https://www.sunshinecampus.org/#shirleys-playland>





Scott Kamakaris presented the plaques from the Little League, thanking Rotary for its support of the program.

Rotary initiated the Little League program in 1982-83 and named it to honor the late NY Yankee great Vic Raschi, who was a member of Geneseo Rotary back then.

Photo and information submitted by Pres. Angela and PP Art Hatton.

### Quote of the Month

*What we do during our working hours determines what we have; what we do in our leisure hours determines what we are.*

—George Eastman (1854-1932)

## KUDOS



PP Kurt Fletcher performed the role of Major-General Stanley in The Geneseo Community Players' presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance or The Slave of Duty," on July 20, 21 and 22. The event was held in the McCarthy Auditorium at Geneseo Central School.



(Photo by Leah Fletcher, submitted by PP Kurt Fletcher)





## *Summer Festival Parade*



Photos by  
PP Tim Hayes



## *Summer Festival in the Park*



Photos by  
PP Tim Hayes



## Rotary Archive

August 1910

Paul Harris was elected President of The National Association of Rotary Clubs and served two terms.



## August is Rotary Membership and New Club Development Month

Maybe you know some business associates or family members who would make great Rotarians, but you never considered them for club membership because they don't live near you. Take the time this month to call them, tell them why you think they would make great Rotarians...

Share your passion for Rotary!

(Source: R. I.)

## Avon Rotary Corn Festival

Saturday, August 11th

10:00 am—6:00 pm

Arts & Craft Show, Corn Eating Contest, Games, Corn Festival T-Shirts, Food Vendors, Corn Fritters & Salt Potatoes, 50/50 raffle

**Free Admission, Shuttle Bus & Parking!**

**Free Evening Concert The Skycoasters**



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**Facebook**

Thanks to PP Sue Crilly for her work  
keeping our Facebook page up-to-date.



Food Pantry Day  
is  
August 6th

### Rotary Club Banners

One of the colorful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at "make-up" meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and events. (Source: **ABC's of Rotary**)



The Summer Festival 50/50 Raffle raised \$1,059 for Kerry Ann Wood and \$1059 for the winner.

The winner was Rotarian Laura Minor who donated her winnings back to Kerry Ann as a donation from the Geneseo Rotary Club.



## Geneseo Summer Concert Series



**August 3rd** Tommy T & The Gliders  
A Page from the American Songbook

**August 10th** Josie Waverly & Friends  
Country

**August 17th** Genesee Johnny  
Big Band

**August 24th** Bob Bunce's Rural Delivery  
Unique Country Rock

**August 31st** Dady Brothers & The Sláinte Irish Dancers  
Irish Music, Dance and Humor





# Bear Jam, Summer Festival bring small town fun to Geneseo

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Children and the young-at-heart hugged their teddy bears – or another beloved stuffed animal – and marched down Geneseo's Main Street for the annual Teddy Bear Parade on Saturday morning.

"This is one of the greatest traditions in Geneseo," said Mary Roodenburg, who walked in the event with Stella Bouvant, who was visiting from Paris, France.

Tucker Drum has been attending the parade – an homage to Main Street's Emmeline Wadsworth Memorial Fountain, with the bear on top – since he was little. He said he loves collecting the shirts – participants receive a free t-shirt and a balloon – and meeting up with his friends. "I brought a teddy bear, his name is Teddys," said Drum, who added that he also really liked to see the old cars.

Dale Sells and her husband have been attending the event for several years. This year, Dale chose to dress their Shih tzu-Maltese dog Wickett in a bear outfit.

"I sew, so I have fun with him," she said – while displaying photos of Wickett and their other dogs in costume.

The Teddy Bear Parade has been a highlight of a busy Geneseo weekend for decades.

"It's the most fun... one of those upbeat activities," said Geneseo Mayor Margaret Duff. "It gives all of these children a chance to shine and show off their favorite stuffed animals."

The village shined throughout a weekend with comfortable temperatures that brought hundreds to Main Street and the Village Park with a full menu of music from local and regional acts, short theatrical performances, food and sidewalk sales.

The events and activities were all part of Main Street's "Bear Jam," the new name of the former Sidewalk Sales Days, and the 32nd Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival, which took over the village park.

The weekend culminated Saturday night with a concert by the Skycoasters, a Rochester party band. Saturday also saw the conclusion of the Teddy Bears Scavenger Hunt.

"I like to come over for the different concerts. I really enjoy the music," said Sara Thompson of Avon.

Joyce Wechsler of Geneseo stopped downtown near dinnertime Friday – a time when the crowd seemed to pick up – for an Italian sausage and to stroll around and see the different booths on Main Street and in the park.

"I love the small town fair feel," said Wechsler, who grew up in New York City and has lived in Geneseo for the past 45 years.

The annual festivals bring together community members, visitors and families returning for a visit.

"I like all the people it brings in," said Jonathan Roodenburg of Geneseo. "There are tons of people, a lot that I've run into that I haven't seen in years."

The strawberry sundaes from St. Luke's Church were a popular attraction.

"I have to have a strawberry sundae. They're the best," said Teonna Janczak, who also likes to take a look at the arts offerings.

The park seemed to have a few more vendors than in recent years with a children's author, jewelry makers, arts and crafters and several home improvement vendors.....



Complete story and photos available at

<http://www.thelcn.com/lcn01/bear-jam-summer-festival-bring-small-town-fun-to-geneseo-20180711>





## Saturday, July 7th

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