

# Valley Courier

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

2019



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| Ann Dawson        | Aug 1st  |           |
| Darcy Lynch       | Aug. 8th |           |
| Anna Grace        |          | Aug. 11th |
| PP Mary Kay Yanik |          | Aug. 12th |

## Wedding Anniversaries

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



August 18-24, 2019

## 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 Provides Fun for all Ages

By Ben Beagle/Livingston County News, July 16, 2019

GENESEO - They came for the shops, the food, and the kids sought out games and other adventures.

For some, the Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival is something they do every year, while others were discovering the village for perhaps the first time.

Rotary's Summer Festival has been a tradition since 1982. What started years ago as a small summer event by the downtown merchants, has become the source of major family fun with the entire downtown area and Village Park transformed into a venue to celebrate summer.

Gloria Strubel of Livonia said she comes every year to the festival. On Friday, the event's first day, she stopped with her grandchildren Zachery and Zoe after they had participated in the summer recreation program. They visited some shops – the grandchildren were interested in checking out soccer gear at Special Tees, Strubel said – and have a bit of lunch.

"We hit it all," Strubel said. "It's a lot of fun. The kids see different things and people they know. It's good to be out and talking to people."



Bob MacLemalle of Avon, who went to college at SUNY Geneseo, also said he likes to look at the shops and crafts.

"It's a pretty little town," he said. "We come back to the little shops each year. It's our tradition."

Children were drawn to the corner of the Village Park where a variety of attractions awaited them.

The climbing wall, Quad Jump, a bungee-trampoline combination, and Meltdown, a ride that challenges people to avoid a spinning arm, returned from past years. New were two bounce houses, including one with a basketball court, and the inflatable stunt jump Zero Shock, in which people could climb a platform that took them several feet above the ground and fall into an airbag from one of two different heights.

Bennett Visalli of Geneseo was looking forward to the rock wall because it was something different that you can't always do in town.

Ryder Jamison of Canadice was having fun on the Quad Jumps, his hair flying every which way as he bounced high off the trampoline. His mom, Ayla Jamison, wasn't worried, suggesting he has done much more daring tricks at home.

Ayla Jamison, who grew up in Geneseo, said the family likes to come back for the festival.

"We come for the good, especially the strawberry social," she said.

John and Beth Oppezio, who are from the Albany area, were staying at Letchworth State Park when they heard about the festival.

"We do everything that we can," said John Oppezio. "We like to take in as much of the local flavor as we can."

At the Promote Geneseo table in front of the Geneseo Building visitors were asked to put a push-pin in maps of the area, state or world, to indicate where they were visiting from. While many came pins filled Livingston County and the Genesee Valley, others were scattered across the state and as far away as South Africa.

Among the visitors on Friday afternoon was Herrie ten Cate, a documentary filmmaker and former CBC new producer, who placed his pin on Toronto, Ontario. He was in town for the airshow, but came up to Main Street to see what was happening and ask the Promote Geneseo hosts about recommendations for dining and other area attractions.

There was a large and spirited crowd with teddy bears both traditional and colorful, and characters all around for the village's annual Teddy Bear Parade, which marched along Main Street under sunny blue skies on Saturday morning. "I feel like it gets bigger every year," said Melissa Barnes, there with her husband, children and parents. The family has been coming for years, this time with baby Elijah, the newest addition to the family "It's become a tradition for us," she said.

The Teddy Bear Parade has been a highlight of a busy Geneseo weekend for decades. The parade – an homage to Main Street's Emmeline Wadsworth Memorial Fountain, with the bronze bear on top – draws hundreds, including children with teddy bears and other favorite stuffed animals for the march down Main Street.....

Complete story/photos available at

<https://www.thelcn.com/lcn01/summer-festival-provides-fun-for-all-ages-20190716&template>





**Florida Rotarian Visits Club**

PP Bonnie Rybak from an Inverness, Florida Rotary club was a guest at our July 8 meeting. She visited and exchanged banners with Pres. Mike. I think she said her club was comprised of 82 members and their signature fundraiser was a craft brew event.

Interesting to note that she went around the room in advance of the meeting and introduced herself to every attendee!  
(Submitted by PP Matt Gaynor)



Club President Mike Kolberg presenting Angela Ellis with PP Gavel Plaque  
(Photos submitted by PP Mary Kay Yanik)

**Change of Officers Dinner, July 1st  
at the Yard of Ale Restaurant**



PP John Lanpher presenting Angela Ellis with a Paul Harris Fellow



President-elect Mike Kolberg at the Quad Cities Dinner on June 4 (photo submitted by PP Art Hatton)



# Summer Festival In The Park



Kim and Tom Cox



Rick Fish

Photos from Geneseo Rotary Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2250377195000242&set=pcb.2250385331666095&type=3&theater>





## 2019 DISTRICT 7120 GOLF TOURNAMENT

### YOU ARE INVITED

**WHAT:** District 7120 Golf Tournament

**WHERE:** Island Oaks Golf Course at Lima Country Club

**WHEN:** Friday, September 6, 2019; Registration at 12:00 noon, tee off at 1:00 P.M.

**FORMAT:** Scramble

**COST:** Early Bird Special (Paid by July 15<sup>th</sup>) \$80.00 per person  
 After July 15<sup>th</sup> thru August 30<sup>th</sup> \$85.00 per person  
 Cost includes golf, cart, hot dog lunch and dinner

**PRIZES:**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place-Men's; Ladies; Mixed Team | Putting Contest                 |
| "Overall" Lowest Score                          | "Best Dressed" Team/Person(s)   |
| Longest Drive                                   | Team that Got the Most Exercise |
| Nearest to the Pin                              |                                 |

In addition, a Paul Harris drawing for clubs w/at least a paid foursome

**Please note:** To be eligible to win first place, a team must have at least (3) registered players and finish the event.

To register, please click on this link: Go to <http://bit.ly/7120-Golf2019>.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** We have opportunities for Hole Sponsors (\$75.00) and one Putting Contest Sponsor (\$100.00). See attached Sponsor Form or register using the link above.

**NOTE:** Each Club is asked to donate a raffle item valued at \$25.00. Please bring the raffle item with you on the day of the tournament. **NO TIME TO SHOP?** You may send a \$25.00 check, made payable to: District 7120 Golf Tournament and mail it to Gary Reilly, 819 Moseley Road, Fairport, NY 14450, no later than August 27<sup>th</sup> and he will do the shopping for your Club.

The net proceeds this year will benefit 2019-2020 Governor Dave's initiative of *Education and Literacy.*

*Join us for this fun-filled afternoon of golf and fellowship!!!*

# 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 10th

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**

## Avon Rotary Auction

November 9th

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Avon Primary School

Clinton Street, Avon

*Start your holiday shopping early!*



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



Food Pantry Day is August 5th

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at our Summer Festival

SAVE THE DATE:

Genesee Valley Hunt Races October 12th  
This is a fundraiser for our club.

“Many hands make for light work”

The Summer Festival 50/50 Raffle raised \$1,568 for the CURE Childhood Cancer Assoc. (\$784 for winner and \$784 for CURE. PP Bonnie won the raffle, which she donated to them on the spot.)



# Geneseo Summer Concert Series



**August 2** Genesee Johnny Band

**August 9** Miller and The Other Sinners  
Rocking Blues and Soul

**August 16th** The Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra  
Classic and Classy Big Band

**August 23** Panloco  
Steel Band

**August 30** Dady Brothers & The Sláinte Irish Dancers  
Irish Music, Dance and Humor

