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Anniversary Newsletter

Rotary Club 4780 of District 7120
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THE ROTARY CLUB OF
GENESEO, NY

Geneseo Rotary Club
1925-2015



90th Anniversary Celebration
April 20, 2015

Welcome - President David Woods

Introductions of Rotary District 7120 dignitaries:

District Governor Scott MacDonell

Immediate Past District Governor Ellen Hughes

District Governor Elect Bill Gormont

District Governor Nominee Designate Don Milton

Assistant District Governor Elizabeth Emerling

Past District Governor Bob Hunt

Representatives of the Dansville Rotary Club, sponsor of our Club

Other Rotary District 7120 officials, past, present and future

Introductions of elected public officials:

Will Wadsworth, Supervisor, Town of Geneseo

Richard Hatheway, Mayor, Village of Geneseo

Introductions of Geneseo Rotary Club:

Club Members

Club officers and Board of Directors

Past Presidents

Representatives of the family of Bert Foland, first Club President

Rotary Exchange Students, past, present and future

Rotaract Club and Interact Club members

Brief Remarks

District Governor Scott MacDonell

Other Rotary District 7120 officials

Foland family - Recollections of Grandfather Bert

Reminisces by Geneseo Rotary Club members

Featured Remarks - "90 Years of the Geneseo Rotary Club"

Past President and Club Historian David Parish

Conclusion and Adjournment - President David Woods

*Many thanks to
PP David Parish
&
Mary Kay Yanik
for organizing this event.*



Photos by Marilyn Lyon



Priscilla McDaniel & Lauren Foland,
granddaughters of Elbert Foland,
Geneseo Rotary's First Club President



Matt Leader, PP Kurt Fletcher, PP Dick Thomas, PP Sally Heitzman, PP Bonnie Swanson and PP Paul Metzger

Geneseo Rotary Club in *The Rotarian*


Information about our Club has appeared several times over the years in *The Rotarian*.

April 1935 (page 42), March 1944 (page 55), March 1950 (page 45), March 1966 (page 48), September 1969 (page 53), March 1975 (page 60), November 1981* (page 46), July 1984* (page 48), and August 1999* (page 8).


<https://www.google.com/search?tbo=p&tbm=bks&q=geneseo,+ny+rotary+club&tbs=bkt:m,bkms:1168684103302644226>

Three of these articles follow....

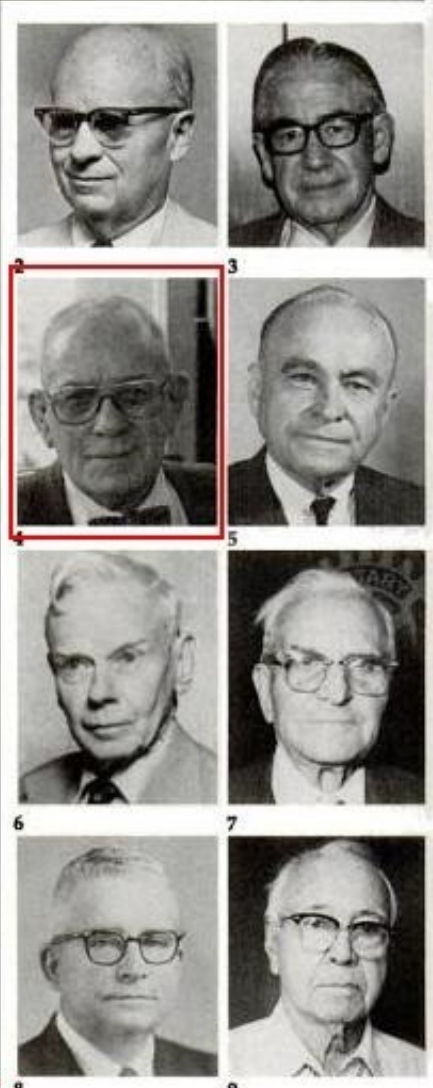
*July 1984



Congratulations!
*Perfect attendance
for 50 years or more.*



(1) Dr. Noah "Nook" Stromberg of Arcata, California, U.S.A., formerly dentistry, 57 years. (2) Paul B. Harner of Boyertown, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., formerly grey iron castings, 51 years. (3) Worth A. Kelly of Troy, North Carolina, U.S.A., formerly retail grocery, 50 years. (4) James H. "Jim" Donohoe of Geneseo, New York, U.S.A., banking, 52 years. (5) Past District Governor C. A. "Neal" Pickett of Diboll, Texas, U.S.A., trade association executive and former mayor of Houston, Texas, 50 years. (6) John H. Ashton of Carrollton, Ohio, U.S.A., retail variety sales, 50 years. (7) Elser Gerhart of Lititz, Penn-



sylvania, U.S.A., formerly building supplies, 50 years. (8) Sam S. Bone of Lebanon, Tennessee, U.S.A., real estate, 50 years. (9) Dr. Dean Wilkinson of Lebanon, Tennessee, U.S.A., formerly dentistry, 53 years.

James H. "Jim" Donohoe was our Club President in 1937.

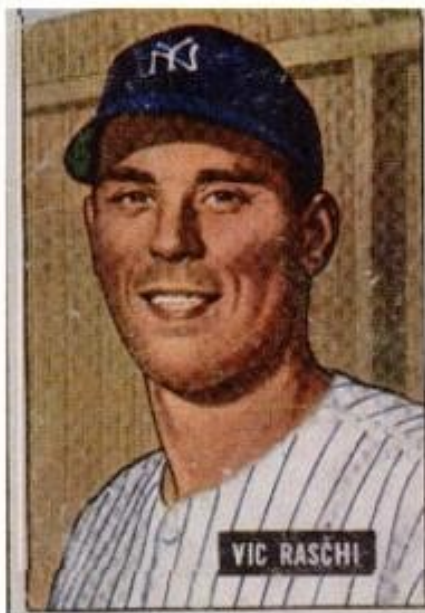
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Good sport

I enjoyed the article about baseball star Paul Molitor [*Home-run Heroics—Off the Diamond*, April], and would like to note that my Rotary Club of Geneseo, New York, U.S.A., is proud of its New York Yankee member, the late Vic Raschi. Vic was a loyal Rotarian who rarely missed a meeting in his 22 years of club membership. He died on 15 October 1988.

Vic, a pitcher, was one of the great Yankee players. He relied on the late great Joe DiMaggio in center field for able teamwork during most of his career. Vic had a 132-66 record during his time with the Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City A's. In 1949-51 he won 21 games for three straight seasons.

Rotarian Vic was anything but a "hotshot" athlete. He married a local girl and after retiring, operated a small business here. He served the community as an unpaid baseball coach and was co-founder of the Vic Raschi Little League. He was always on hand to help in any Rotary club project, whether it was flipping pancakes or telling a baseball story. I vividly remember Vic's



recounting observations about the 1981 World Series when I was a new member.

Some fine athletes, including Paul Molitor, are fortunate enough to be able to raise large sums of money for worthy causes. Rotarian Vic Raschi served the community in his own quiet way.

DAVE W. PARISH, *Rotarian*
Geneseo, New York, U.S.A.

8 THE ROTARIAN/AUGUST 1999

*The Rotarian November 1981

● A public library as a site for an international service project? It may seem unusual, but this is where the Rotary Club of Geneseo, New York, U.S.A., chose to focus its efforts in an international service project.

Club members donated \$300 to the Wadsworth Library for the purchase of books and periodicals in the field of international relations. In addition, club members are providing a continuous fund for the community librarian to purchase a "book of the month." The town librarian praised the club's "book of the month" project, which she says releases budget money to be used for other important matters.

Read All About It.....

An article entitled
"Rotary's Service a Constant
Over Its 90 Years",
by PP David W. Parish,
was printed in the April 23rd issue of
The Livingston County News.



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All others by Tim Hayes



(from left) Ann Dawson, PP Dennis Dawson, Stephen Kelly and Geneseo Village Mayor Richard Hatheway.



District Governor Scott MacDonell



DG Scott MacDonell presenting Rotary International certificate to President David Woods.



(from left) Suzanne Perry, Devon Mix, Joey Hopper and Darcy Dewar Lynch



Mary Rutigliano and Thomas May, past and future outbound exchange students respectively.



(from left) David Dwyer, PP Robert McDonald and PP David Parish. Bob was our Club President in 1963 and is a WW II veteran. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

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(from left) PP Chris Ryder, PP Dick Gallivan and Sally Gallivan.

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Dansville Rotary Club President Jenni Leuzzi with Edgar Schmidt in the background.



PP David Parish

From the Dansville Rotary Facebook page.

Dansville Rotary was proud to help the Geneseo Rotary celebrate their 90 year celebration at a luncheon yesterday. Representing the Dansville Rotary was Jim Culbertson, Jenni Leuzzi, Jon Shay, Edgar Schmidt, Jennifer Howe and Peter Vogt. The Dansville Rotary Club chartered the Geneseo Club in 1925! Congratulations on 90 years of Service Above Self!