

Valley Courier

Monthly Newsletter

The Rotary Club of Geneseo, N.Y.

Club 4780 of District 7120 www.GeneseoRotary.com



Anniversaries

PP Lou Lombardo

July 28

PP Tim Hayes

July 30th



Sally Fox

July 16

Patti Lavigne

July 27

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the two Geneseo Central School
Rotary Scholarship winners for 2020:

Emma Pacheco

Joshua Matthews

Michael Kolberg presented them on Thursday June 18th.

Rotaract Club News

Anna Spence, Rotaract President, graduated from SUNY Geneseo in May.

The new club officers for 2020-2021 are:

Rachel Zicari (rez1) and Lin Dickinson (ld14) : Co-Presidents

Maddie Jackson (mlj8) : Secretary

Maddie Barry (mjb49) : Treasurer

(Submitted by PP Kurt Fletcher)



Change of Officers Dinner, June 29th Yard of Ale, Piffard



Cocktails (at table or at bar with social distancing) 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

\$35.00 per person

Menu

8 oz prime rib

Chicken parm

Chicken marsala

Garlic shrimp pasta

Garden salad

Rolls

Baked potato/ pasta

Ice cream

Coffee

Please call or text Darcy by 6/22 with your choice and number 329 7736

GENESEE VALLEY ROTARY CAMP – COVID-19 UPDATE: MAY 28, 2020



Dear GVRC Family.

It is with a heavy heart that we need to inform you that we will not be able to have the 2020 Genesee Valley Rotary Camp.

Following the decision made by the Iroquois Trail Council (BSA) to not open Camp Sam Wood this summer, along with our many concerns for how we'd be able to safely have GVRC with so many factors to consider; it was decided by our Board of Directors and Administration, that we will not have GVRC this year.

Even if we were able to use Camp Sam Wood, given all that would need to happen to have our camp operate, GVRC would be nearly impossible. The idea of maintaining safe practices given the conditions of tent camping, a crowded dining hall, the requirements of distancing and wearing masks, among other important factors, especially considering our population that includes individuals with compromised immune systems, makes this decision difficult and upsetting, but the right one at this time. The safety and well-being of our campers and staff has always been our main concern and our decision is being made with that specifically in mind.

The thought of our GVRC family being reunited in 2021 will be something to truly look forward to and cherish. We know that we don't always really appreciate something until it's gone. So we hope you plan on returning to the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp in August, 2021. We will be sure to remain in communication with our campers and families, as we not only move through this difficult summer, but to prepare for and look forward to next year's camp.

We hope our former campers keep GVRC in their thoughts as a positive spirit to guide them through these challenging times. We hope they remain in touch with their camp friends and staff members for support and please [reach out to us](#), if we can help any of our campers understand and get through this difficult decision. We hope to somehow bring some smiles to their beautiful faces this summer and please let them know we miss and love them and that we can't wait to see them back at GVRC in August, 2021!

Here Is Love!

Brian Bartalo; Camp Director
Mark Van Durme; Camp Co-Director
Jan Green; Camp Health Director
The GVRC Board of Directors

The Presidential Theme for the Rotary Year 2020-2021

In many ways, Rotary is in wonderful shape. The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the world's best charities.

We are also evolving in interesting ways. And Rotary has to change, even if some fellow Rotarians will complain that it does not look like their old Rotary, we have to change. As Paul Harris said, we have to be revolutionary from time to time.

Rotary provides opportunities for service projects that can be performed and completed by us. In Rotary, we don't just donate the money, we also perform the service and see the lasting impact of that service firsthand. This is unique.

Rotary is not just a club that you join. It opens opportunities to serve in a project as big and historic as End Polio Now and also in a small community project, where you just plant a tree. And it opens opportunities for you to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values. Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.

Therefore, the theme for our year is: ***Rotary Opens Opportunities.***

Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International, 2020-21



Rotary Opens Opportunities



Rotary District #7120 Change Over Dinner

June 27, 2020 *Saturday*
7:00 p.m.

**This Event is FREE
to Attend.**

**Please Consider a
Donation Instead to
the Rotary Foundation.**



DGE Linda Kohl
Pearfield Rotary Club

Keynote Speaker:
Rotary International
Director 2018-2020
Jeffry Cadorette



R.I. Director Jeffry Cadorette
Media Rotary Club

**This Event will be
Virtual on**



RSVP to:
Mindy Lull
mindylull@icloud.com
no later than June 29th

OFFICIAL ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
2020-21 THEME GRAPHIC



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Jessica Pierce from Catholic Charities Was Guest Speaker on June 15th

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a PDF document titled "ANNUAL REPORT 2019.pdf" in Adobe Acrobat Reader DC. The document content includes a section on "Emergency Housing Services" with a photo of small houses and text stating: "The goal of Emergency Housing is to supply help to families that are homeless, facing eviction, or living in sub-standard housing. The Department of Social Services refers families to this program. Currently, there are two emergency housing units. This program helps these families in finding safe and affordable housing, including providing a list of advertised apartments, as well as, referring to other services." Below this, it says "2019 Emergency Housing Services Statistics: A total of 49 individuals served within 15 households." Another section titled "Food Pantry" mentions "The Mt Morris Food Pantry each month serves more than 100 families that". A right-hand sidebar in the PDF viewer lists various tools like Convert, Edit PDF, Comment, etc. The Zoom interface shows a grid of 17 participants on the right, including Michael Kolb, Marilyn Lyon, Steve Wiener, Howard Stew..., Ann's iPad, galwaygarden, Don, Sally, Debby Emerson, carolcarey, swanson, John's iPhone, Kim Cox, Jessica Pierce (highlighted), Kurt Fletcher, and Sally Fox. At the bottom, there are controls for Unmute, Start Video, Participants (17), Chat, Share Screen, Record, Reactions, and a Leave button.

Jessica is the Emergency Payment Services Case Manager at Catholic Charities of Livingston County. She presented a summary of all the agency's activities outlined in their 2019 Annual Report. To review it, click on this link

<https://www.aboutcccl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ANNUAL-REPORT-2019-006.pdf>

Meet Linda Kohl, District Governor 2020-2021



Linda is a long time elected council member for the Town of Penfield. She has served as Deputy Town Supervisor and has served on, and led numerous committees, notably chairing the Town Bicentennial Committee in 2010. She currently is the chair for the Community Services Committee and is town liaison to the Penfield Library Board, Local History Room Advisory Board, Friends of the Dayton Corners Schoolhouse, Penfield Symphony Orchestra and the co-liaison to Penfield & Webster School District.

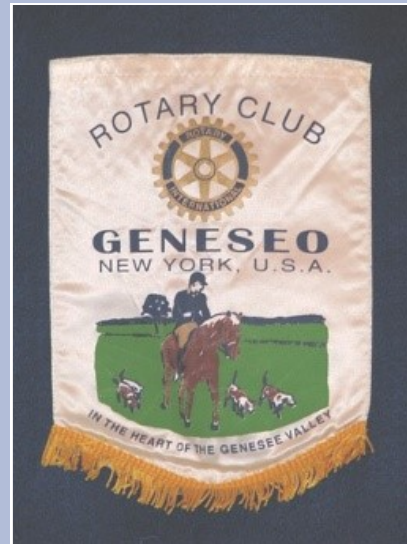
Linda joined the Penfield Rotary Club in 2005 and as an active Rotarian, has served as President twice in 2008-2009 and again in 2015-2016. She served on the Penfield Rotary Board of Directors for 12 years and is Club Director of Public Relations. Linda is Assistant Governor for Area 10 (East Rochester, Fairport, Irondequoit, Penfield, Pen Web, and Webster clubs) for 2017-2018. She is a member of the District Public Image Committee and Chaired the District Website competition in 2015. She is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

SAVE THE DATE

July 11th

Geneseo Rotary
Can/Bottle Collection Drive

Location to be determined.



If you have not already
done so, please send
your Club dues by
June 30th to PP Bonnie.

The Rotaract Club at
SUNY Geneseo received its
Charter from
Rotary International
on 3 July 2003.



With this month's
issue, our club's
monthly
newsletter is
celebrating
its 10th year
anniversary.