



Fairport Rotary's Award-Winning Newsletter

The Liftbridge

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello All, another great week to enjoy life.

We have more interest in our club! The website seems to be working in letting people know about us and the work we do. For our club, a cohesive identity can be a strong brand identity. Branding is our experience and is shaped by every interaction, service and a mission to build a sense of community.

Don't forget **restaurant week**... Oct 17-24. Wear your rotary pins to showcase who we are and the Rotary community spirit. **World Polio Day** is Oct 24, read what its all about and how you can help.

Another Service project to support the Perinton Food Shelf ... **Apple Picking** at Wickham Farm on Sunday, November 2, after noon.

Keep in mind that your ideas help our club experience, what tickles your fancy or sparks your curiosity. Let's get out there and find out!

Wishing you well.

President Marybeth



Rotary Calendar

20th – Evening meeting @EagleVale; Julie Domaratz *State of the Village*;
Invocation – Maureen; Notetaker – Ron

25th – PASTA DINNER @ VFW – pretty much all day! Refer to Heinrich's
signup sheet for your assigned duty.

COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT FAIRPORT ROTARY SPONSORS:

17th-24th – Restaurant Week – see flyer attached

24th – Annual Halloween Parade – see flyer attached

EAGLE VALE

October 2025 Rotary Menu

October 20th Dinner ~ Hot Turkey Sandwiches

Open Faced with Gravy &
Served with Mashed Potato

No Salad - Substituting Dessert Cookies

Should you prefer only a Garden or Chicken Caesar Salad.

Please contact us 3 days prior at:

Receptionist@Eaglevale.com

(585 377-5200, Ext. 221)

Menu subject to change, but with advance notice


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WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER



One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

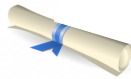
World Polio Day is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.



TREASURER'S

CORNER

Malawi Village



The Malawi Village Scholarship fundraising line item is an initiative conceived by Bob and Linda (Cindy) Hunt to provide post secondary education to Malawi Village orphans unable to afford further education. Bob and Cindy's enterprise was based on a 2005 Malawi visit and interview of students.

The scholarships are awarded to applicants to cover tuition, room and board and books.

The average grant is \$750 to \$1000. To date 58 students have completed their education.

Other Rotary Clubs involved in this effort include **Canandaigua, Naples and Rochester** with donations from the **Last Man Standing Pool**. Malawi Children's Village information is available on Google.

Rotarians being Rotarians, indeed.

Terry



"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood."

Paul P. Harris

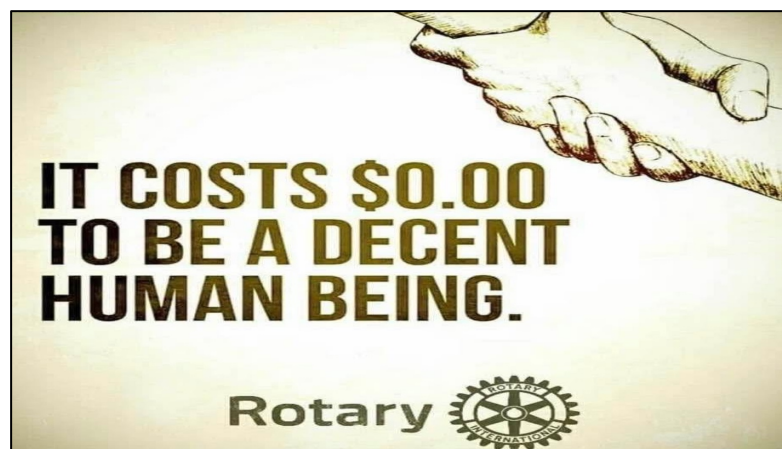
Rotary 

AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP

Our new Public Relations Director Andrea Jones organized a fun evening of fellowship at Tin Cup Social last Thursday.

Couldn't make it? Don't worry. Join us for a lively Rotary Happy Hour at Faircraft Brauhaus on November 6, 4-6 pm, as we gather to support one of our long-time community partners right here in the Village of Fairport. It's the perfect chance to unwind, reconnect with fellow Rotarians, and raise a glass in appreciation of a local business that has generously supported our club's mission over the years. Bring your good cheer, invite a friend, and enjoy an evening of fellowship, laughter, and community spirit because when Rotarians get together, good things happen!





Fairport Rotarians spent little to support some recent charitable activities.

For instance, Brad Allen spear-headed a project to donate slightly used luggage to Hillside Children's Center. What an honor to say that Fairport Rotarians donated over 30 bags to those who, unfortunately, live out of a suitcase.



And, once again, Fairport Rotarians were so generous in their donation of numerous bags of groceries for Perinton Food Shelf.

FAIRPORT ROTARIANS ARE DECENT HUMAN BEINGS!

Club members gathered at EagleVale Golf Club for the weekly meeting on **Monday, October 6, 2025**. Sargent of Arms committee member Andrew Spreter called the meeting to order at 6:20 and led us in the pledge. John Hall delivered an inspirational message from Dr. Martin Luther King. President MaryBeth presided and welcomed our guest speaker, Bill Poray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MaryBeth said we are trying something different with the meals so tonight was no salad replaced by a dessert. The Rotary Foundation annual giving goals, contributions to Polio Plus and information that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will continue to support contributions matching 2 to 1 were brought to our attention.
- Cindy thanked everyone for the food donations that were brought tonight.
- Brad's car was loaded up with suitcases and he hoped there would be room for him.
- Happy Birthday to Brad on the 17th and Cindy on the 9th.
- Rotary Anniversaries are Scott Baker, 4 years; Nancy 7 years, Tom Wolanski 12 years and 22 years for Dave Doser. Congratulations Rotarians!
- Pasta Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 25 at the VFW. Heinrich's team of Scott, Tom Weldgen, Dave Scheirer have secured donations from Barilla, working on Amazing Grains. The VFW has a new 6 burner stove. A long-standing Committee sheet was passed around so Heinrich knows who will be there at certain times. Please sell your tickets. \$15. for a delicious meal.
- Rotary Learning Institute will be held in Avon on Saturday, October 25 from 8:30 to 3:30. Contact MaryBeth if you can attend this leadership training opportunity.
- Planning has begun for our 100th anniversary celebration to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026. First organizational meeting will be November 2 and interested members should contact MaryBeth.
- Club social is Thursday, October 10th, 4-6 PM at the Tin Cup in The Cannery.
- Ed Johnston reflected on the 4th annual For Pete's Sake golf outing held 3 weeks ago. Put together by Ed, Mark DeBacco with Becky making up the tee gift bags including some "Swing Oil" as Pete called it! Terry and Dan did the registration, Bill Stevens and Bob Hartnett did a record job selling 50-50 tickets! Marion Lovier pulled the winning ticket which turned out to be hers and generously donated her winnings back to the club. BOD agreed to add \$273 from club funds to name a new Paul Harris. Dom did an excellent job is securing gift cards for prizes and also with his strong voice and creativity as the evenings MC. Last year there were 44 players which grew to 56 this year. Seventy dinners were served to the Cobblestone and Rotarians in attendance including Marion Lovier, Amy Joseph and Jeff Lovier. Jim Benjamin's team won for Cobblestone group and Fairport Rotarians scorecards with 3 4-somes tying with 65's which led to a scorecard playoff going back 7 holes with Bill Stevens, Mark DeBacco, Dave Doser and Ed being the winning team! Ed thanked all who participated then MaryBeth thanked Ed for leading the event.
- Please give your thoughts to MaryBeth on how the food presentation of the evening went with the meal brought out sooner, no salad and adding dessert.

DINNER:

Rolls, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and glazed boneless pork patty, carrot cake, coffee.

PROGRAM:

MaryBeth introduced Bill Poray, municipal historian for Perinton and the village of Fairport since 2013. He has had a lifetime interest in history, especially local history. A retiree of General Motors, Rochester Operations, Bill helped to secure and preserve the site's historic artifacts. As municipal historian, he researches local history, leads tours, provides presentations on numerous topics and meets with hundreds of school children each year on field trips and school assemblies. Bill is the 6th historian, and a Trustee of the Perinton Historical Society for many years. In 1825 the Erie Canal opened from Buffalo allowing commerce from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes and Midwest. The timeline can be viewed along the south side of the canal behind Moonlight Creamery. Showing photos and maps he shared that Heartswell Basin is called Bushnell's Basin today, that many swamps were drained into the canal. When the canal opened goods such as flour, whiskey and lumber were shipped. Each time the canal was widened new bridges had to be constructed. Bill answered a few questions and was presented with a Thank You coffee mug.



HAPPY DOLLARS:

Brad and his wife attended the dissertation of his daughter at MIT. Nancy enjoyed all 3 of her children over the last few weeks, attended the Canal Conference and informed us that Pieter was named the new Canal Commissioner. Linda and Ken Kohl were guardians for two veterans this past weekend on an Honor Flight experience.

50/50

With \$211 in the big pot and \$9. in the small pot Newcomb held the lucky ticket, pulled the 7 of spades and donated her winnings back to the club.

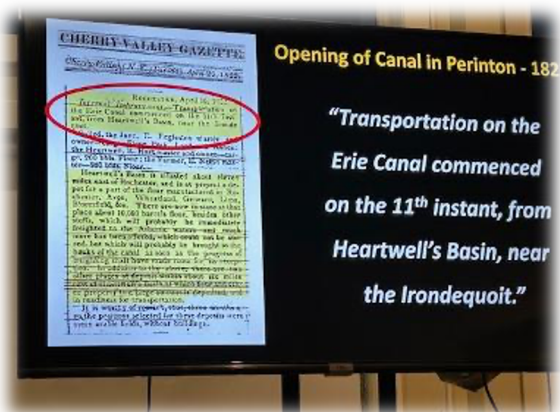
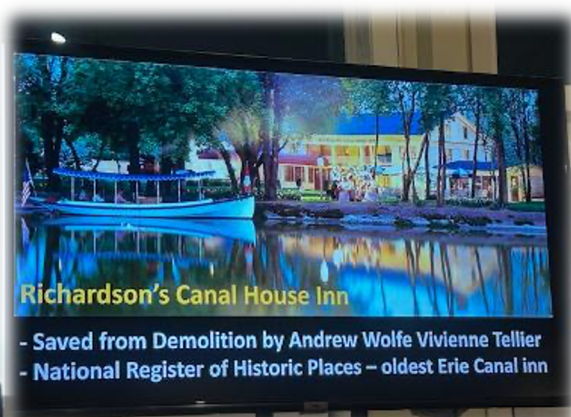
October 13, No meeting

October 20, Fairport Village Mayor

October 25, Pasta Dinner at VFW

October 27, No meeting

Maureen Hall



Members of the Fairport Rotary Club gathered **Monday, September 29: 2025** for a 6:15 meeting and dinner. Sargent of Arms committee member Andrea Jones began with meeting with Bob Hunt leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Pat George delivering an inspiration. President MaryBeth introduced guests, District Governor Jim Crane, his companion Nancy Laughlin, Area 10 Assistant Governor Joann Terry.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month a time to promote economic growth; Next week Perinton Town Historian Bill Poray will be our program. October 25 will be our Make a Difference Pasta Dinner. Restaurant week will be October 17-24, a time to get out and support our local restaurants and shops. As a club we donated \$500. to help with promotions. Early November will be apple pickling time at Wickham Farms with apples donated to the Perinton Food Shelf. Exploring lighting the LiftBridge to shine purple to coincide with Purple Pinkie Campaign where recipients of the polio vaccine receive nail polish on their pinkie. Club secretary Brad Allen informed us that 67% of our members attended meetings in September.

October 24th Is World Polio Day and the club is working on getting the lights in the LiftBridge Working on a spot for the bike rack, either a park or school. The 100th anniversary of Fairport Rotary is November 7, 2026. A celebration is being planned. October 25 is Rotary Learning Institute in Avon. Great opportunity to learn more about Rotary International.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cindy: Food shelf donations will be collected next week. Alzheimer's walk is Saturday October 6. District 7120 fall Literacy seminar was about the How and Why of reading to Children. In the last year we have distributed 155 brochures to child care facilities, pediatric offices and the community center on reading to your child.

Pat George: Savor the Flavor will be held March 1, 2026. We were asked that when we frequent area restaurants let them know we are Rotarians! Write a note on the bill, send a copy of the receipt to the restaurant. Now is a good time to collect silent auction item and give to Becky of Mark Fuerbacher.

Pasta Dinner, Oct 25th update from Heinrich: Scott Baker, Dave Scheirer, Tom Weldgen and Heinrich have secured items as pasta from Barilla, working with Mixie at Amazing Grains, there is a new 6 burner stove at the VFW and Dom is all set with all hands on deck! Please sign up for shifts and stay as long as you can as this in our fall fundraiser! Ticket sales money goes to Tom Weldgen. A great meal for \$15.

Ed Johnston gave a recap of the 4th annual golf outing "For Pete's Sake". 56 golfers participated, 70 attended the dinner including Amy Joseph, Jeff and Marion Lovier. with 2 divisions, the Cobblestone team of Jim Benjamin won and the Rotary division had 3 teams tied with 65 so a scorecard payoff resulted with Ed Johnston, Bill Stevens, Dave Doser and Mark DeBacco. Becky made gift bags prior to her anniversary trip to Italy and put Swing Oil in each along with other items. Terry and Dan did the registration, Bill Stevens and Bob Hartnett manages the 50/50. Marion Lovier pulled the ticket which turned out to be hers and she generously donated back to the club which added an additional \$273 so the club can name a new Paul Harris recipient. Dom secured gift card and was the MC of the prizes. Ed thanked all who participated!

Brad Allen is collecting suitcases for Hillside Children's Center.

Maureen is collecting the pledge money for "Strollin for the Colon" in honor of MaryBeth

DINNER:

Italian Goulash, tossed salad, rolls, water and coffee

PROGRAM:

Joann Terry, Area 10 Assistant Governor introduced District Governor Jim Crane of the Victor Farmington Club. Jim is a long-standing Rotarian, has served with Youth Exchange and many other District 7120 committees. He was the Town Superintendent for Canandaigua highway department, then opened his own Archery shop in Farmington. He has 4 children and grandchildren who are service minded. Jim's partner Nancy Loughlin accompanied him.

DG Jim let us know that the Rotary International President is Francesco Arezzo from Italy, as there was an unexpected resignation of Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo due to personal reasons, Francesco took over the reins with just 2 weeks' notice. He was ready for this moment as he's been a Rotarian for three decades. The Rotary world rallied around him! Francesco has been a practicing orthodontist for 46 years; however, his family has produced olive oil for more than a century. Club presidents are the key as they are on the front line and it is important for club presidents to have membership goals. One of his top priorities is peacebuilding. We need a peace machine at this time when the world seems to be moving away from peace. Rotary should be an action verb. Rotary is something you do; you participate and begin to grow! Some clubs are doing Peace Poles, Fairport is planning to do 6.



Upcoming events:

Foundation Brunch is November 2 at Ravenwood Golf Club.
President Elect Learning Session is March 14 & 15 in Syracuse.
Rotary Leadership Institute is the end of June 2026
Interact Clubs are under the direction of Drew Ashley
Youth Exchange has 14 in and 14 out
Rotaract as an independent club is a project for PDG Dave DeMers

50/50

Cindy had the winning ticket and let the pot grow as she did not pull the queen of spades.

President MaryBeth rang the bell and closed the meeting.

Maureen Hall

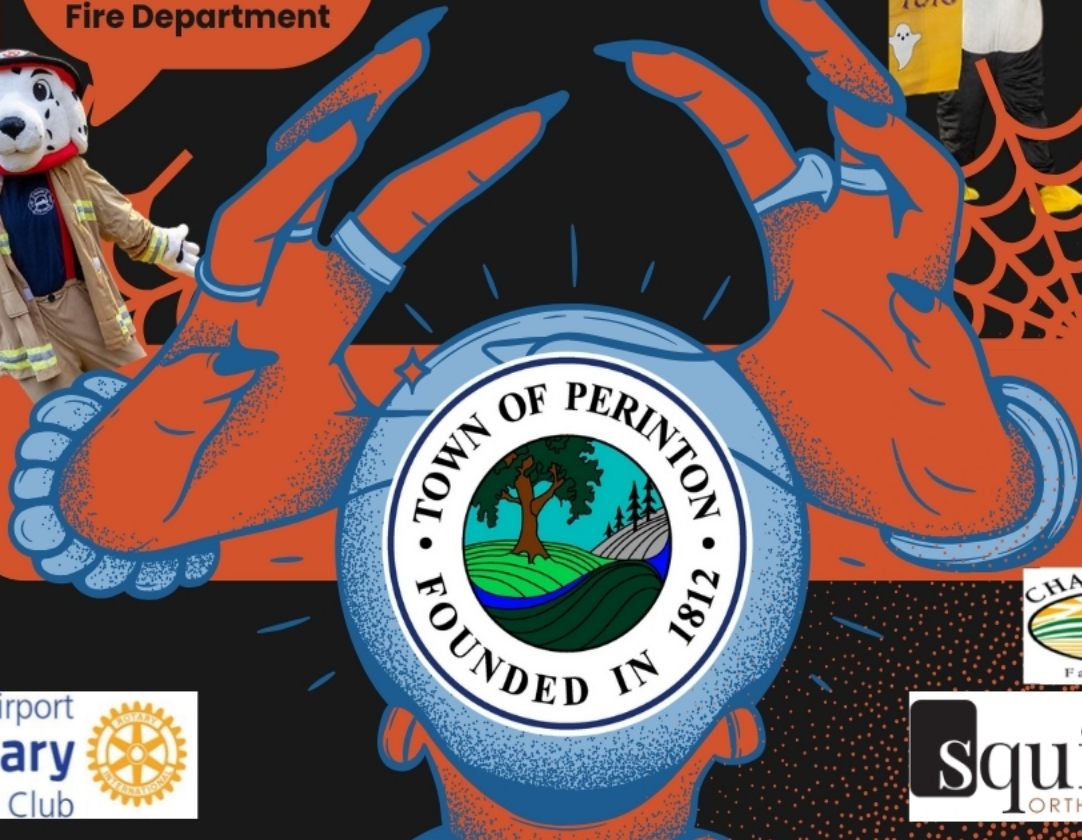


HALLOWEEN PARADE

COSTUME CONTEST

Complimentary
donuts and cider
provided by Fairport
Fire Department

Meet at Johanna Perrin
Middle School parking
lot- parade concludes at
Potter Park.
Prize winners picked in
age order





OCTOBER 17-24

*Over 30
Participating
Restaurants & Shops*

The Village of Fairport

Alter Ego Eatery
Bonnie & Clyde
B-Side
Clementine
Compane'
Country Roads
DeLand House
Donnelly's
Faircraft Brauhaus
Fairport Village Inn

FairPour Coffee Roasters
Iron Smoke Distillery
Junction 361
LULU Taqueria + Mezcal
Mulconry's
Riki's
Rustic Taco
Salvatore's
Tin Cup Social
TJ's Hideaway Hots

Restaurant Week at Home

Red Bird Market
Skips Meat Market

Town of Perinton

Basin Pub
Blitz Bar Room
Bocaccini's
Branca (Bushnell's Basin)
Chakara Sushi and Bar
Great American Diner
Great American Wing Company
Perinton Pizza
Pho King Vietnamese Eatery
Pizza Chef
Salt
Underpass
Woodcliff

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Do you remember when we had a guest speaker (John McNamara, Ontario Hearing Center) who gave a presentation on his efforts to provide hearing tests and hearing aids to kids in Zambia? You have an opportunity to support his efforts and can bid on a basket for a fundraiser for "Hearing the Call." Here is the link:

<https://hearingthecall.networkforgood.com/events/91109-basket-of-dreams-fundraiser>



SAVE THE DATE

BASKET OF DREAMS FUNDRAISER
A BENEFIT SUPPORTING **HEARING THE CALL**
SILENT AUCTION • FOOD • FUN
PROCEEDS HELP FUND A HEARING HEALTHCARE
COLLEGE/CLINIC IN ZAMBIA, AFRICA



 **THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 6**

 **7:00 – 9:00 PM**

 **DUNWOOD GREEN CLUBHOUSE**
1 DUNWOOD LANE – PITTSFORD, NY (NEXT TO LOCUST HILL COUNTRY CLUB)

PRE-ONLINE AUCTION

 **OPENS: OCTOBER 22**

 **CLOSES: NOVEMBER 4 AT 7 PM**

 **HOW TO JOIN** [HEARINGTHECALL.ORG/ZAMBIA-CAPITAL-CAMPAIGN](https://hearingthecall.org/zambia-capital-campaign)

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Fairport Rotary Club's



Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Curbside/Takeout Dinner Only

Saturday, October 25, 2025

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

VFW Post 8495

300 Macedon Center Rd (Rt 31F)

Proceeds to Benefit
Fairport Rotary Charities

All Tickets - \$15.00

Donations welcomed too!

Tickets available at Fairport LNB Bank and
Fairportrotary.com (scan QR code), or
contact any Fairport Rotarian to get tickets

ADVANCE SALE ONLY

