



The Liftbridge

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello All,

We are coming to the end of another Rotary month in which we have demonstrated attention to community service.

We participated in a much-needed food drive a couple of times and apple picking to support the PFS.

We supported the Rotary Foundation annual giving appeal.

We got started with the 100th anniversary venue selection to be held at Monroe Country Club on November 7, 2026.

The Charitable Giving Committee selected Color Fairport Green, Family Thrive, Happy Birthday Cha-Cha-Cha, Pirate Toy Fund, Spirit New York State, Wells in Uganda through Rochester Rotary, CDCE Veteran Driving Service and Veterans Outreach Center for total of \$5,000.00.

The Board of Directors has discussed and will be planning on readdressing the Fairport Rotary Club's strategic plan, something we can all look forward to, which will enhance club experience and membership.

Continue coming to meetings regularly. Meet with committees to get the most out of your desire to get involved in things that matter to you.

With appreciation,
President Marybeth

December Calendar

December 1 - Evening meeting @EagleVale, Ray Defendorf, Corning Rotary Club, update on Global Grant, menu below

December 8 - @ EagleVale, Stacey Thompson, Senior Community Coordinator, Evergreen East re: COAT DRIVE - bring outerwear to be donated! See flyer attached.

December 15 - No Monday meeting because on...

December 16 - Tuesday HOLIDAY PARTY 5:30, Faircraft Brauhaus, see flyer attached, last page.



EAGLE VALE



December 2025
Special Menu prepared for Rotary

December 1st

Rotini Bolognese

December 8th

**Meatloaf with
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Sliced Cake**

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:

Receptionist@Eaglevale.com

(585 377-5200, Ext. 221)

Menu Subject to Change but with advanced notice

December Birthdays

1st - Brandon Scribner, 8th - Heinrich Fischer, 27th - Pieter Smeenk, 31st - Bob Linder

December Anniversaries

30th – Heinrich & Alyx Fischer

Rotary Anniversaries

Mark Finke – 1 year, Andrea Jones – 1 year, Dan Arbuckle - 24 years,
Maureen Hall - 27 years, Vin Barone - 35 years, Pieter Smeenk - 41 years

DECEMBER IS



**DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT
MONTH**

"The prevention of disease today is one of the most important factors in line of human endeavor."

Charles Mayo

Rotary 



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TREASURER'S

CORNER

BANK BILL PAY

A service offered by all retail banks to write send and record (not reconcile) customers bills by paper check or Zelle and all for free.

What a deal !

In reality, your local bank does not actually perform this service. A third party vendor is contracted to provide this service at the bank's expense. Since the vendor sends the check, your banking information is never seen by the person receiving the check. The vendor transfers the check amount out of your account and into theirs about the time the check is to arrive at the payee. Your bank never has the check number or know if it has been cashed because they didn't process it. Rather, if you need that info one must to contact the vender for those details. Patience is a good virtue to exercise in this case of contacting that vendor. On occasion, a check may be mutilated or lost by USPS or have an incorrect mailing address. In that case, money withdrawn from your account by the vendor will be redeposited in 90 days from withdrawal. The vendor will have use of your money for those 90 days!



This agreement is in the small print of the acceptance one signed to use bank bill pay feature.

Terry

*I joined Rotary to
make a difference.
I stayed because I am.*

Rotary 

Your newsletter editor is long overdue on acknowledging "co-editor" John Hall's monthly submissions of Rotary clip arts like the one above and below. Thank you for making our newsletter an award-winning one!



Fun times and
fellowship at
Fairport Village
Inn on 11/24!



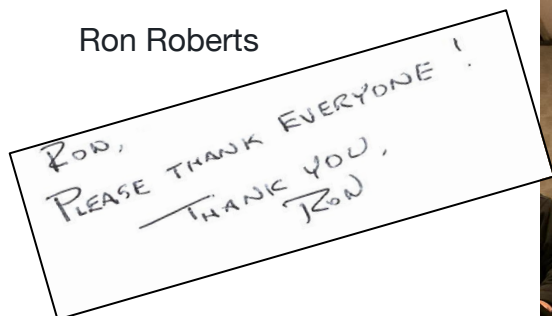
In Rotary there are
no strangers, only
friends we haven't
met yet!

Rotary 

Rotarians,

Pieter Smeenk, Tom Wolanski and I were all at the Challenger Baseball fundraiser luncheon last Saturday (22nd), and we presented our Fairport Rotary check for \$1000 to the cause. We generally receive eight or ten thank you letters from the Challenger teams, and I've attached one below that is very typical -- and includes a couple of photos.

Ron Roberts



Ron presenting Fairport Rotary check to Ann Dokus from Challenger Baseball

Hi Ron!

Thanks so much for your continued support of the Challenger World Series! The highlight of the summer is made possible because of people like you and of course the Fairport Rotary Club! Your contribution of \$1000 is greatly appreciated by Webster Challenger Baseball and all the players. Have a great holiday!

Thanks,

Ron Kampff
Webster Challenger Baseball



Rotary Members,

Below is a list of restaurants who have participated in STF in the past by provided gift certificates and/or program ads, along with the current Rotary contact. If you have any contact with any of these restaurants or a new possibility, please contact Andrew or Bob Linder so we can follow with up our 2026 solicitation. Perinton Pizza, Moonlight Creamery, and Spinelli's Catering have committed to 2026 already.

Pat George and Bob Linder

FROM YOUR SAVOR THE FLAVOR COMMITEE

RESTAURANT CONTACTS

AFFAIRE DE CHOCOLAT DEBRA SHEEN 387-9111 luv4chocolat@yahoo.com
Amazing grains bread Mitzi Lagoner 319-0995 mlagoner@gmail.com
Applebee's Grant gurnett 425-4700 perinton@tlcrs.com
Argyle Grill Amy Exton 377-5200 ext 224 aexton@eaglevale.com
Boccacinis Brian Diehl 421-8200 Kim Soulia Mgr manager@boccacinis.com
Bonnie & Clyde Greg & Jodi Johnson 678-4040 info@bonnieandclyde.com
Champps Steve Hooke 223-3310 65248 gm@krgops.com
Charley Brown's of penfield Ron Medina 385-9202 contactus@charleybrowns.com
Deland House on Main Sarah Switzer 598-3011 sarah@delandonmain.com
Distillery Peter Psyllos 924-2337 victor@thedistillery.com
Donnelley's Public House Rich Jakub c478-8269 ordensix@yahoo.com
Fairfields Grill Giuseppe Mannino 383-0767 gmannino9@yahoo.com
Fairport Village Inn Kenny Beckwith 388-0112 kbeckwith54@gmail.com
Flaghtery's Dave Watt 223-1221 Dwatt@flaghterysmacedon.com
Fruit and Salad Jim Scchiano 586-7289 jamesschiano@mail.com
Holligan's Eastside Grill macedon Nicole Flood 315-538-0097
Horizons Corey Dooley 381-4000 cdooley@woodcliffhotelspa.com
Lemonchello's Italian Rest Fausto Albano 507-1711 faualbano@gmail.com
Longorn Steak House Rory Connors 924-9901 rconnors@lohl.com
LULU Taqueria Jose Abarca c857-2141 luluroc1201@gmail.com
Mac's philly steak Ryan MacNamara 377-0033 macsphillysteaks@gmail.com
Mark's Pizzeria Mark Crane 704-2300 mark@markpizzeria.com
McCardles John Albert 377-5520 john@mccardlesfairport.com
Moonlight Creamery Mikee Spencer 223-0880 mikee@moonlightcreamery.com
Mulconrys Irish Pub Damien Mulconry c203-4225 damien@milconrys.com
New York Beer Project Meghan Fellows 888-6927 meghan@nybeerproject.com
Olive Garden Nicole Militello 223-2040 nmilitello@olivegarden.com
Perinton Pizza & Catering Kevin Peters 750-7372 perpizza04@Yahoo.com
Perlo's Donna Perlo 248-5060 dperlo@perlos.us
Richardson's Canal House Danielle Ayers 248-5000
Spinelli's Catering & Events Mark Spinelli 430-1186 info@spinwlllichefservices.co
Woodlands At Atonebrook Nancy Hicket 282-6095

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FISCHER
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ROBERTS
FUERBACHER
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TO BE SOLICITED

ANDREW SPRETER

Bonnie & Clyde See above
Starbucks FPT
Sycamore
Caraglios Pizza

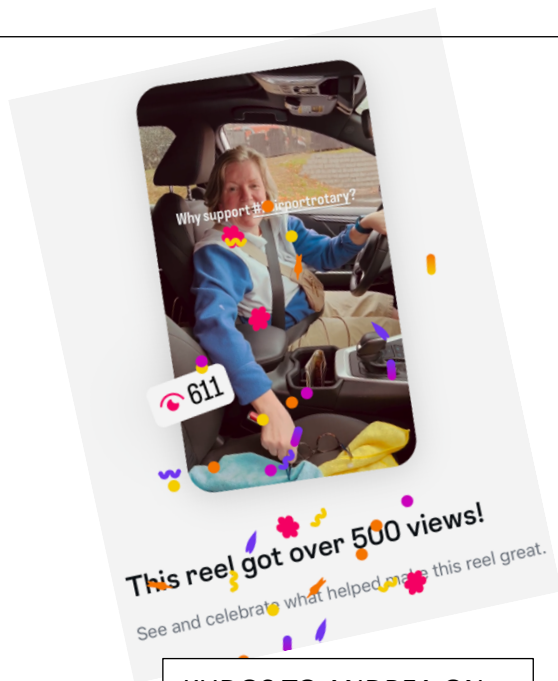
BOB CANTWELL

Rustic Taco

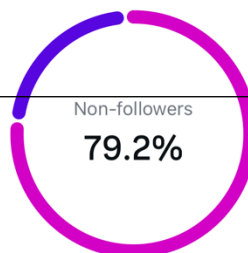
MARKETING UPDATE

The reel (video) below had 611 views (as of early November)!! 80% of the views (@400) were from non-followers, which were from the general Fairport area. Slowly, we are spreading the word about Fairport Rotary, and what we do for and with the community. I will attempt to invite those people to follow us on social media. Thanks to all Rotarians who have helped by following, forwarding, liking, commenting, and participating!!

Gratefully, Andrea Jones, Public Relations Director



KUDOS TO ANDREA ON
SPREADING THE WORD
AND MAKING FAIRPORT
ROTARY LOOK GOOD!



Non-followers	79.2%
Followers	20.8%

You're breaking new ground

Out of 611 views, 79.2% were from non-followers. New people had a chance to discover your content, which may lead to more followers in the future.



Insight

ON OUR WEBPAGE

Your site visitors were up **250%** on Monday compared to your typical day last week - great work! Let's keep the momentum going.

"MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IS
THE HEARTBEAT OF
ROTARY. IT BRINGS FRESH
ENERGY, IDEAS, AND A
BROADER REACH TO OUR
COMMUNITY SERVICE."

November 17, 2025 - Lunch at Spinelli's

A good crowd gathered to enjoy lunch and fellowship. Pres-elect Mike called the meeting to order. Bob Ruhland led us in the pledge and inspired the Club.

Guests: Carla Fulsome—prospective member, Brett Provenzano—School Superintendent, Jeremy Nardone—Asst Superintendent, Brad Barry—prospective member

Announcements:

- Ron—STF ads to be placed \$50/\$100—half page/full page. Provide your contact information to Ron or Eddy. 41 ads were placed last year.
- Heinrich—Pasta Dinner numbers are being finalized.
- Cindy—Museum tour and dinner at FVI next week.
- Pres-elect Mike--Program Committee meeting December 1st. District-wide presentation of visiting group from Uganda.
- Vin—Our Club's holiday service project will be a Winter Coat Drive for Evergreen East. We will work with Community Coordinator Stacy Thompson.

Buffet lunch: turkey and hot meatball sandwiches; cream of broccoli soup, garbanzo bean salad.

Program: Guest Speaker, Carl Gouveia, the Fairport Public Library Director, filled us with information about our extremely popular library:

- 1895 successful vote to form Fairport Public Library; Library Board established
- First Library in Monroe County; established prior to NYC Library
- Now classified as School District Public Library with separate Board and budget
- Member of Monroe County Library System—cost sharing, catalog automation, fiber optics
- Variety of services: books, DVD, CD, newspapers, magazines, E-Books, streaming videos, weekly Empire Pass—visit NYS Parks free of charge; VIP Pass—discounted entry to RPO, George Eastman House, Geva; Ancestry; Chilton digitized car manuals; Morningstar
- Storytimes
- Crafts
- Tech Tutors
- AARP Safe Driving Course
- Blood pressure and hearing clinics
- “Great Decisions” Foreign Policy Organization series
- Caregiving meetings
- Learning Links
- Job training one-on-one
- Gazebo Concerts series with Perinton Rec
- 2024—645,000 items checked-out/1,700 per day; 246,000 visitors; 1,500 programs offered
- Busiest single building library in County



Director Gouveia noted that increased expenses are concerning.

Lew Heisman



🧥 COMMUNITY COAT DRIVE 🧥

🧥 Let's come together to keep our neighbors warm this winter! 🧥

We are hosting a Winter Coat Drive to help individuals and families in need at our 508-unit, low-income multifamily community. Any donation will be greatly appreciated!

**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF
OPPORTUNITY**

📌 WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING

New or gently used winter coats (all sizes: infant to adult)

Hats, gloves, scarves

📍 DROP-OFF LOCATION

Leasing Office - Ask for Stacey, Community Coordinator

📅 DONATION DATES

November 19th – December 12th

**BRING ITEMS
TO THE NEXT
TWO ROTARY
MEETINGS**

📁 HOW DONATIONS WILL BE USED

All items will be sorted and distributed directly to residents who need winter gear.

Your contribution makes a real difference—every coat warms a family!

💛 WHY IT MATTERS

Our community includes many households facing financial challenges. Your donation helps ensure that no resident has to worry about staying warm this winter.



YOU ARE INVITED!

FAIRPORT ROTARY CLUB

HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, December 16

Faircraft Brauhaus at The Cannery

5:30 PM – Cocktail Hour

6:30 PM – Dinner

\$50 per person

(Includes dinner, dessert, first beverage, tax & tip)

Musical stylings by Milt Milhaus

RSVP to Mike Lischak by December 12