

Fairport Rotary's Award-Winning Newsletter

# The Liftbridge





Edition 136



Hello fellow Rotarians!

I thought about starting this by saying how bittersweet this was due to being my last message. But then I realized it's not bitter at all, just sweet! I still get to be involved in all club activities, and I can look forward to fresh new leadership with Marybeth and Dr. Mike. Thank you all for making this a great experience. So many of you are great leaders and I look forward to continuing to learn from you all. Our club has shown resilience and growth through a time that most have seen the opposite, and there are many reasons for that, starting of course with all of you. Let's continue this trajectory we are on and make Marybeth's and Mike's the best years yet!





#### Rotary Calendar

7th - No Meeting - Enjoy the 4th of July weekend!

14th - Evening Meeting @ EagleVale; "Hearing the Call", humanitarian efforts to provide hearing aids and assessments in Zambia, John McNamara, Doctor of Audiology, Owner of Ontario Hearing Centers

21st - Club Assembly @ EagleVale

28th Rock Diggers @ EagleVale- Local treasure hunters with stories to tell!

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#### **Birthdays**

11th - Enzo Scollo

14th - George Wolf

19th - Hunter Fuerbacher

24th - Nicole Simonetti

29th - Angelo Battoglia

30th - Newcomb Losh

30th - Newbie Ken Kohl!



#### Wedding Anniversaries

11th - Bob & Cindy Hunt 25th - Brad & Amanda Allen

#### Rotary Anniversaries

Newcomb Losh - 14 years John Hall - 34 years!!



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



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Special Menu prepared for Rotary

**July 14th** 

Chicken Caesar Salad

July 21st

Meatloaf

Mashed Potatoes & Chef's Vegetables

July 28th

BBQ Chicken Breast
Baked Beans & Chef's Vegetables

Should you prefer only a Garden or Chicken Caesar Salad.

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### CORNER

**REASURER'S** 

The income budget for Marybeth's term as President 2025-2026 :

Operations \$48,365 Fund Raising \$54,050 After Expenses, Donations to Charities from Fundraising

Activities Projected ..... \$41,000

– Terry

## **Douglas W. Whitney** 1938 – 2025



Please join the Whitney Family for a Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Douglas Whitney. We will gather to remember him on Tuesday, July 1, at 11:00 am at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 26 East Church St, Fairport, NY.

For those who are unable to attend, there will be a Facebook livestream (you will need a Facebook account to access) - please use this <u>link</u>. The video live stream will begin at the time the service starts. For the live stream, the suggestion is to try the link before and open a recent service, so you are comfortable with the process.

Jeannie Whitney

Here is a link to his full obituary <a href="https://harlofffuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2875/Douglas-Whitney/obituary.html">https://harlofffuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2875/Douglas-Whitney/obituary.html</a> - tribute-start

#### Shhh.....

#### here's Andrew!

Quiet as a church mouse but with the bite of a tiger, our Pres has led us through another glorious year of Rotary!

Known for some of the shortest meetings in Rotary history, he was almost nominated for a second term, except that the Club paid to have him move on!

Prior to the of the Change Over Dinner, everyone was invited to Andrew's tent to reminisce about the good old days gone by.... two, maybe three days.

Thanks for another year of making the Fairport Rotary Club tick. We enjoyed your quick wit, begging for volunteers, hoping for better menus, and wishing you the best in the years to come!

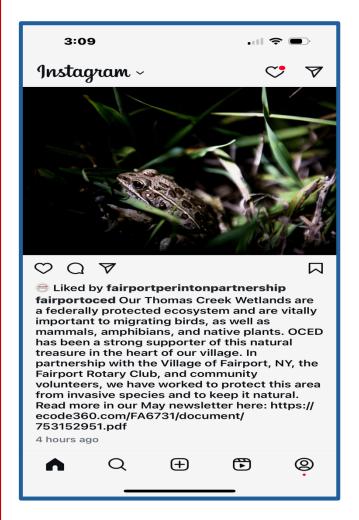
#### **Bon Voyage**

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# Shout Out to Fairport Rotary Club!







#### Rotary Meeting 6/16/2025

The Rotary meeting on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> was our annual Ayrault Road trash pickup.

The road right away stretching from Turk Hill to Aldrich was left spotless due to the clean-up efforts of 24 Rotarians under the whip carrying leader Bill Stevens. 6 bags of trash were deposited in Mark Fuerbacher's drive.

The crew plus 8 non picker uppers for a total of 32 enjoyed a meal at Perinton Pizza located at Town Center Plaza in Egypt. The meal consisting of salad, chicken French, sausage with onions and peppers, penne pasta, rolls, chocolate chip cookies and cannolis was enjoyed by all.

Maureen Hall announce that our Rotary sponsored Little League team is having a banner year and has a chance of winning the championship.

Owner of Perinton Pizza introduced his mother explaining she taught him all his cooking skills and that she made the cookies.

Nice evening.

Bob Hunt, Meeting Scribe







#### Liftbridge.... June 23, 2025

Dan Arbuckle gaveled the meeting to order, Marybeth Christiansen led the pledge, and George Wolf offered the words of inspiration.

Dan then turned it over to President Andrew, who welcomed guests Mark Panzer and Scout Leader Steve Kraemer, who would be the evening's guest speaker. Steve introduced three Special Scouting troop members us – his son, Andy, and Sumit and Deepesh Tarneja.

President Andrew reminded all about the Changeover Dinner on June 30 and the pre-dinner festivities at his home beginning at 5:00. He also thanked those club members who joined him at the Tri-Club dinner the week before.

Cindy Hunt gave a special thank you to the Literacy Committee and all the work done recently for Books for the World, Rotary Reads, the Free Libraries, the Dictionaries, etc.

Becky Wilson introduced Steve Kraemer, who has been the scoutmaster for Troop 26 in Fairport since 2015. The Troop began in 1985.

Steve explained that Special Scouting was started by a group of fathers of kids with special needs, and it is for those who are over 18. There is no age limit – one can be a "scout for life – and Steve has had scouts as old as 66. Currently, there are 12 scouts in Troop 26, along with five leaders.

Special Scouting is part of Scouting America. Work for merit badges, Eagle Scout attainment, etc., is administered through Scouting America under the Boy Scout sector. Scouts in Troop 26 earn merit badges with the same criteria as any scout troop. They may take longer to attain one, but they are required to do it to the

best of one's ability. The same is true for Eagle Scout designation, which requires meeting specific criteria. Sumit Tarneja has just completed his Eagle Scout project, and all of the boys at tonight's meeting had in excess of 30 merit badges each.







Troop 26, which is sponsored by the Fairport Lions Club, meets about once a month to work together on projects. They have a winter camp session at Kiwanis Club's Lodge in Webster and a summer session at a Rotary camp in Albany. One of their community projects was helping move the Perinton Food Shelf from its former North Main Street location off Turk Hill Road.

Steve thanked our club for our donations to them.

Cindy Hunt won \$12 in the 50-50 and donated it to Troop 26.

Ron C. Robert



