



Fairport Rotary's Award-Winning Newsletter

# The Liftbridge

January 30, 2025 Edition 150



## Presidents Message January 29, 2026 Marybeth Christiansen

Hello Rotarian Friends,

The Board of Directors (BOD) nominating committee has been putting together BOD candidates for the Rotary year 2026-2028. I am planning on the sharing the finalized slate of candidates to the club members at Monday meeting February 2, 2026. **Rotary Club Board of Directors** is the Governing Body of the Rotary club. The primary responsibility of all directors is to contribute toward the success of the vision, goals and activities of the Club. They are expected to delegate, coordinate, and monitor various Club operational functions and assure that they are properly accomplished.

Regards, Marybeth



## Key Board Positions and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibilities
President	Presides at all club and board meetings, provides overall leadership and guidance, appoints committee chairs, ensures the club budget is managed, and works with the District Governor/Assistant District Governor.
Immediate Past President	Serves as an advisor to the current president and the board, often acting as the chair of the advisory board to ensure continuity.
President-Elect	Prepares for their upcoming year as president, serves as a director on the board., and often concurrently serves as the Membership Committee Chair.
Vice President	Prepares for future club leadership roles and assists the president, potentially serving as an officer or standing committee chair. They have one vote on the board.
Secretary	Responsible for maintaining club records, tracking membership and attendance, taking minutes at board and club meetings, managing club correspondence, and ensuring club information on My Rotary is up to date.
Treasurer	Oversees all club finances, maintains accurate financial records, collects dues, pays bills, works with The Rotary Foundation on contributions and grants, presents monthly financial reports, and prepares an annual budget and financial review.
Sergeant-at-Arms	Helps maintain order and decorum during club meetings and events.
Directors	The board includes Directors, who are assigned responsibility for one or more from the Avenues of Service (Fellowship, Community Service, Public Relation, Club Services, Membership, Fundraising, The Rotary Foundation, New Generations) or other key club functions.

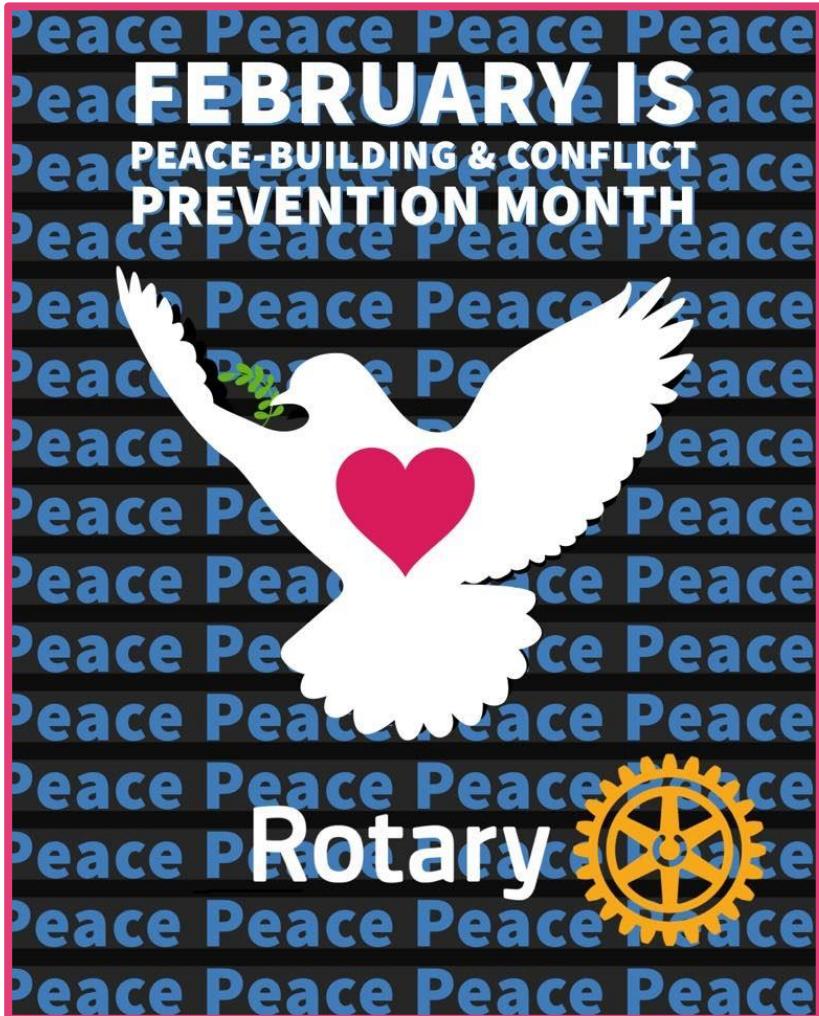
# February Calendar

2<sup>nd</sup> – LUNCHEON Meeting @ EAGLEVALE, Judge Steinman to speak; work on Valentines while waiting or afterwards

9<sup>th</sup> – EVENING Meeting @ EAGLEVALE, Elyse Burkhart, Monroe County 911

16<sup>th</sup> – EVENING Meeting @ SPINELLI'S CATERING; fun and fellowship as we enjoy an evening of dancing with Andrea's dance crew

23<sup>rd</sup> – EVENING Meeting @ EAGLEVALE, final prep work for Savor the Flavor!



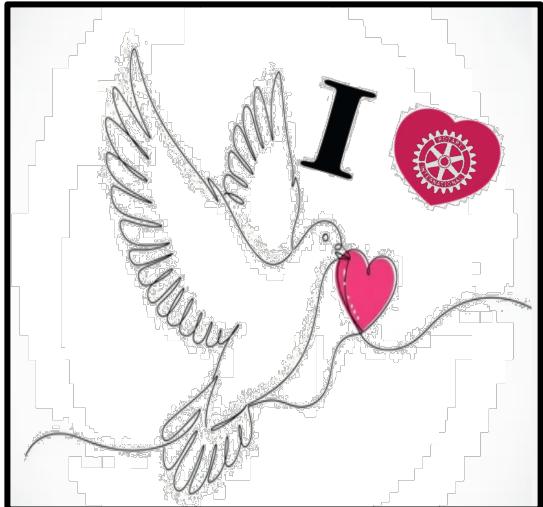
## Words Of Inspiration Assignments

2/2 – Brett Provenzano (or Jeremy Nardone)

2/9 – Nancy Ragus

2/16 – Ron Roberts

2/23 – Bob Ruhland



# Rotary Anniversaries

Ciaran Hanna - 3 Years  
Andrew Spreter - 6 Years  
Tom Weldgen - 47 YEARS!!!

# Birthdays

2/21 - Ed Johnston

## EAGLE VALE

# February 2026

Special Menu prepared for Rotary

Feb 2nd ~ **LUNCHEON - Assorted Submarine Sandwiches -**  
**Assorted Deli Meats**  
**Pasta Salad**  
**Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Mayo, Mustard**

Feb 9th ~ **Buffalo Mac - n - Cheese**  
**Chocolate Brownies**

Feb 23rd ~ **Italian Style Goulash**  
**Garden Salad**

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**

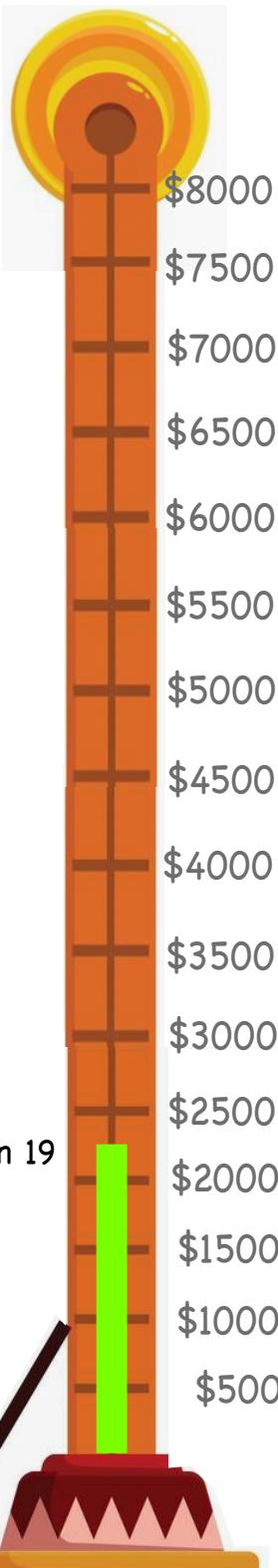
**\*Menu subject to change, with advance notice\***



TREASURER'S

## CORNER

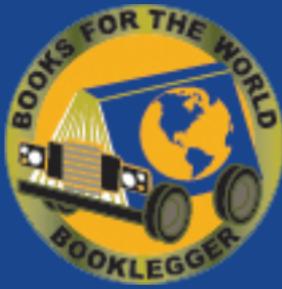
### APPEAL



## FAIRPORT ROTARY ROSTER FISCAL BOB HUNT 2010-2011

Arbuckle Dan	Johnston Ed
Aho, Jon	Kerr, Marg
Barone Vin	
Bartolotta, Jim	Klein Dan
Bruns Bill	Knapp Warren
Cardelli, Van	Large Dave
Cashman Dan	Lazarus, Joe
Cassella, Scott	Linder Bob
Christiansen, Daryl	Lindstrom Kristie
Christiansen, Marybeth	Lovier Pete
Connors Toni	Masciangelo, Steve
Cronkwright Ruth	
Dufault, Dorothy	O'Neil Terry
Emery Clint	Rittenhouse Rod
Fischer Heinrich	Roberts Ron
Fisher John	Scollo Enzo
Fuerbacher Mark	Shaddock Warren
George Pat	Smeenk Pieter
Good Ted	Space Sam
Hall John	Visingard Sara
Hall Maureen	Wandling, Jim
Hartnett Bob	Weldgen Tom
Heisman Lew	Whitney Doug
Hendee Dick	Wolf George
Hunt Cindy	Yale, Jim
Hunt Bob	Zeitounzian, Karen
Hunter, Jon	
Johnson, Marvin	

Member meal price in 2010 was \$15  
plus the \$3 subsidy



## Books for the World The Second Wind Foundation

**Kudos to Bob Hunt in his continued advocacy of Books for the World. He and four other Rotarians - Cindy, Mark Finke, Dave Scheirer, former Rotarian Tom VanBuskirk – spend Saturday, January 17 packing enough books to finally empty the warehouse on Paul Road and be able to finally ship enough pallets of books off to Houston. From there, they go to third world countries.**

**You and your cohorts exemplify what Rotary is all about – Service Above Self.**



### PERINTON FOOD SHELF needs the following items:

- Graham crackers
- Salad dressing
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Cookies
- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot Coca
- Stew
- Mashed potatoes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bar soap

**Please bring to Monday's LUCHEON meeting at EagleVale!**



# SAVOR THE FLAVOR

## COMMITMENTS THUS FAR:

### RESTAURANTS

Amazing Grains  
Affaire De Chocolat  
Aladdin's Natural Eatery  
Applebee's  
Argyle Grill  
Donnelley's Public House  
EagleVale Catering  
Lemoncello Italian Restaurant  
LULU Taqueria & Mezcal  
Moonlight Creamery  
Perinton Pizza  
Perinton Pizza Catering  
Rustic Taco  
Spinelli's Catering & Events

### BREWERIES

Amazing Grains Craft Cider  
Genesee Brewing Co.  
Lake Beverage  
Wright Beverage  
**IF ANY ROTARIAN HAS  
BREWERY CONTACTS,  
PLEASE LET BOB LINDER  
OR BRAD STEWART KNOW.**

### DISTILLERIES

1911 Established Distillery  
Alder Creek Distillery  
Claudia Hoyser Drunken Bean  
Whiskey  
Hidden Marsh Distillery  
Iron Smoke Distillery

### WINERIES

Arbor Hill Grapery & Winery  
Bully Hill Vineyards  
Buttonwood Grove Winery  
Casa Larga Vineyards  
Colloca Estate Winery  
Glenora Wine Cellars  
Heron Hill Winery  
Keuka Spring Vineyards  
Living Roots  
Martin Family Wineries & Distilleries:  
• Idol Ridge  
• Montezuma Winery  
Ravines Wine Cellars  
Silver Thread Vineyard  
Six Eighty Cellars  
Swedish Hill Vineyard & Winery

### ITEMS FOR STF 2026 AUCTION

Adirondack Chair -  
Bicycle - RVE - size? Color?  
Buffalo Bills Mini Helmet - Autographed by Greg Rousseau  
Buffalo Bills 2 pk. 30 oz. Tumblers  
Binoculars - Vivitar 8x  
Rangefinder - Acer Laser w/slope and flag finder lock  
Massager - Sharper Image Powerboost Sport  
Tablet - Android 11" w/16GB Ram/128GB Rom, comes with  
case, keyboard and mouse  
L'Occitane Beauty Care Box - 8-piece gift set w/creams, oils  
Cutting Board w/Scale  
Golf - Ryder Cup 2025 Marshal's Lg. Jacket & Med. Shirt  
Golf - 6 Buckets of Balls at Big Oak Driving Range  
Golf - Sycamore Golf Club - Foursome, 18 holes w/cart  
Golf - NY Golf Trail Gift Package - Let them book your  
reservations and accommodations at anyone of their 25+ NY  
golf courses!

### ITEMS FOR STF 2026 RAFFLE

Home Depot Gift Card  
Wegmans Gift Card  
Amazon Gift Card  
BJ's Gift Card  
Faircraft Brauhaus Gift Card  
Riki's Gift Card  
Timothy Patrick's Gift Certificate (2)

*As you can see,  
we need more,  
lots more!*

*And we  
can't do it  
without you!*

## CHARITIES FAIRPORT ROTARY HAS SUPPORTED WITH PROCEEDS FROM PAST SAVOR THE FLAVOR FUNDRAISERS

### LOCAL

Advent House  
Bivona Child Advocacy Center  
Boy Scout Troop 26 Fairport  
Camp Haccamo/Sunshine Camp  
Canal Book Box  
Canandaigua VA Center  
Christmas Baskets (Perinton Food Shelf)  
Color Fairport Green  
Dictionaries to all Fairport 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders  
Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Fund  
Erie Canal Bicycle Repair  
Evergreen East Winter Coat Drive  
Fairport Baptist Homes  
Fairport Challenger Baseball  
Fairport Halloween Parade  
Fairport Historical Club  
Fairport High School Interact Club  
Fairport Little League  
Fairport Memorial Day Parade  
Fairport Museum  
Fairport Odyssey of the Mind  
Fairport-Perinton Partnership  
Fairport Robotics  
Fairport Student College Scholarship  
Families Thrive Inc.  
Happy Birthday ChaChaCha  
House of Mercy Homeless Shelter  
Learning Links  
Mercy Flight Central  
Perinton Food Shelf  
Perinton-Fairport Senior Connections  
Perinton Park Foundation  
Perinton VFW  
Perinton Youth Hockey  
Pirate Toy Fund  
Rochester Center for Community Alternatives  
Rotary Oratorical Contest Award  
Spirit NYS Student Aid Program  
SOFI (Senior Options for Independence)  
Strollin' for the Colon  
Veteran's Outreach Center  
Vertical Boost

### DOMESTIC

Disaster Relief Southern USA  
Literacy Volunteers  
Honor Flight of Rochester  
Ukraine Refugee Families

### INTERNATIONAL

Books for the World  
Humans for Education  
Malawi Children's Village College Fund  
Nicaragua Water Initiative  
Polio Plus (eradication of worldwide polio)  
Shelter Box Africa  
SOYDOI (sewing machines to African women to earn income)  
The Rotary Foundation Worldwide Projects  
Uganda Water Project



# Service

# Above

# Self

# SAVOR THE FLAVOR RECOMMENDATION

If you visit any of the restaurants below, please try to send an email to the contact listed below just as a thank you. For example, I sent one saying "The six of us had a great meal on Wednesday at Perlo's, your waitresses Sarah and Glena, were very attentive. Thanks, Bob Linder." You'll be amazed at the response you get. Let's continue to support those who support us.

Bob Linder

Affaire De Chocolat Debra Sheen 387-9111luv4chocolat@yahoo.com  
Aladdin's Natural Eatery Sami Mina 733-5000 samimina1@gmail.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  
Bocconcini's 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  
Fairfield's Grill Giuseppe Mannino 383-0767 gmannino9@yahoo.com  
Fairport Village Inn Kenny Beckwith 388-0112 kbeckwith54@gmail.com  
Flaherty's Dave Watt 223-1221 Dwatt@flahterysmacedon.com  
Fruit and Salad Jim Schiano 586-7289 jamesschiano@mail.com  
Hooligan's Eastside Grill Macedon Nicole Flood 315-538-0097  
Horizons Corey Dooley 381-4000 cdooley@woodcliffhotelspa.com  
Lemoncello's Italian Rest Fausto Albano 507-1711 faualbano@gmail.com  
Longhorn 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  
McCardle's John Albert 377-5520 john@mcardlesfairport.com  
Moonlight Creamery Mikee Spencer 223-0880 mikee@moonlightcreamery.com  
Mulconry's 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  
Rustic Taco Sean O'Rouke 364-0703 rustictacobar@gmail.com  
Salt Katie 978-2574 katie@saltedfigcatering.com  
Spinelli's Catering & Events Mark Spinelli 430-1186 info@spinwllchefservices.co  
Starbucks FPT  
Sycamore  
Caraglios Pizza  
Rustic Taco



**FAIRPORT ROTARY  
CHARITABLE GIVING  
FALL 2025 GRANTS**



**COLOR FAIRPORT GREEN**, \$250 – This is a grassroots organization working towards a sustainable future for our Town. Funded project promotes alternatives to pesticides. Nina DiLapi, [nina@colorfairportgreen.org](mailto:nina@colorfairportgreen.org)

**EnCOMPASS, SPIRIT NYS**, \$750- helps homeless teens graduate high school and build a foundation for a successful future. Amy Breitenborn, [abreitenborn@e-success.org](mailto:abreitenborn@e-success.org), 585-309-0175

**UGANDA WATER PROJECT**, \$1,250- in cooperation with Rochester Rotary Club and Rotary Club of Rubaga, this \$200,000 project will impact roughly 12,500 lives. Richard deAsis, [rdeasis911@gmail.com](mailto:rdeasis911@gmail.com), 585-750-4231

**FAMILIES THRIVE**, \$500- helping children awaiting parents to find a loving connection by recruiting foster/adoptive families. Lauri McKnight, [laurimcknight@familiesthriveinc.org](mailto:laurimcknight@familiesthriveinc.org), 585-867-1705

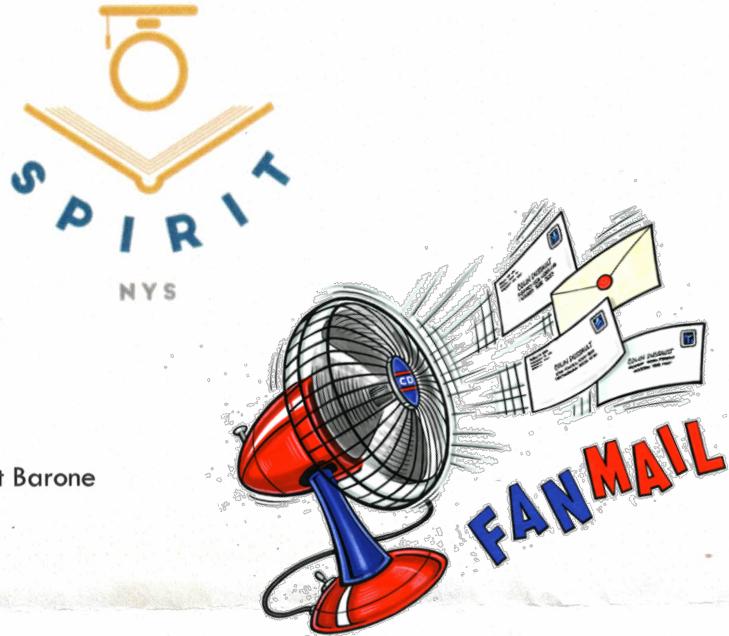
**VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER**, \$750 – supports our Nation's oldest community-based human services organization offering health and wellness programs to stabilize and strengthen the lives of veterans. Brandon Kasperkoski, [grants@vocroc.org](mailto:grants@vocroc.org), 585-295-7844

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHA CHA CHA**, \$500- Our contribution will enable RCSD children to receive a few fun treats along with underwear, socks, hygiene items and groceries on their birthday. The program drives better classroom management, improved attendance and higher self-esteem. Carrie Green, [happybirthdaychachacha@outlook.com](mailto:happybirthdaychachacha@outlook.com), 585-503-2213

**PIRATE TOY FUND**, \$500 – providing toys to children during times of need through over 75 programs that address medical, domestic violence, and financial-need situations. Jamie Harnischfeger, [Jamie@piratetoyfund.org](mailto:Jamie@piratetoyfund.org), 585-271-5519

**CANANDAIGUA VA CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**, \$500- providing services for veterans and their families, caregivers and survivors, including volunteer-driven transportation to and from medical appointments. Regina Deck, [regina.deck@va.gov](mailto:regina.deck@va.gov), 585-319-8563

From Vin Barone, Charitable Giving Chairperson



January 15, 2026

Fairport Rotary Club, Attn: Vincent Barone  
27 Dewey Ave  
Fairport, NY 14450

Dear Fairport Rotary Club,

Thank you for your gift to Education Success Foundation supporting EnCompass SPIRIT NYS of \$750.00 on 12/8/25. Your gift will support housing-insecure teens on their path to graduation.

The Rochester teens we serve face huge barriers that can impede their ability to finish school and plan for the future. SPIRIT NYS provides homeless students with the financial support, mentoring, and advocacy they need to be successful in school and beyond.

As part of the Generation A+ Campaign, your gift will be matched at 150% by The Sands Family Foundation and have even greater impact! We deeply appreciate your donation and your commitment to our community's students.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Martino  
President & Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Amy Breitenborn



WAY TO GO  
**FAIRPORT ROTARY!**

4 Lakeview Park  
Rochester, NY 14613

Tax ID 16-1557039  
No goods or services have been received in  
exchange for this donation.

info@spiritnys.org  
spiritnys.org

January 12, 2026

Connie welcomed us on behalf of the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee. Bob Hunt led us in the Pledge and John Morse delivered an eloquent inspirational message.

Dinner was served: Caesar salad, rolls, Chicken French adorned with sliced lemon over penne.

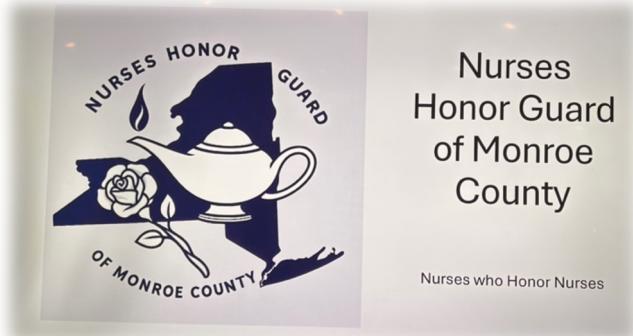
Pres. MaryBeth took the microphone and reminded us that Mark F is leading our Strategic Planning. A committee meeting was held following the Club's meeting.

Pres. MB also reminded us to check our Website's "Members Only" folder for interesting information, policies, etc.

Happy Birthday: Connie and Heinrich

Membership Anniversaries:

- K. Buckle 26 years
- B. Stevens 9 years (Fairport Club)
- T. O'Neil 19 years
- R. Roberts 52 years
- B. Linder 54 years



January is Vocational Awareness Month—Pres. MB encouraged the Club to keep in mind what we do in our outside world—mentoring, sharing career tasks.

SAVIOR THE FLAVOR March 1st:

- Pat George reminded us to submit ads by the end of January to Ron or Ed.
- Ticket sales are needed.
- All hands on deck at the event or lend a hand pre-event if you will be unavailable.
- Bob Linder provided an update of participating restaurants and breweries.
- John Hall provided an update of participating wineries.
- Mark Fuerbacher pushed for auction items; gift cards and sports memorabilia are welcome; visually exciting items are best.
- Remind donors and ticket purchasers that all funds go to charity.
- Becky asked that we use the donation form to track and value items received.
- OVER \$320,000 HAS BEEN RAISED SINCE INCEPTION OF STF!!!

April 11<sup>th</sup> is a New Member Orientation in Waterloo. All may attend. See the Grapevine.

Tom W, Membership Chair, asked for photos for the Grapevine.

June 30<sup>th</sup> Redwings Challenger Baseball game. Free tickets will be available.

PROGRAM:

WE enjoyed a presentation by the Nurses Honor Guard of Monroe County. The Nurses Honor Guard was established nationally in 2011. This Chapter was formed in 2023, and has honored more than 60 nurses at homes, hospice, hospitals, funeral homes, services/celebrations, and gravesites.

The president is Diane Martin. There are 48 nurses in the Chapter, 10 attending our meeting. Each nurse introduced herself, many having more than 40 years of nursing experience. There are no dues and no attendance requirements.

The Honor Guard presents a Nightingale Tribute for the honored nurse and demonstrated the Tribute for the Club. Each nurse was dressed in white with a traditional head dress and a blue cape with red lining. The Tribute is a volunteer exercise. There is no cost to the family of the nurse receiving the Tribute.

We were asked to spread the word regarding the Honor Guard to families, funeral directors, and hospice administrators.

50/50: \$11/\$288. Pres. MB took the small pot.

Lew Heisman



## **Fairport Rotary Meeting - 1-19-26 - Martin Luther King Day**

Meeting opened at 6:15 by Sgt of Arms member Connie Borkhuis ringing of the bell

28 Members in attendance

Bill Stevens led the pledge to the flag

Dave Scheirer led the 4 Way Test for our inspirational thought.



### **Announcements**

Strategy Session meeting was led by Mark Finke prior to the meeting

Marybeth reminded members of the sewing machine project where requests were made to support in purchasing sewing machines for the grant in Africa.

Check the Liftbridge for various District meetings you can attend to further one's knowledge on membership, the foundation, and Rotary.

Cindy announced needs for the Perinton Food Shelf and that bags with the listed needs would be handed out at the end of the meeting.

Social fellowship gathering at Perinton Beer Hall Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4.

Dinner was served consisting of Chicken French, Pasta, Rolls, Coffee station and Pumpkin Pie for dessert.

Dr Mike introduced tonight's program being presented by Stephanie Robusto, Chief Communications Office from Monroe BOCES.

Stephanie explained the important role BOCES plays in developing career opportunities for highly qualified students. Several short documentaries were shown with students explaining the studies and career opportunities.

Some of the career opportunities included

Automotive Technologies  
Communication and Arts  
Education and Public Safety  
Human Services  
Manufacturing Technology

Building Trades  
Culinary Arts  
Health Sciences  
Information Technology  
Welding



Several students in these classes are hired before their graduation.

Stephanie took questions at the end from several Rotarians. A very nice program and well received by the club

John Hall had the winning ticket but failed to find the elusive Queen of Spades

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Bob Hunt Scribe