

# Valley Courier

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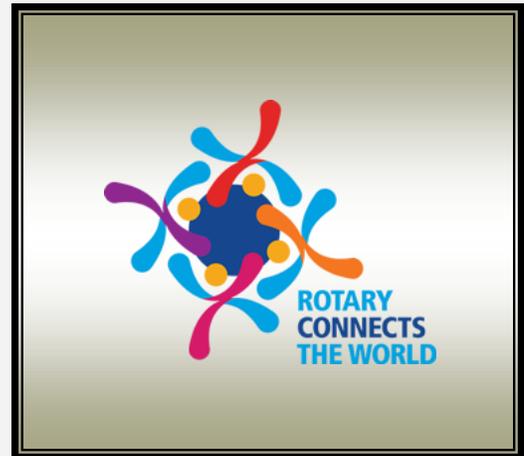
## Birthdays

Tye Smith— 11/2  
Don Livingston — 11/3  
PP Matt Gaynor— 11/12  
PP Steve Wiener — 11/14  
Michael Kolberg — 11/14  
Justin Myers — 11/14  
William Daniel — 11/19



## Wedding Anniversary

PP Matt Gaynor— 11/6



November 11th



Veterans' Luncheon November 4th

## November is Rotary Foundation Month

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

(Source: Rotary International)



## Amie Alden Guest Speaker



“Mugshot” photo of Pres Mike providing a Geneseo Rotary mug on September 23 to guest speaker, Liv County Historian Amie Alden.

Amie spoke about the preparations being made for the celebration of the County’s bicentennial in 2021.

(Submitted by PP Matt Gaynor)

### Kudos to...

Dorothy Welch who won a red ribbon for the apple pie she entered into a contest at the Genesee Country Village and Museum’s Fall Festival and Agricultural Fair.



The event was held on October 5th & 6th.

Pres Mike presenting a mug to the September 30th guest speakers, Rock Castor and Laurel Nelson, of Lagom Landing in Dansville.

(Submitted by PP Matt Gaynor)



### Halloween Parade

October 31st

Meet at the log cabin at 6:00pm, parade down Main Street starts at 6:30pm



### Pantry Day

Nov. 4th

The Food Pantry is in need of additional food for Thanksgiving.

## Geneseo Rotary sets Oktoberfest fundraiser for Oct. 5

By Matt Leader

Incoming Geneseo Rotary President Don Livingston is hoping an upcoming Oktoberfest celebration is successful enough to become an annual fundraiser for the service club. The idea for an Oktoberfest in Geneseo came from a relative lack of things to do this time of year, said Livingston.

“In the summer, we have the summer festival and there’s all kinds of events going on. There’s festivals all over the county,” Livingston said. “You get to fall and there’s really not a lot going on and we just decided this might be a good idea. It’ll bring people to Geneseo and it’s for such a great cause.”

Scheduled for Oct. 5 from noon to 5 p.m. on Center Street in Geneseo, the event will feature everything you’d expect from a German Oktoberfest.

“We have a... band, 78 RPM - they play authentic German music and polka music. We’ll have tents set up – a food tent set up where you can get bratwurst and knackwurst and German potato salad and sauerkraut and hot pretzels,” Livingston said. “We’re going to have a German beer tent up – lots of music and lots of food and you can just have a good time.”

Money raised at the festival will help Rotary offer financial assistance to the slew of local, and national, charities, causes and organizations it regularly benefits.

Among those, said Livingston, are supplying food baskets to needy families during holidays and other times of the year, sending kids to Keyboard Kamp in the summer and supporting a worldwide cure for Polio.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Intermissions Bar and Grill, 8 Center St., Geneseo, Pizza Paul’s, 110 Main St., Geneseo, or from any Rotary member. Children under 12 are free.

For more information, visit Geneseo Rotary’s Facebook page.

(Source: *Livingston County News*, October 3, 2019)

### World Interact Week

World Interact Week will be celebrated during the first week of November to commemorate the founding of the first Interact Club in 1962.



## Rotaract members help out at Oktoberfest

Members of the SUNY Geneseo Rotaract club helped out at our Oktoberfest on October 5th. (Photo submitted by PP Kurt Fletcher)



Red poppies are our national symbol of sacrifice on  
Veteran's Day and Memorial Day.

The poppy is also the official memorial flower of the  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

An illustration of red poppies on a light green background. There are three flowers: one large one in the upper left, one smaller one in the middle, and one large one in the lower left. The flowers have dark centers and green stems with leaves.

### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

- Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

### Good Neighbor Event at Deer Run Winery, October 6th

We had a good outing with 20 participants. Face painting, hay rides and a bounce house were big draws. Many of the participants were dressed in Halloween costume.

Participants also received coupons for a free personal size pizza from Pizza Paul's.

The generosity of Rotary, Geneseo Central school transportation department, and Pizza Paul's made this event possible. (Submitted by Paul Kreher)



### Genesee Valley Hunt Races, October 12

Would like to thank the Rotarians and other volunteers who showed up and worked under less than ideal conditions. In particular Berta and her daughter who made lunches while sitting inside the back of my van. Service above self was certainly evident Saturday.

Thanks to PP Bonnie and PP Carol who stayed late to count the money from the gates, a very tedious task.

(Submitted by PP Steve Wiener)



November 28th

## Did You Know?

The Big Tree Inn is haunted!

# HAUNTED HISTORY TRAIL

*of New York State*

<https://hauntedhistorytrail.com/explore/big-tree-inn>



Built in 1833 The Big Tree Inn is one of the most familiar landmarks in the historic community of Geneseo, NY. Renovated and revitalized in 1999 we offer overnight stays, dining, and an event center in a beautiful haunted inn.

A prominent man in the community, Allen Ayrault and his wife Bethia built their home on the site of Chief Goondahgowah's (Big Tree) log cabin, which burned down almost 40 years before. They named it Big Tree Lodge to honor the Chief, and opened their home to all aspects of

the Geneseo community.

A year after Bethia's death in 1886 the home became the Big Tree Inn and throughout the years, in the spirit of the Ayraults, the doors have remained opened to guests, gatherings and social functions.

Some of these restless souls are still seen from time to time. An old groundskeeper walking around with a lantern, a young girl in a green Victorian dress and a young man in a dark suit and top hat are just a few of the travelers still around. Or maybe you'll see Bethia herself sitting in a chair in her old room.





October 21st mug shot of Pres Mike and our speaker, Lynette Greene, Director of Mental Health Services at Noyes.  
(Submitted by PP Matt Gaynor)

### Discover aloha in Honolulu!

Register for the 2020 convention now and save up to \$200. The early registration fee is \$450 for Rotarians and \$120 for Rotaractors through 15 December.

Register at [riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org). While there, download the promo kit to encourage your fellow Rotarians to attend Rotary’s biggest event of the year — or watch and share an enticing video that previews the Rotary Convention.

Experience the culture of Hawaii at events planned by the Host Organization Committee in Honolulu; they include a concert at the Waikiki Shell, a sunrise walk for peace, an ancient fish-pond project, and a meal with local Rotarians.

Learn more at [rotaryhonolulu2020.org](http://rotaryhonolulu2020.org).





## Hear ye, Hear ye! Upcoming Club Events

### Food Basket Distribution



### Holiday Dinner



### Salvation Army Bell Ringing



### ChristmaSing



## 2020 District Conference

Apr 30, 2020 8:00 AM –  
May 03, 2020 12:00 PM

Niagara Casino &  
Convention Center

310 4th St

Niagara Falls, NY 14303



## Avon Rotary Auction

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Avon Rotary's second biggest fund raiser features more than 500 lots of every description. Auctioneer Ralph Garnish officiates, hammering down bids for small furniture, antiques and collectibles, tickets for theatre, movies, concerts and sporting events, jewelry, china and glass, tools, sporting goods, homemade baked goods and locally grown potatoes, squash, apples, apple cider and honey. Gift certificates from area merchants include everything from hair care, auto repair and services, restaurant meals, sides of pork, vacation get-aways, gravel, mulch, rock salt, landscaping, merchandise and more. Long-time fans use the November event to get an early start on their holiday shopping, scooping up bargains galore.