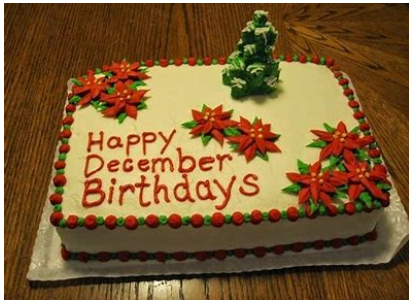


# Valley Courier

## Monthly Newsletter

The Rotary Club of Geneseo, N.Y.  
Club 4780 of District 7120 [www.GeneseoRotary.com](http://www.GeneseoRotary.com)

December 2021



Dorothy Welch... Dec. 9th  
Tom Cox..... Dec. 15th  
Roberta Love..... Dec. 15th  
Diane Hamilton... Dec. 25th



### Wedding Anniversary

David Woods..... Dec. 20th

*Geneseo Rotary  
Holiday Dinner*

*December 13th  
Yard of Ale*





## Geneseo Rotary & Geneseo Kiwanis Halloween Parade Held



Photos submitted by Pres. Teresa Chichester  
(more parade photos on next page)



Left to right: Geneseo Kiwanis President Heather Proctor, Geneseo Village Mayor Margaret Duff, and Geneseo Rotary President Teresa Chichester.  
Photo sent by Pres. Teresa





## Halloween Parade (continued)



Photos by PP Mike Kolberg





Livingston County News, November 2, 2021

## Geneseo remembers Dick Gallivan's dedication and service

*Geneseo honors Dick Gallivan*



Members of the Geneseo Rotary held a bench dedication ceremony on Monday to honor Richard “Dick” Gallivan. He passed away on Jan. 31, 2021, at age 82.

GENESEO — Alongside family and friends, members of the Geneseo Rotary came together in the Village Park Monday to dedicate a bench in honor of the late Richard “Dick” Gallivan. To many, Gallivan was not just a rotary member but a man that was loved by many in the community.

“Dick Gallivan has been a pillar of the community for many years, devoting his time to many organizations. We felt it only fitting that we dedicate a memorial bench to his years of service,” said Bonnie Swanson, treasurer of Geneseo Rotary.

Gallivan died Jan. 31, 2021 at the age of 82. He was survived by his wife of 44 years, Sally, along with many children and grandchildren. Gallivan was a graduate of Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo and earned his bachelor's degree from Buffalo State College. He was a former member of the Buffalo Fire Department and retired as a captain of the New York State Police. After retiring, he worked at Hunt County Realty in Geneseo and served on village's Board of Trustees. He was a member and past president of the Geneseo Rotary Club

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where he was presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. He was longtime Rotary Summer Festival chairman and Summer Concert Series chairman. Gallivan also served as superintendent of Temple Hill Cemetery in Geneseo.

"The summer festival that we do every year — he was critical in helping to pull that together, among many other things that he did in the community," said Swanson.

Gallivan's son, Patrick, who represents New York's 59th Senate District in the New York State Senate, attended Monday's dedication ceremony and spoke about his father.

"It is a great tribute to his contribution to the community," said Patrick Gallivan. "He was described to me by many others as a civic hero and he loved the community and was so involved in the summer festival that I think it is really appropriate to have something in the park in his memory that will live on."

Geneseo's Summer Festival has been going on in the village park since 1982 and is something that Gallivan was deeply involved in.

"I worked closely with him through all of the festivals that we did together and one of the things that I remember clearly was every year before the festival he would be under this cabin and repairing a plastic water pipe that had frozen over the winter," said Steve Wiener, a past Geneseo Rotary president and member since 1987.

From fixing pipes to helping people in any way he could, many say Gallivan did so much more for the area beyond being involved in Rotary.

"He was involved in so many community activities," said Carol Carey, another past president of Geneseo Rotary. "To have a bench in the park where people are going to be able to see this for years to come, is the right thing to do."

Monday's bench dedication was just one small step that people who knew Gallivan hope will help to pay tribute to a man who was a big part of the Geneseo community.

"It is interesting that he was involved in the community and he did that very quietly. He stepped up and put his money where his mouth was to help make the community a better place," said Patrick Gallivan. "He wasn't really talking about it but instead teaching us by example and what a great example he was and we miss him, of course."





Photos  
By  
Leah  
Fletcher





Photo submitted by Pres. Teresa Chichester



The cost of the Veteran's lunches was donated by Bob & Marilyn Lyon in memory of Marilyn's late uncle Donald J. Daniels US Army, Korea



This Year's Veterans' Luncheon  
Displayed New Table Decorations  
Armed Forces Flag Sets



Photos submitted by Pres. Teresa Chichester



## Vietnam War draftee found benefit in military service

• By BRENDAN MCDONOUGH [bmcdonough@livingstonnews.com](mailto:bmcdonough@livingstonnews.com)  
Updated Nov 11, 2021

GENESEO – Stephen Kelly was 19 years old back in 1972 when he received a piece of mail that would change his life forever.

“On May 23 my father called me at a friend’s house and – that is the only time that my father has ever called me – and he said, ‘Steve, it looks like a draft notice here,’” Kelly remembered.

It was something Kelly said he kind of expected to get.



“In 1972, I was number 6 in the draft lottery and my birthday was Oct 6. No, that was not good. Even though they had the modern volunteer army, they were still drafting people,” said Kelly.

So instead of spending his late teens with friends, he joined the military.

“I was a kid and I was living at home, working, and so I went home and I went to the recruiter and they said well the Army has got ya,” said Kelly.

Luckily for him the Army was able to offer him some choices about where he would spend the next few years.

“I said, ‘Well, I don’t want to carry a rifle and if I am going to spend years of my life here, I would like to learn something.’ So they said if you enlist for an extra year, which would be three years instead of two, than you can pick your occupation and you can also pick your unit,” said Kelly.

For Kelly, picking what unit he would be spending his time in was an easy choice. He chose the 101st Airborne Division and picked administrative work.

“So on June 23 I passed the physical and shortly thereafter I went to California for basic training,” said Kelly.

Along with basic training he said he also got a new haircut.

“They shaved your head and all of that. We went through basic training and then we went through advanced training, which was all of the administrative stuff,” said Kelly.

After arriving in California he was assigned to his administrative unit.

“I ended up at Fort Campbell in Kentucky and I was with the administrative offices. I was two and a half years there. For two years I was with the 101st Airborne Division and for the last six months I got transferred to another unit,” said Kelly.

It was something Kelly said he did not want to do.

“Overall it was not a bad experience but did I want to go? No, I am not going to lie to you. I had friends at home and I was here,” said Kelly.



## Livingston County News, November 8, 2021

## Retired Marine reflects on upcoming Veterans Day

Brendan McDonough/Livingston County News Retired U.S. Marine Corps colonel reflects of his 31 year career and what the upcoming Veterans Day holiday means to him.

GENESEO- For retired U.S. Marine Corps colonel Gary Anderson the military has been a big part of his life. He served in the Marines from 1969-2000 and says it is important to remember both the young and the older soldiers on this upcoming Veterans Day, on Nov. 11.

"I think it is a really important time to remember what our people have done, particularly in the last 20 years in Iraq and Afghanistan. I think those kid that served over there basically bought us 20 years of relative secu-rity and peace and prosperity and I think we need to be particularly grateful to the young service men, ma-rines and air people who got us out of a couple of terrible situations and got thousands of people safely out. I think it is important to remember them at this time," said Anderson, whose career included advisory roles to the State Department and Pentagon.





## Beef on Weck Fundraiser, November 14th at Intermissions



Photos  
Submitted  
By  
Pres. Teresa  
Chichester





## December Events



## Salvation Army

## Red Kettle Campaign

(See page 13 for  
schedule )



Annual  
ChristmaSing  
Friday Dec. 3rd  
5:30 pm, Meet at  
Village Park

## Food Pantry Day December 6th

Additional food is needed to  
distribute for the  
holiday season.



*Christmas Food Basket  
Deliveries scheduled for  
Saturday December 18.*

*Time not set yet but should  
be either 10am or 11 am*

## JOKE OF THE MONTH



Q: Why are Christmas trees so bad at  
sewing?

A: They always drop their needles.





Geneseo Rotary and Geneseo Community Main Street  
Annual Geneseo Christmas Sing  
Join us Friday December 3,  
at 5:30 pm for an evening of caroling and Christmas fun.  
Gather at the Geneseo Village Park for the  
Christmas tree lighting and caroling down Main Street.  
Meet Santa and join us for hot chocolate and  
cookies afterward in front of the Rivera Theater.  
Please call (585)991-8307 for questions

Submitted by Patti La Vigne

We will be ringing the Salvation Army Bell on five different days.

Fri Nov 26	12-4pm
Sat Nov 27	12-4pm
Sat Dec 4	12-4pm
Sat Dec 11	12-4pm
Sat Dec 18	12-4pm

Submitted by Pres. Teresa





Obituary  
Michael “Mike” Woods  
1946-2021

Mike was the camp Director for at least 25 years at Genesee Valley Rotary Camp and also was a Paul Harris fellow.

He was devoted to camp and for many years he and his band played for the Friday night dance where the campers would get all dressed up and have a great time. He will surely be missed Submitted by PP Steve Wiener

Complete obituary available at <https://rector-hicksfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1078/Michael-Woods/obituary.html#tribute-start>



