

Valley Courier

Monthly Newsletter

The Rotary Club of Geneseo, N.Y.

Club 4780 of District 7120 www.GeneseoRotary.com



PP David Woods

March 2nd

Debby Emerson

March 3rd

Mary Alice May

March 4th

PP Linda Gibbs

March 23rd

PP Howard Stewart

March 24th

PP Carol Carey

March 30th

2019 District Conference



May 3rd to 5th

Rotary Archive

March, 1913

The Great Flood

Rotary's first cooperative disaster relief effort to assist the victims in Ohio and Indiana. The Great Flood swept across central and southern Indiana and throughout Ohio becoming the most devastating flood in the history of those states. Homes and entire neighborhoods were destroyed and almost 500 lives were lost in Ohio alone.

Rotary Clubs contributed \$25,000 to a Rotary Relief Fund for the areas affected by the flood.

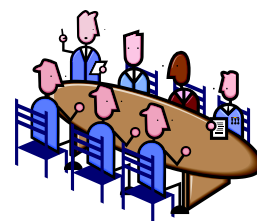
(Source: Rotary International)

District

Training Assembly

Wayne Central School

April 6th



"Little which is valuable comes without effort". Paul Harris

Paul Harris Fellow Presented to Doug Johnson

A Paul Harris Fellow was presented to Doug Johnson at our February 4 meeting.

After graduating Geneseo Central School in 1954, Doug enlisted in the Marine Corps. Doug is a recipient of Kiwanis, Rotary, Masonic, American Legion awards.



Doug Johnson displaying the Paul Harris Medallion and Pin in their presentation case

Doug was recognized by New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan in November of 2018 for fifty years of service between Geneseo Cub Scout Pack 72 and Geneseo Boy Scout Pack 70 as a Scoutmaster and Commissioner.

Doug's Scouting legacy includes 22 Eagle Scouts during his tenure as Scoutmaster and several Boy Scouts who would later become Scoutmasters themselves. One former Scout who earned his Eagle rank under Johnson's tenure is now the Scoutmaster for two of Johnson's grandchildren in Monroe County.

Doug has received the National Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver and Founders awards in recognition of outstanding service to the Boy Scouts of America. He was elected a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts.

Doug is a lifelong member of Geneseo United Methodist Church. (Submitted by Paul Kreher)



PP John Lanpher presenting the Paul Harris Fellow Certificate

Greg Johnson holds up his father's collection of scouting patches



PP Steve Wiener, Paul Kreber, Pres. Angela Ellis, Doug Johnson, wife Mary Jo, son Greg and PP John Lanpher.

Photos by PP Tim Hayes

Naples Creek Rainbow

Trout Derby

April 1st



All proceeds to benefit Naples Rotary Club
Community Service Projects



Summer Festival Update

Summer Festival advertisement program
envelope stuffing was held on
February 16

Thanks to everyone who volunteered!



Joke of the Month



Remember as a child when air for
your bike was free? Now it's \$1.50!

I asked the gas station attendant
why. He said, "Inflation."

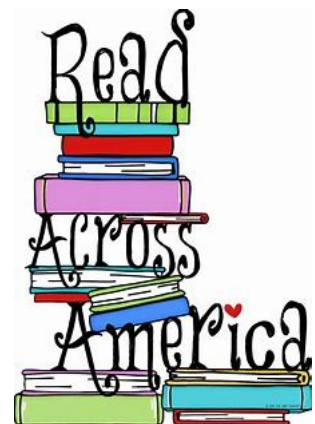
District 7120 Newsletter

The Grapevine

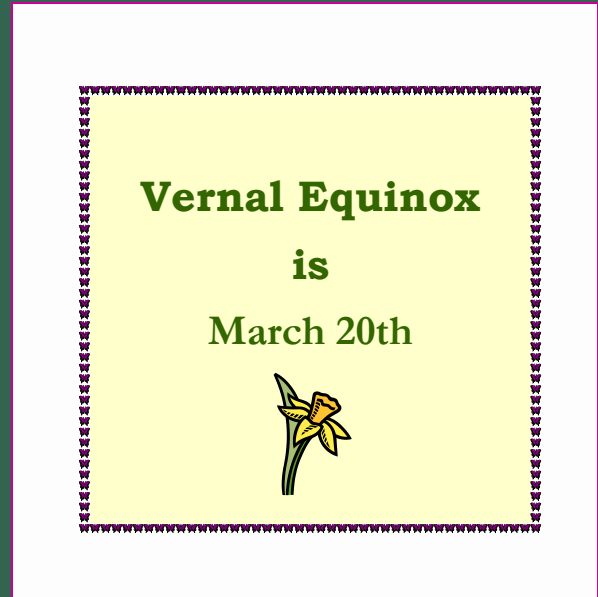
If you are not receiving the District's newsletter, and
would like to, please contact Karen Parkhurst,
District Secretary.

karenparkhur@gmail.com.

She is the Rotarian who manages the web mail list for
that publication.



Will be celebrated on
March 1st



Strike Out Hunger

April 27th at Highland
Park Little League
Opening Day.
Begins @ 8:30 AM.




Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday, March 10th



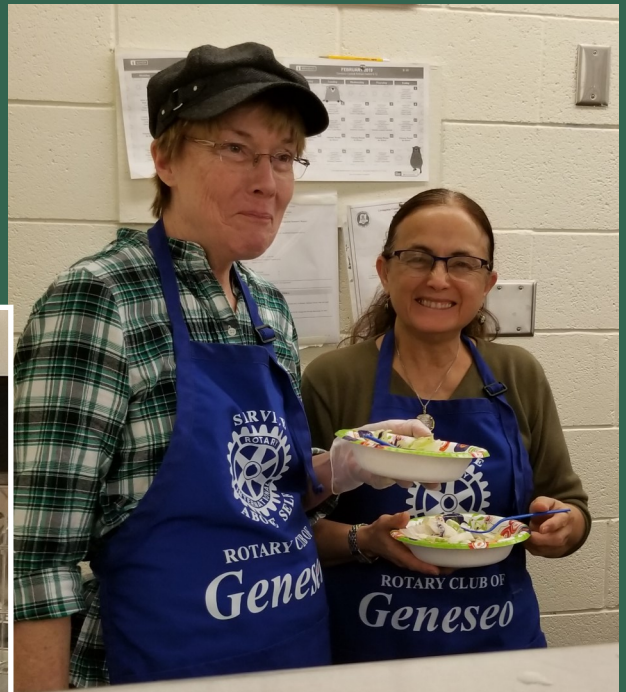
**Set Your Clocks Ahead
One Hour**



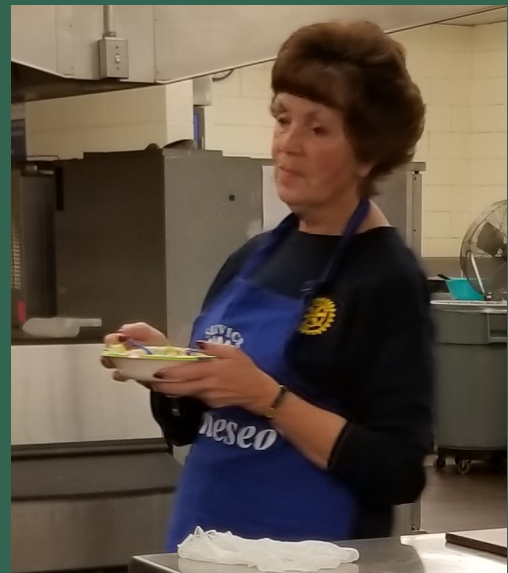
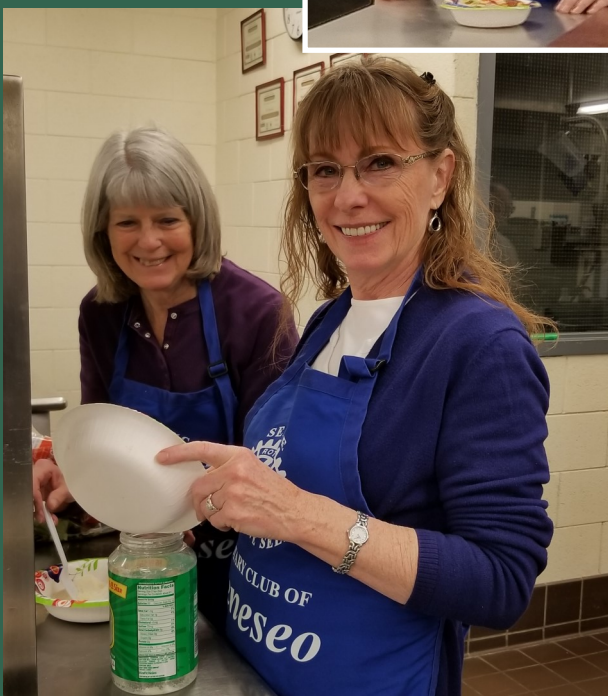
Boy Scout Blue and Gold Banquet February 9th Geneseo Central School



As usual the Geneseo Rotary club came together to put on the Blue and Gold dinner without a hitch. I thank everyone who pitched in to make it a success.
Submitted by PP Steve Wiener



Photos by President Angela Ellis



Geneseo Summer Concert Series



Town of Geneseo

The Eleventh annual Geneseo Summer Concert Series is being presented to provide musical entertainment to the Geneseo Community at no cost to those attending.

We are building on the success of past seasons, which contributed to the lifestyle of our community, as well as bringing people to our downtown area during a traditionally quiet time of the year.

The series will begin on Friday, June 21st in the Village Park from 7 - 9 PM. The remaining concerts will be on consecutive Fridays, with the final concert on August 30th. Each performance will be from 7-9 PM in the Village Park. Food & Drinks from the Café Shiloh available in the Park. New restrooms in the park are open.

2019 Concert Schedule

June 21st – Bob's Brother's Band
 June 28th – Bob Bunce and Rural Delivery
 July 19th – EZ Money Band
 July 26th – Tommy T and The Gliders
 August 2nd – Genesee Johnny Band
 August 9th – Miller and The Other Sinners
 August 16th – Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra
 August 23rd – Panloco Steel Band
 August 30th – The Dady Brothers

All concerts are 7 - 9 PM on Friday Evenings.

For further information, visit our website:

www.geneseoconcerts.com

Presented By Geneseo Productions Inc.

Geneseo Summer Concert Series

I (we) would like to become a sponsor for the 2019 Geneseo Summer Concert Series to be held at the Village Park.

Please check one of the following:

Gold Level Sponsor (\$100 - \$500) _____

Silver Level Sponsor (\$50 - \$99) _____

Bronze Level Sponsor (\$25 - \$49) _____

Friends of Geneseo Concerts _____

Name/Business _____

Address _____

Enclosed is a check for \$_____, Made payable to Geneseo Productions Inc.

Please mail to P.O. Box 638, Geneseo, N.Y. 14454-0638

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Female Surveillance Officer for WHO Pushes Through Gender-related Obstacles to Help End Polio in Pakistan

By **Ryan Hyland**

Dr. Ujala Nayyar dreams, both figuratively and literally, about a world that is free from polio. Nayyar, the World Health Organization's surveillance officer in Pakistan's Punjab province, says she often imagines the outcome of her work in her sleep.

In her waking life, she leads a team of health workers who crisscross Punjab to hunt down every potential incidence of poliovirus, testing sewage and investigating any reports of paralysis that might be polio. Pakistan is one of just two countries that continue to report cases of polio caused by the wild virus.

In addition to the challenges of polio surveillance, Nayyar faces substantial gender-related barriers that, at times, hinder her team's ability to count cases and take environmental samples. From households to security checkpoints, she encounters resistance from men. But her tactic is to push past the barriers with a balance of sensitivity and assertiveness.

Complete story at <https://www.rotary.org/en/polio-surveillance-officer-virus-pakistan>

New Member Inducted Into Club on February 4

Tye Smith became the newest member of our club on February 4th

He was sponsored by Sharyn Duffy and Delores Johnson.

Tye is the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity in Livingston County.

(Photo submitted by PP Tim Hayes)



Livingston County
Habitat
for Humanity®

Meet Anna Spence, New Rotaract Club President



I am from Honeoye Falls, NY and went to Rush-Henrietta schools. I live with my mom, Marie and dad, Jim and one older brother, Emmett, who is in his final semester in a 5 year program studying mechanical engineering at RIT. I am a junior at SUNY Geneseo and I am a biology major with a chemistry minor. I am on the pre-dental track, and will be applying to dental schools this summer.

For hobbies and interests, I love to ski and have been skiing with my family since I was 10. We also like to camp in the summer. I make jewelry at home, and love to read. Music is a passion of mine, and I have a small collection of vinyl records at home. My favorite genre of music is alternative rock, and I enjoy going to concerts with my brother.

I got involved with Rotaract in my freshman year, because I had been a Girl Scout in elementary school, and volunteered in middle and high school. I wanted to be involved in a service based club, so I joined Rotaract. Some of the projects I have been a part of include volunteering at the Hunt Races, packing Thanksgiving baskets at the food pantry and buying a Thanksgiving meal for a local family.

This semester as President, I look forward to getting involved in many more projects in the community, and working with Rotary on their projects as well. (Photo submitted by PP Tim Hayes)

(Article submitted by Anna Spence)



The Rotaract Club of the University of North Carolina, sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Carolina, was the first Rotaract Club to receive its official charter on **March 13, 1968.**

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.



Hear Ye,
Hear Ye...

Upcoming Club
Events



May: Potted Plant &
Hanging Basket Sale

June: Change of
Officers Dinner



July 12th-13th

Summer Festival

World Water Day

March 22, 2019

Rotary International and USAID celebrate

working
together in
an effort to
implement
water,
sanitation
and hygiene
projects.



(Source: Rotary International)

Photo from PlayPump International



During March, Rotary Water and Sanitation Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.