

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WOLANSKI

One of the major themes this past weekend at the District Conference was “Better Together” and it rang true to all those who attended. Our Fairport crew shared some great times breaking bread and having a few beverages, while learning and sharing fellowship with our district friends. The Halls, Hunts, Smeenk’s and Hartnett’s attended along with me and my wife Ann. It was awesome to see Bob Hunt and John Hall both walking in a procession of past district governors in attendance. Our crew did a great job representing our club. The youth exchange group has always been one of my favorite parts of the conference. This group was comprised of about 30 students, of which half were students from around the world spending time here in the state, one of which kidded about visiting our district and being assigned to a rural club in our district versus a major city, which they commented they had a great time with. The other half of the group were outbound students, who have earned their blue blazers, which they all wore proudly. We wish them all the best, while creating relationships which they will cherish for the rest of their lives.

Last Monday, our club was honored to host guests from South Africa, who have been visiting us as part of the Friendship Exchange. In addition to the 5 international guest, we were also honored to have our districts leaders, which included our current District Governor Julie Carney, DGE Dave DeMers, DGNE Lisa Norward and PDG Ralph Brant. In addition, a contingent group from several of our adjoining clubs which have or will be hosting our visitors. The evening was full of stories of fellowship from around the world and I believe we all enjoyed each other’s company.

Rotary has allowed our club to serve together, working with our district clubs and Rotarians around the world, making it “Better Together”.

President Tom



# MAY CALENDAR

6<sup>th</sup> - LUNCH meeting at **My Wine and Cheese Bar**; Lynn Haynes/ESTAP

13<sup>th</sup> - DINNER meeting at **Spinelli's Catering**, 303 Macedon Center Road; Carrie Riordan/Color Fairport Green

20<sup>th</sup> - TBD @ **EagleVale** (menu below)

27<sup>th</sup> - No Meeting - **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** - Details forthcoming with signup on how you can help the Veterans enjoy the parade!

And save these June dates:

6/25 - Challenger Baseball Night @ Red Wings Stadium - see info below and...drum roll please...

## Changeover Dinner June 17!



### EAGLE VALE

*May 2024*  
Special Menu prepared for Rotary

May 20th

**Lemon Chicken Breast**  
served with Rice and Fresh  
Vegetables

If you have special dietary needs which prevent you from consuming what is on the menu, we will substitute a Garden or Caesar Salad.

**Please inform us 3 days prior**

To substitute a Garden or Caesar Salad, please contact:

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\*Menu Subject to Change but with advanced notice\*

Fairport Rotarians,

Thanks to the Fairport Challenger Baseball team (and the Red Wings), our club members have been offered tickets to the Wings vs. Indianapolis (Pirates' farm club) game at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, June 25.

I realize this is two months away, but I will need to submit our request for tickets no later than May 21. I'll have the tickets to disperse a couple of weeks before the game.

I will have a sign-up sheet to circulate beginning at our April 29 meeting. Please consider how many tickets you would like.

Ron Roberts

Welcome...

*Rotary  
Anniversaries*

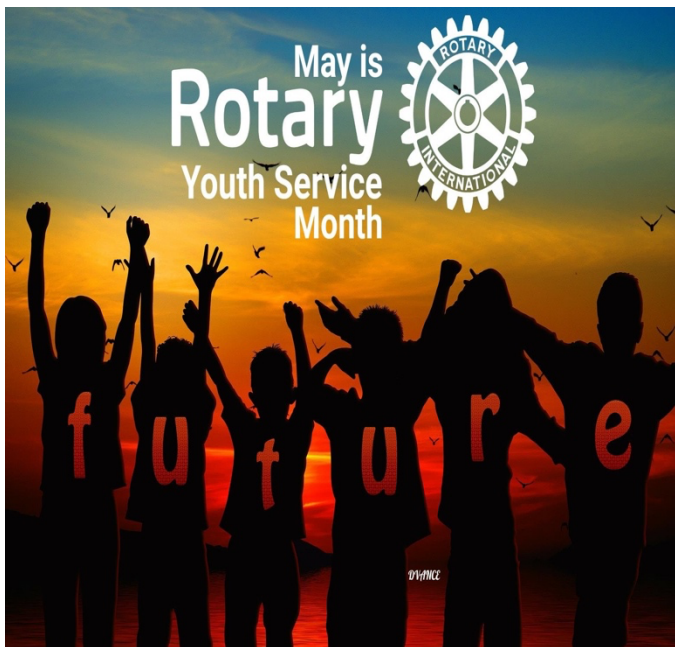
Dennis Behr - 4 years  
Mark DeBacco - 8 years  
Cindy Hunt - 26 years!!



*Birthdays*

7<sup>th</sup> - Tom Weldgen  
19<sup>th</sup> - Mark DeBacco  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Ciaran Hanna

*Wedding Anniversaries -- 18<sup>th</sup> - John & Patricia Baynes*



# Service Above Self



Sometimes we get a guest speaker that makes a lasting impression. That can be said about the two young brothers, one in high school, the other a freshman in college, who presented back in December, Trevor and Calvin Sooshan from Vertical Boost. If you were there that night, you remember.

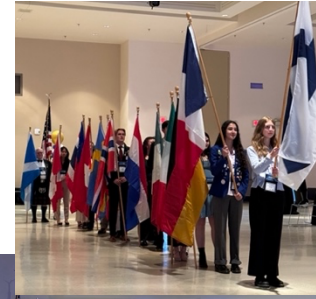
Trevor and Calvin believe the world is a better place when more people have access to opportunities for personal growth. They want to “boost” people toward their dreams. They believe in kindness, empathy, and equality. Between making physical donations of sporting goods and equipment, and now winter coats, to providing sportsmanship awards, program fees, and even scholarships to those less fortunate, these boys are every bit a Rotarian.

Vertical Boost is in the process of trying to become an official 501(c)(3) to be able to accept donations from Fairport Rotary. Until then, we can only make personal donations.

Since they made such an impact on some of our Rotarians, Vertical Boost is getting their very own “boost.” Ron Roberts met with the boys and gave them checks from some “outside sources” totaling close to \$2,000! They were thrilled since they get very few cash donations.

Kudos to Calvin and Trevor and their Service Above Self!





### Saratoga Springs Post Time: Sunday 1:00 p.m.

Horses owned by the Hunts, Halls, Smeenks and trained by the Hartnetts, headed home to Fairport after a great weekend of Rotary fellowship at DG Julie Carney's District 7120 Conference in Saratoga Springs. President Tom and Anne's horse strayed off course going in the opposite direction to Boston to see their phillies (granddaughters).



The weekend started with this year's theme, "CREATE HOPE in the WORLD" and ended with keynote speaker, Price Finley (RI President's Representative) chants of "Better Together".



We left Saratoga vowing to keep in touch by email with outbound students - Parker (from Naples going to Sweden) and Eli (from Penn Yan outbound to Switzerland).



Please join us next year, May 2-4, 2025 in Corning, New York where we will be trading in our horses for glass sculptures.



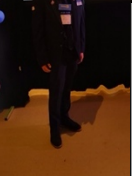
Submitted by Pieter Smeenk



Cindy with our literacy award!



← Eli – Penn Yan student going to Switzerland, who sat at the Fairport table.



Service project at conference, meal boxes for local food pantry.



You may, or may not, have noticed that I, Becky, your newsletter publisher, has been absent the last few weeks. It's because I've been in North Carolina to witness and help with the birth of my grandson Brooks Alexander Wilson, born on April 18.



I'm here for another week as my son Eric and Elyse are hoping to be in a routine by then. Ha-ha! I don't have the heart to tell them that that could take another year!



# Your Board of Directors

Please note that all Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for the past year can be found on our webpage – [fairportrotary.com](http://fairportrotary.com) – under the Members Only tab.

Member	Position	Note
Officers		
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Tom Weldgen	Foundation	Expires 6/30/25
Mark Fuerbacher	Fundraising	Expires 6/30/24
Pieter Smeenk	Membership	Expires 6/30/24
Vacant	New Generations	

# BORIS'S PAGE

## At the Risk ....

of beating a dead ray of sunshine out of the Eclipse, it's worth one or two more cents to say how much hype escaped from the bubble of hope when it burst on such a cloudy day.

People dropped their lives, and raced for a city called Rochester believing that's where they should be for the "one chance in a lifetime." Rochester contains many interesting things to see, but cloudy skies are available in abundance almost everywhere. Many sunny dollars were spent in anticipation of what was to be the premiere event. Janitor's closets, with a bath, in many hotels were at a premium, and hot dog prices were enough to scare even Nathan's Finest. Cardboard glasses that you couldn't see through were selling for \$2.50! Uber drivers were asking prices that compared to the cost of the vehicle they were driving....and even walking through the crowds was pickpockets Heaven!

Finally...you decide to leave Rochester, after being in the dark for a few minutes, wondering what that was going to cost, and headed home along with so many others wearing empty fanny packs, and ignoring a neighbor of yours standing on the corner selling 25 cent Eclipse glasses for a ticket home!

Home at last! Time to relax! What's on TV? The Eclipse you didn't see in Rochester!!!

Must admit...it was a lifetime experience!  
ENOUGH!!



My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make food right in front of you. I took her to Subway.



1. Your favorite book? **Dictionary**
2. Your favorite movie? **Godzilla Eats King Kong**
3. Song that takes you back to your childhood? **Brahms Lullaby**
4. Favorite place you've visited? **My bedroom**
5. Favorite go-to comfort food? **Ketchup**
6. What would we find you doing on your best day ever?  
**Answering all these silly questions.**

You can find Boris's complete, any maybe more serious, bio in the 2/15/22 Edition 55 of *The LiftBridge*.

(Disclaimer – opinions expressed above are those of said contributing editor and not so much the publisher....☺☺)

## LiftBridge for April 15, 2024

At President Tom's behest, Pieter Smeenck led the pledge and Doug Whitney offered the invocation.

Guests included visiting Rotarian Gregg Sadwick, who is also a candidate for the US Congress in NY's 25<sup>th</sup> District. Joining tonight's new inductee, Brad Stewart, were his wife, Jodi, and son Zach.

President Tom reminded all that the District Conference will be April 26-28 in Saratoga. Dan Arbuckle announced he had a few slots left to fill for our "Rotary Reads" project at Jefferson Road School in late May, and Cindy Hunt thanked all those who helped with our dictionary-for-fourth-graders project, especially member Daniela Qualideri at LNB.

Dr. Mike Lischak reported that we've made \$500 on the sale of eclipse posters to date, and more money may still be coming in. Posters are still available for sale, too.

Ron Roberts announced that the VFW would like our help again with the veterans at the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27. Ron will have a sign-up sheet available the next few weeks. Volunteers are needed from about 9 am to noon or 1 pm that day.

Brad Stewart was inducted in a rather new ceremony and his wife and son joined him at the podium for the presentation. Welcome aboard, Brad!



Becky Wilson introduced our guest speakers, Rich deAsis and Patrick Coleman from the Rochester Rotary Club, who described their Global Grant Project to bring safe, sustainable water to areas of rural Uganda. Rochester Rotary is the sponsor club, and the host is the Rotary Club of Mubende, Uganda. The initiative is designated by the Rotary Foundation as a WASH project – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene – which is high priority.

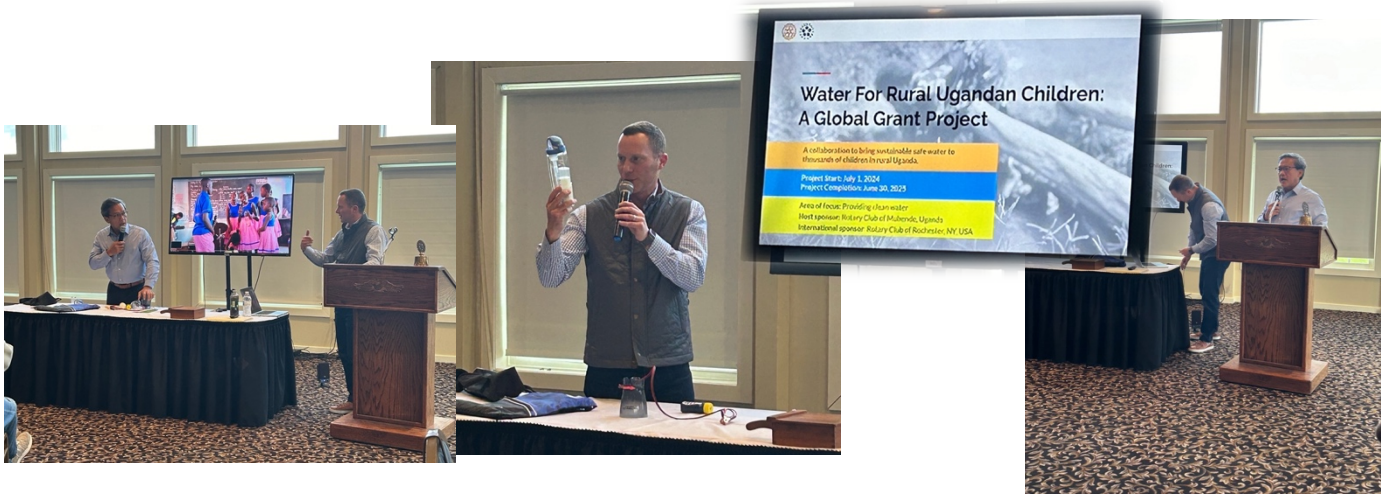


According to statistics from UNICEF, 2.2 billion people in the world lack access to clean water, and 4.4 billion lack water for sanitation and hygiene.

The Rochester club is partnering with Untapped Shores International (with Rochester-area roots), which a social enterprise that exists to bring novel clean water technology to the hardest-to-reach populations of the world.

Untapped Shores' flagship technology is a handheld device compact enough to fit in a child's hand and is powered simply by sunlight and salt water. This equipment is deployed as a "water business in a box" with third-world entrepreneurs and can create clean water for up to 2,000 people per day. The Rotary global project plans to provide these devices in quantity to the designated Mubende area of Uganda, overseen by the Mubende Rotary and their in-country, not-for-profit partner, SORAK.

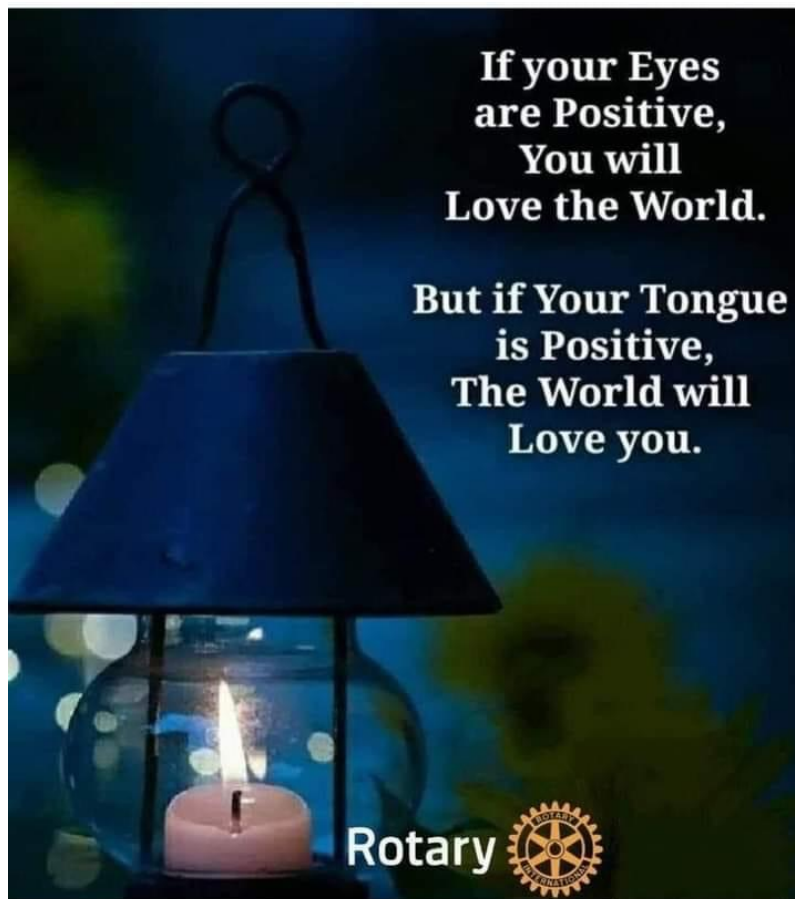




Rich and Patrick demonstrated the small device, which will be distributed to 27 schools in the designated Uganda region. The device is able to extract chlorine from salt water, and the chlorine can be used to sanitize water for drinking and hygiene purposes. The teaching process for use will germinate in the schools. The technology for the device was created at the University of Rochester and RIT. The project will cover one calendar year and is set to start later in 2024.

There was little enthusiasm for the 50-50 drawing, since some unnamed killjoy (with the initials Tom Weldgen) took down the big money recently. But Dennis Behr was still happy with the \$14 he secured, and the “big” pot is now at \$14.

Ron C. Roberts



**Fairport Rotary Newsletter – April 22, 2024** -Club Meeting at EagleVale. Special Meeting welcoming visitors to the district and to our club from Africa on their way to the Conference and part of Governors Hospitality Program.

Fairport BOD met at 5 pm today. Dennis Behr had setup all done. President Elect Andrew Spreter assisted electronic set up and greeted people. Terry O'Neil gladly accepted funds and Dennis Behr, then Dave Doser, sold 50/50 tickets to a large group of members and guests.

President Tom Wolanski gaveled us to order at 6:20, calling on John Hall for the pledge and then Cindy Hunt for our invocation.

P-Tom began with welcome to all and introduction of visitors. From District 7120 – Lisa Norwood – District Governor Nominee and responsible for this Rotary Friendship Exchange (and many others for many years!) District Governor, Julie Kearney. Dave Demers from Avon, District Governor elect. Jim Crane DG Nominee Victor Farmington. Past DG Ralph Brandt from Bloomfield. Also, Nancy Lawson – Watkins Montour, Karen Emerson - Roch West?, and Lisa Barrs.

P-Tom moved into club info and announcements as salads were served.

Dan Arbuckle on the Jefferson Avenue reading project. Happy to announce he has all spaces filled and will send more info to those involved – Many thanks for support.

Andrew Spreter announced next week we join the project for hands on street cleanup. We will meet at 6 pm in the parking lot at the old Compans restaurant on North Main Street after the railroad tracks. Park there and we will be cleaning up from there back to bridge area. We will then gather for dinner and/ or libations, at the Village Inn.

Visitors from other Districts – (I gathered these from earlier table set up in no particular order – my apologies for any misspellings)

At John Hall's table – Pieter VanAswegen and Susan VanAswegen, Carl Grovanz and Linda Grovanz District Hosts. Other tables - Marlene Dietrich & Bruce with Karen Emerson host. Gill and Willy Watson and host Susan Salvaggio. Nettie and Anton Lubbe and Luisa Baars. Hanlie Rix, Leon Coetzer and Tom Morrisey.

We broke for dinner of was mixed salad, rolls, three cheese lasagna and garlic bread \_\_ plus normal coffee bar. Wendy Ruhland provided plates of her fabulous homemade cookies for dessert – Thank you Wendy!

P-Tom stood and garnered attention to begin our formal program. Lisa Norwood called the South African guests to the front of room for hello's and then began a combination video, slide and speaking presentation with Anton. He explained the multiple districts in SA with a slide map of continent showing the districts and pointing out those represented tonight. Beautiful video tour of SA and its unbelievable majesty, color, and of course the Big 5 world animals – although he noted – there ARE no tigers in Africa! So, it is really the big 4.

The presentation also showed us many of the major significant programs that are underway covering truly significant needs.

He spoke about the 11 languages spoken there – now 12 - with official addition of sign language! English is widely spoken with many localized dialects as well. There is a huge disparity in income levels, some of

the largest world income is generated there due to massive natural resources and tourism, yet one of the largest world populations of completely impoverished! Terrible educational availability results in 80% of students in grade 4 – which is ten-year-olds - unable to read!!

Major programs underway and deeply supported by Rotary clubs locally, rotary members, and Rotary International with other clubs worldwide – to address education, early childhood development, nutrition and training to grow suitable and sustainable vegetables and fruits. Trying to address malnutrition – over 30 children per day die of malnutrition!

Q&A followed, and response was good. High praise from our visitors on the value of the RFE program – for true life changing experiences in staying with and meeting Rotarians from around the world and then alternating back – many there spoke of life-long friendships and close family feelings with the opposite team, then their children, and some grandchildren they become a giant “international family unit!” This program is not specific to District Governors but is open to all Rotarians that have a desire to participate and meet other people worldwide. Most that were here tonight started their Friendship Exchanges years ago and have continued!

P-Tom called on each table of guests one more time for final comments.

Reminder May 6 noon meeting at My Wine and Cheese at the Landing.

May 13 – dinner meeting at new trial location across from the VFW at 6:15pm.

P-Tom called on Lisa Norwood to draw the number for our 50/50. The number was in the first series of 600,000’s - so MOST were eliminated with their FIRST 3 numbers. Winner was held by “Captain” Bob Hartnett for small pot of \$18. But he drew the 2 of diamonds missing the large pot of \$34.

REMINDER from DG Julie and the annual Rotary District Conference – date April 26 to 28 of 2024 at the Saratoga Springs Hilton. Still time to Reserve quickly! Will be lots of fun and Rotary camaraderie!

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Weldgen





# Camp Haccamo's 11th Annual



## Car, Truck & Cycle Show



**Saturday, June 1, 2024**  
Rain date – Sunday, June 2  
**Gates open @ 8:00 am.**  
**Awards shortly after 1:00 pm**



**The Mall at Greece Ridge**  
Behind the former Sears store

**\$15 Pre-registration**

**\$20 Day of Show**

**\$3 Spectator Donation**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Vendors Music**

**Food**

**Door Prizes**



### **2023 Best of Show: 1961 Chevrolet Biscayne**

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**50 "People's Choice"**

**16 Special Awards**

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