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

2020

JUNE



Sally Gallivan June 2
PP John Lanpher June 8

Anniversaries

PP Kurt Fletcher June 3
Craig Chichester June 6
Teresa Chichester June 6
PP Steve Wiener June 14
Mary Alice May June 14
Rick Fish June 26



REMINDER

Send PP Bonnie Swanson your
2020-2021 club dues
in July

Rotary Archive

9 June 1922

The International Association of
Rotary Clubs name is shortened
to Rotary International.

Change of
Officers
Dinner

Tentatively
Scheduled
for the
Last Monday
in June

Flower and Vegetable Plant Sale Held at Anderson Greenhouse, York May 7th-9th

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the
Roadside stand location & delivered plants

Special thanks to Darcy Dewar Lynch
& PP Bonnie Swanson



Darcy and Martha on May 8
Photos submitted by PP Bonnie

flowers for sale in a snow squall!





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Rotary  

At its Zoom Meeting on May 4, Geneseo Rotary had its first virtual guest speaker, Karen Rumfola.

Karen Rumfola is Executive Director of United Way of Livingston County. She spoke about the agency's role in the Corona Virus pandemic which has included taking money from their reserve account to help local food pantries.

She also mentioned the role Foodlink and local farmers have had in keeping the food pantry shelves stocked.

PP Kurt Fletcher shared some SUNY Geneseo news: The 2020 commencement ceremony will take place during the May 2021 commencement weekend as a separate event.

There will be a Senior- Send-Off event presented on May 16th, 2020.

Information available at <https://www.geneseo.edu/commencement/senior-send-off>



Screen shot of Karen taken at the meeting

Geneseo Rotary plant sale adjusts, continues (Livingston County News, May 8)

By BRENDAN MCDONOUGH bmcdonough@livingstonnews.com



YORK – The high winds and changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic could not stop people from coming out to Anderson Farm Roadside Stand, 2773 Main St., in York to support the Geneseo Rotary Club's annual plant sale.

"I love to see all the bright colors," said Geneseo Rotary Treasurer Bonnie Swanson.

More than 2,000 plants ranging from geraniums to vegetables were available. John Anderson has been growing the plants since January in the three greenhouses that he owns. He said over the course of a few months the plants went from seedlings to full-size plants.

"It is always tough to grow them. New York State weather is not very good," said Anderson.

He said the secret to keeping the plants healthy is propane heat to keep them warm and lots of water.

"Basically I have a lot of tender loving care and I am the one that takes care of the plants," said Anderson.

For more than 20 years, organizers of the Rotary have been holding the event, which normally takes place in the village of Geneseo near Tompkins Bank of Castile and Post Office Plaza. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Rotary had to find a location that would allow for more social distancing and accommodate the drive-through nature of the revamped event.

"This is the first year we have had it here," said Swanson.

Money raised from the event is split, with some of it going to Anderson and some of it going to the Geneseo Rotary Club.

"It comes in and then it goes right back out to the community," said Geneseo Rotary Club Service Projects Coordinator Darcy Dewar Lynch.

Some of the funds will go to scholarships. This year, with the COVID-19 pandemic the club is also helping others in need.

"We donated funds and canned goods to the Geneseo Food Pantry," said Swanson. "It is nice to be able to give something back."

They don't have a goal but are hoping to raise about \$2,000.

Organizers said the plant sale offers something for everyone. The vegetable flats include tomatoes, sweet peppers, hot peppers, eggplant, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and more. Flower plants offered are ivy geraniums, fuchsia, begonias, pansies, petunias, million bells, violas and more. Hanging baskets are available in 10-inch and 8-inch sizes.

On-site selection, curbside pickup or delivery is available. Social distancing rules also apply.

The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through May 9. For more information, call (585) 329-7736.

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