



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Well, the time is finally here! I'll start off with thanking everyone who made the change over dinner a success. I know my family really enjoyed meeting all of you, if they didn't understand my commitment to Rotary before they sure do now.

The second thing I want to acknowledge is how appreciative I and the rest of the club is for Tom's leadership this past year. Tom put his heart into organizing the club, as well as leaving us with a surplus of funds and we are a better club for it. Thank you again Tom.

Now I'll quickly mention that I was somehow the most useless of the 3 volunteers at the Challenger Baseball game this past Saturday. While Pat George and Bob Linder were killing first and third, we had a lot of missed balls over on second. But in all seriousness, this was a great volunteering opportunity for us and seeing how happy the players were (even in the 90-degree heat) proves it's a meaningful program. Special shoutout to Frank Roberts, who many of you know is our very own Ron Roberts brother. Frank's estate provided funding for the Challenger field.

Our next meeting will be the Picnic next Sunday 7/7. We again have use of the pavilion at Center stage park. Cheeseburgers will be provided, along with beer while supplies last. Please bring your families if you can make it, should be a great time for fellowship.

Thank you,

Andrew





**Rotary Calendar**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - No Meeting (Holiday Break)  
 7<sup>th</sup> FAMILY PICNIC - see important info next page  
 8<sup>th</sup> - No Meeting (Fellowship the Sunday before)  
 15<sup>th</sup> - LUNCH Meeting at My Wine & Cheese Bar; Jeff Nutting to speak  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - TBD  
 29<sup>th</sup> - TBD



**JULY IS NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH**

*True leaders don't create followers, they create new leaders.*

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**Birthdays**  
 6<sup>th</sup> - Doug Whitney  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Enzo Scollo  
 14<sup>th</sup> - George Wolf  
 19<sup>th</sup> - Hunter Fuerbacher  
 24<sup>th</sup> - Nicole Simonetti  
 30<sup>th</sup> - Newcomb Losh

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Bob & Cindy Hunt  
 25<sup>th</sup> - Brad & Amanda Allen

**Rotary Anniversaries**  
 Newcomb Losh - 13 years  
 John Hall - 33 years

You're Invited to  
Fairport Rotary Club's

Sunday  
July 7

3:30 p.m.

Pavilion at  
Center Park  
West



# Family Picnic

Join your fellow Rotarians for fun, games, food, music and fellowship. **BYOB and a dish to pass** (i.e. appetizer, salad, dessert-Mike is hoping someone is bringing German potato salad or mac & cheese). Zwiegels, bratwurst, burgers and water will be provided!

Music begins at **5:45** at Center Stage with the blues sounds of Coldwater Blues and Teagan & the Tweeds.

**RSVP to Dr. Mike Lischak**, preferably by text to **262-844-4468**, or email [lischak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lischak@sbcglobal.net) by **July 3** with number attending and dish you're bringing.

We appreciate **AIRQUIP HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING**, concert sponsor, for donating the hard sought-after pavilion at Center Stage for our picnic. (Phil Young, owner of Airquip, is none other than Vin Barone's son-in-law!)

# THANK YOU PERINTON!



The Town of Fairport ordered three replacement swings that Fairport Rotary had donated to Perinton Park years ago. They are in the process of being installed. Our Rotary signs will remain in recognition to our club.

The Town is great to work with and very generous!

Nancy Ragus

## Fellowship at Red Wings Baseball

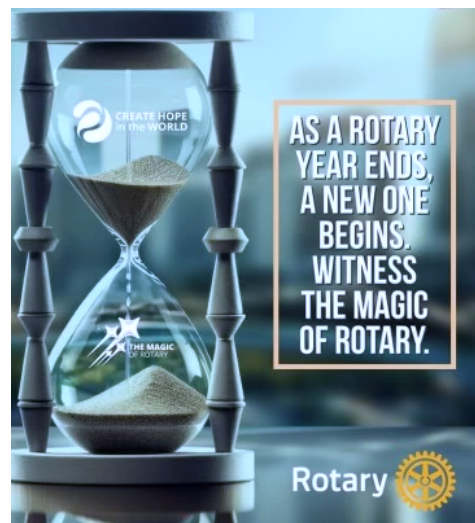


Nearly 70-75 free tickets to Tuesday night's Red Wings game were handed out to Fairport Rotarians as a thank you for our support of Challenger Baseball. Many Rotarians enjoyed a beautiful evening, a great game, and fireworks afterwards.



May our country always flourish and celebrates many more years of independence.

WISHING YOU ALL  
A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY.**



Water  
for  
South  
Sudan



Watering the  
Seeds of Change



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waterforsouthsudan.org

June 20, 2024

Fairport Rotary Club  
19 Valewood Run  
Penfield, NY 14526-2803

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your recent donation of \$1,500.00 to Water for South Sudan, Inc. The money that you have graciously donated will make an enormous difference to the people of South Sudan.

*Women have time to grow small gardens or make goods to take to market—the economy improves.*

*Health improves for village residents in South Sudan—communities strengthen and grow.*

*Livestock—the lifeblood of rural communities—become and remain robust and healthy.*

*Girls gain the opportunity to attend school—educated girls can change a nation.*

Change happens one well at a time. It all starts with one drop. **It all starts with you.** Thank you for watering the seeds of change in South Sudan and supporting our work.

With kind regards,

Lynn Malooly  
Executive Director

*Thank you Fairport Rotary  
friends for your very  
generous support!*

Federal U.S. income tax law requires us to inform you that no goods or services were provided to you in return for your gift. Therefore, within the limits prescribed by U.S. law, the full amount of your gift is deductible for federal income tax purposes. Water for South Sudan is an exempt organization as described in Section 504(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. EIN #20-0291592.



*As the Robotics season comes to a close for 2024, we wanted to send a formal thank you on behalf of the entire Fairport Robotics team for your support and generosity for our trip to Houston to attend the FIRST Robotics World Championships. Your donations covered essential expenses like flights, hotel rooms, meals, and registration fees. Without your support, we would not have had the opportunity to participate in this life-changing event.*

*Worlds was filled with unforgettable experiences and achievements. To prepare, we spent countless hours redesigning, programming, and testing our robot. Once there, we competed on a global stage alongside some of the most talented minds in robotics. We celebrated each victory and learned valuable lessons from every challenge we encountered. Seventeen countries sent robotics teams, and we were excited to interact with and learn from competitors from each of those countries.*

*Attending Worlds also allowed us to participate in workshops and seminars led by industry experts. These sessions provided insights into the latest advancements in technology and innovation and gave us great ideas for next year's robot and team training sessions. The time spent together in Houston strengthened our team bonds. Traveling, competing, and exploring a new city as a group gave us many opportunities to laugh together and strengthen friendships.*

*As we look to the future, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges ahead. The experience of competing at the World Championship has given us new confidence and ambition for our team.*

*Words cannot fully express our gratitude for your support. Your generosity has made a profound difference in our lives. The memories, experiences, and achievements from our trip will stay with us forever. Thank you for believing in us and being a vital part of our journey. We look forward to sharing more successes and milestones with you in the future.*

*With heartfelt gratitude,  
The Fairport Robotics Team*

## LiftBridge for June 17, 2024

A busy and enjoyable evening, starting with cocktails at the home of outgoing president Tom Wolanski (thanks Ann!), followed by a steak dinner and festivities at Eagle Vale, capped off with delicious cookies (thanks Wendy!)



True love can last forever



Never too old to hold hands...



After the pledge of allegiance, Bob Ruhland offered the invocation, and the many guests on hand were introduced. John and Maureen Hall proudly presented their young grandson, Holden, with a Paul Harris Award, which would be the first of several such honors conferred that evening.



Following dinner, President Tom reflected on his busy year at the helm, starting with special thanks to Becky Wilson, Terry O'Neil, Nancy Ragus, Kareen Zeitounzian, and Scott Baker. He followed with a nod to the membership committee's fine work, led by Pieter Smeenk and Marybeth Christiansen, and a salute to new members who immediately made excellent contributions – Dr. Mike Lischak, Tom Povlock and Brad Stewart.

A rundown of highlights for the year included raising and distributing some \$30,000 to make our community (and the world) better, as well as the success of our monthly luncheon meetings. Before turning the gavel over to incoming president Andrew Spreter, he reminded everyone of the theme of this year's District Conference: "We Are Better Together." Thank you, Tom for your year of leadership.

Before President Andrew began his brief remarks, Tom Weldgen moved to the podium to announce three more Paul Harris honors. The first went to President Andrew, who completed his contributions to become a PH Fellow. Terry O’Neil and Pieter Smeenk then both received their Paul Harris-Plus-Two pins. A grand evening.



Recognition total	Pin level
US\$2,000 to 2,999.99	one sapphire
3,000 to 3,999.99	two sapphires
4,000 to 4,999.99	three sapphires
5,000 to 5,999.99	four sapphires
6,000 to 6,999.99	five sapphires
7,000 to 7,999.99	one ruby
8,000 to 8,999.99	two rubies
9,000 to 9,999.99	three rubies

President Andrew began by thanking everyone for the honor. He noted that several years ago he was “kind of looking around for something to do – I hadn’t met my wife yet! – and ended up finding Fairport Rotary a welcoming place.” He’s eager to start his year.

A quick round of Happy Dollars found a number of participants, including: Becky Wilson (five-years ago to the day she missed her own Changeover event as outgoing president to be present at the birth of her grandchild); Maureen Hall (many of the Hall family present), Tom Weldgen (celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Laurie on June 8); Mark DeBacco, first-time grandpa.

A healthy \$16 in the 50-50 pot was taken – and donated to the club – by Brad Stewart. His choice of the nine of spades left \$67 in the increasing large pot.

Ron C. Roberts





## **CHANGE OVER...By Boris Glus**

as much as you want, but you will never get Spreter to look like Wolanski!

Pres's come and Pres's go but there's one thing you can say about Lame Duck Pres Tom! ..... (Give me a while.... still looking!)



For a year now, the spotlight has been on LDPT... (too bad no one turned it on!)



It was open house as LDPres Tom entertained some of the troops at his shack, prior to the festivities at Eagle Vale!

After everyone got past Terry, they settled into their tables at EV, LDPres Tom brought the meeting to some kind of order!

Violins could be heard in the background, as tissue boxes were passed from table to table when LDPresident Tom reminisced about the highlights of the year passed:

There were the drive-up dinners, and the meetings at the Village Inn...the roadside cleanups, and the meetings at the Village Inn...the international dinner, and the meetings at the Village Inn...the long board meeting, and meetings at the Village Inn, etc.

Bailing him out during the year were a number of Club-members: Becky, Terry, Nancy, Kareen, Scott, Pieter, Marybeth, Dr Mike, Tom P, Brad, and too many more to mention!

(I guess there's safety in numbers!)

And then it was a sight to behold, as Andrew and Tom wrestled for the gavel. Then Tom took the Bell....

Finally, the better man won, and they agreed to, you guessed it, have a meeting at the Village Inn!

(Hope you don't mind Tom, but you needed a roasting!)



If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea, does that mean that 1 out of 5 enjoys it?

Authored by Boris (not by your editor, for those new to the club)