Fairport Rotary's Award-Winning Newsletter

Fairport Rotary Club

THE LIFTBRIDGE

December 30, 2025 Edition 148

President's Message

Hello Rotarian Friends,

It's the end of December and the end of 2025. Our Rotary club has been busy as usual. There are many people to thank for the efforts.

The fundraising committee has done it again. Thank you Heinrich and committee for a successful annual pasta dinner. Fellowship Committee, Dr. Mike, Bill and team, hey, you know how to flip burgers and keep the crowd happy. The golf outing headed by Ed Johnson and Mark DeBacco, and the committee, had the highest number of golf attendees. Also, Becky put together some awesome prizes for the event. This year's Holiday party came together very well with Dr. Mike securing a familiar spot for us, kept it local and we had lots of fun. Cindy Hunt and committee did an awesome job of keeping food collections for the Perinton Food Shelf coming on a regular basis. Thanks to Andrea Jones for the suggestion to get bags handed out with Fairport Rotary name on bag. It's working great. Andrea Jones works with the many Public Relation Committee members moving into social media broadcasting, showcasing the good work of the club and our special people and their talents. The PR committee is usually an all-hands-on deck to keep up with the news; club meeting minutes: Tom Weldgen, Maureen Hall, George Wolf, Lew Heisman, Ron Roberts; Lightbridge: Becky Wilson.

There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes in our Rotary Club. Our committees and dedicated members help this Rotary Club to be informed, keep engaged, offer volunteering opportunities which create positive change, create fellowship, raise money for Rotary Foundation to support initiatives, mentorship and it's because you care. ~ Keep the goodwill alive. ~

With appreciation & Happy Holiday,
President Marybeth

On a personal note: I am truly grateful for your support and involvement for my jouney this year. I know you care by your words, hugs and actions. THANK YOU for the donations in my name to the Colon Cancer Mission 'Strollin for the Colon", which is used to fight colon cancer through awareness, education and research for patients and family in our community.

In addition, in memory of my Mom, Lorraine Brady, THANK YOU for your donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital which helps to find cures for children with cancer and other life threatening diseases through researech and treatment.

A heartfelt thank you for your overwhelming kindness and support. Love , Marybeth

January Calendar

5TH - LUNCHEON MEETING - SPINELLI'S
12TH - EVENING MEETING - EAGLEVALE
19TH - EVENING MEETING - EAGLEVALE
26TH - EVENING MEETING - EAGLEVALE

SPEAKERS TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER
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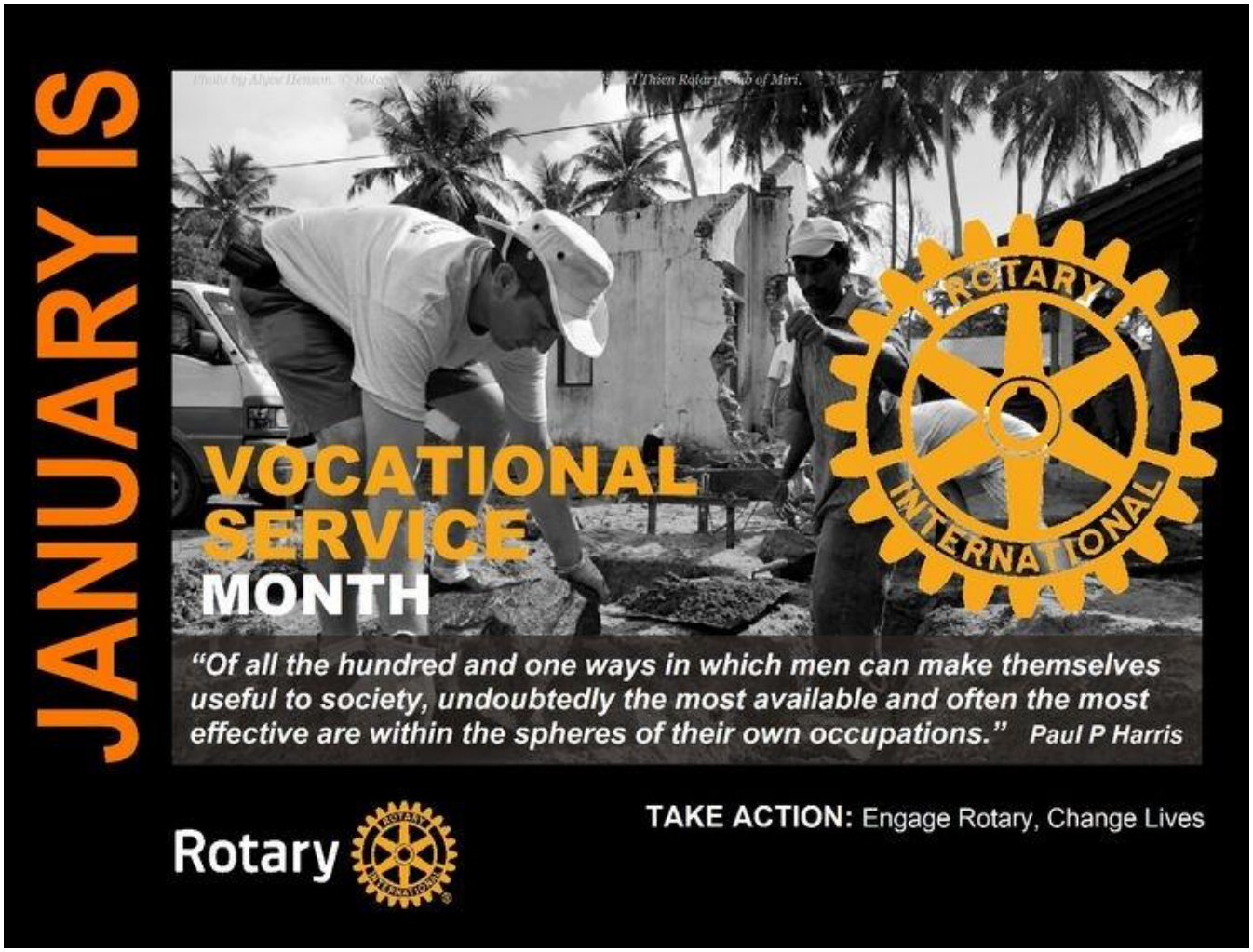

January Rotary Anniversaries

Nicole Simonetti – 5 years
Bill Stevens – 9 years
Terry O-Neil – 19 years
Ken Buckle – 26 years
Ron Roberts – 52 YEARS!!!
Bob Linder – 54 YEARS!!!

January Anniversaries

6th – Jon & Liane Morse
27th – John & Maureen Hall

January Birthdays

17th – Connie Borkhuis

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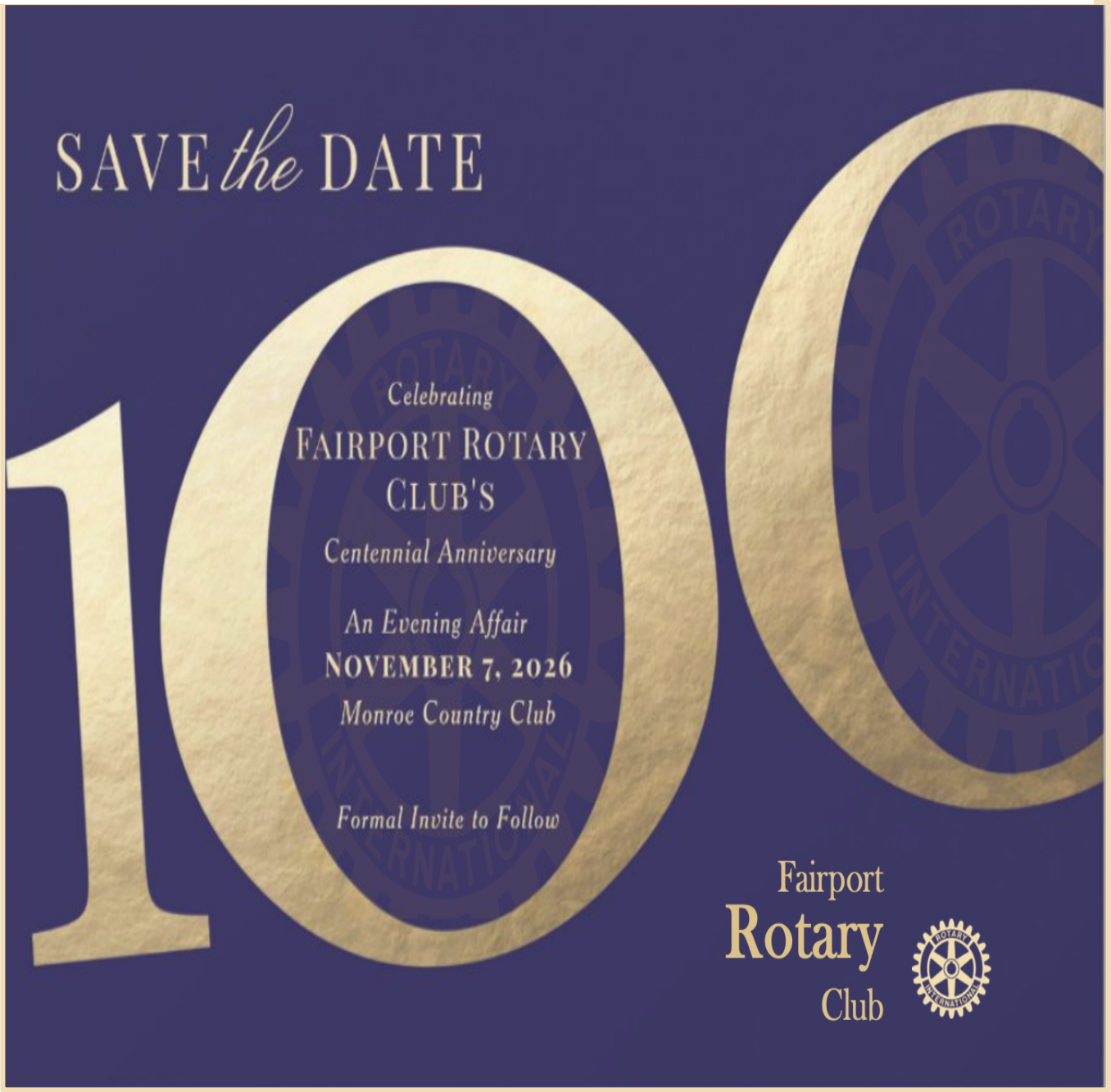


TREASURER'S CORNER

FAIRPORT ROTARY 100 ANNIVERSARY

A Donation Appeal to Members ONLY

A gala celebration is planned to be held at Monroe Country Club on November 7, 2026 exactly 100 years to the day since the founding of our Club, November 7, 1926.
A grand dinner with hors d'oeuvres circulated at reception, a champagne toast, elegant entrees and a sumptuous dessert will accompany our keynote speaker. Keepsake rememberances for each guest will be placed at the tables.

The Committees tasked with organizing the event are attempting to keep costs to a level at which any former or present Rotarian can afford to attend. The final ticket price will be determined after this appeal is concluded on August 1, 2026.

All income to cover costs **must** be from Operations assets.
The Committee intent is not to need to increase dues.
The Committee intent is not to need an assessment.
The Committee intent is not to change the meal subsidy.

This appeal is designed to be internally limited to present and past membership only.
No outside sources will be contacted or asked to be involved or contribute to this fund appeal.

First donations will be accepted on January 5, 2026.
All donations will be treated as anonymous.

"Charity begins at home"

Terry 2025

Happy New Year
Fairport Rotarians
May 2026 bring you a year full of
peace, joy and service.
UNITE FOR GOOD

EAGLE VALE

January 2026

Special Menu prepared for Rotary

January 12

Family Style Caesar Salad

Chicken French over Penne

January 19th

Chicken Cutlets over Alfredo Linguini

Pie Slices

January 26th

Italian Assorted Subs with Italian Pasta Salad

Assorted Cookies

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

Lift Bridge
Faircraft Brauhaus @ The Cannery
Christmas Party
12-16-2025

Sargent at Arms factotum, Andrea Jones, opened festivities with a strident hammer stroke.

President-Elect Mike Lischak presided, or perhaps he didn't -- his first comment was "Tonight is not a meeting!"

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Dan Arbuckle gave the Inspirational Remarks.

Dr. Mike explained that President Marybeth was attending to family affairs incident to her mother's death.

Amy presided at the Bar. Amanda corralled the comestibles. Milt Mathews provided live, and lively, piano entertainment while Matthias kept everything under his benevolent gaze.

Amanda's buffet – crisp green beans, pasta, mashed potatoes, pork chops and salad – sated all for the hall became near silent as soon as it opened. Many diners became recidivists.

Mark Fuerbacher had a table-full of guests.

Dr. Mike interrupted dinner to read a message – a reworking of "All Through the Night" with Rotary-inspired messages provided by President Marybeth that provoked a round of applause.

Varieties of desserts were served.

It must have been a non-meeting. There was no 50-50 drawing!

GEORGE WOLF

Fairport Rotary Newsletter – December 8, 2025 - Eagle Vale

Terry O'Neil collected funds. Dave Doser sold 50/50 tickets. Dan Arbuckle from the sergeant-at-arms committee gaveled us to order welcoming all. Maureen Hall offered our words of inspiration. Co Pres and P-Elect – Dr. Mike opened explaining that Marybeth had to skip tonight meeting due to family medical issues. She is ok but other things created a conflict.

Update on Heinrich Fischer – he is at the Rehab center – (Formerly Baptist Home). He did fracture his hip but is ok and they are working on it. He is now working on rehab probably for a week or so. He has his phone, call or send him a note, or drop by to visit. Dave Scheirer was up today to see him. It took a few minutes to be guided to his room, but Heinrich's spirits seemed "ok" considering it all!

Thanks to members for our collections of luggage! Thanks for our ongoing collections of food for food shelf!

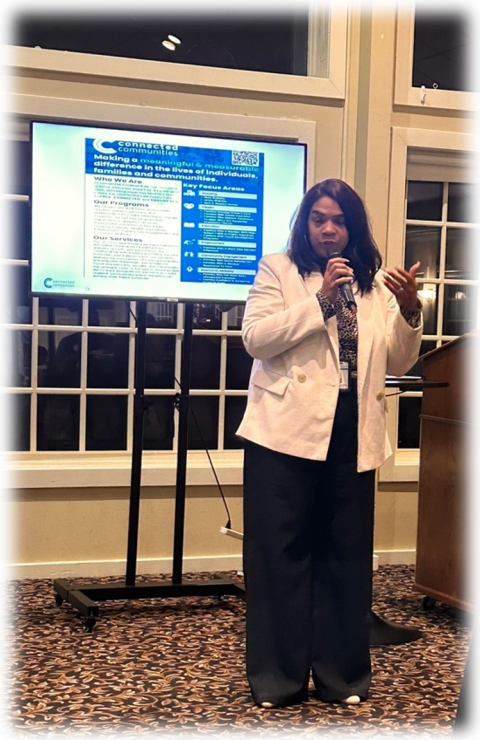
He then asked for guests to be welcomed. Officially welcoming Bradford Barry – (inducted at our Rotary December 1 meeting.) He has been to a number of meetings but, Dr. Mike was pleased to welcome him officially to our evening meeting. Brad made a few comments to the club about his background. Very happy to join the club and meet more of the members!

Stacey Thompson was then re-introduced. She joined us at the Village Inn previously and announced their winter coat collection efforts for Evergreen East. She thanked us for our hospitality and the many coats already collected. Stacey will present our program for tonight with extended information on Evergreen East programs.

Tom Weldgen asked the club for a moment of silence to remember a long term and amazing member of District 7120. Karen Parkhurst, a Victor-Farmington Rotarian, served us all Foundation Committee Chair, former District Executive Secretary, and the key person in our District for clubs working on District Grants and especially International or club grants with multiple clubs and or countries. She was a tremendous help over the years with our own clubs' programs and was a key instructor at the annual Grant Training Seminar. Also, a moment to remember Sister Grace – and the House of Mercy. We have supported the House of Mercy for many years, and have contributed cash, physical help, clothing drives for the winter to help homeless, food for meals. She was a speaker at our club meetings multiple times explaining and asking for our help on programs for the homeless.

We broke for dinner of meatloaf and garlic mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetables. Apple pie for dessert so no salad tonight.

After Dinner – Dr. Mike introduced our program, with background for Stacey Thompson, Senior Community Coordinator for Evergreen East. She works in conjunction with the Winn Company – the group redesigned and rebuilt most of the pines after the fire a couple years ago in an extensive program. They are providing subsidized housing to families in our area.



Stacey is a member of the Property Management Team. She has previous extensive experiences with the Sheriff office, Town Supervisor, Fire Department. She enjoys working to find and develop better resources for the families at the pines. Stacey presented a power point program and reviewed many of the programs and services provided at the Pines. She thanked us for our ongoing support of the Pines and of our Literacy program with Kate Thom.

Stacey explained that most of her community contacts are from Rochester city area, and she is working to expand her relationships in Fairport and Perinton – she needs our help with expanding the knowledge base in Fairport – tell our friends and associates about Evergreen East and the programs provided. They are always seeking cash support but there are also areas where volunteer time to assist with programs would be helpful. Please contact her directly if you can help or want to explore further.

She passed around copies of the Monthly newsletter for all residents – this outlines programs, calendar, contact people and phone or email information, etc. There are over 500 units in the complex and variety of Studio, 2-bedroom, 4-bedroom. They have over 1000 children living there now. After school programs and tutoring programs are being offered. Learning Links is offering free tutoring classes from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm for school aged kids. Also offering English for adults Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. She also passed out a brochure from Connected Communities.org from Boston Massachusetts. Great programs for our community!

Dr. Mike began the 50/50 - Stacey drew the number for small pot $ 13 won by Pieter Smeenk. But when he drew the card for the large pot of $270, it was the 6 of spades, not the Queen!

Some Happy Dollars were donated from Dr. Mike and others for several items and for Stacey and her program tonight.

__ Note from Tom Weldgen – November was Rotary Foundation month – and we are still in our Rotary year seeking our annual support for the Foundation and for all of its programs locally, regionally, in other states and around the world. Last week we heard about a multi club and country grant program to provide training for people in Uganda. Please make your annual contributions – either online or bring me a check made out to the Rotary Foundation and I will send them in and credit them to your individual accounts.

Board Meeting will begin shortly after this meeting. Other comments or announcements? None noted.

Meeting adjourned
Respectfully submitted,
Tom Weldgen