

Fairport
Rotary
Club



The Liftbridge

May 30, 2026

Edition 158



Presidents Message Marybeth Christiansen May 29,2026

The month of May is globally known as the peak of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, symbolizing rebirth, blooming flowers, and warmer weather.

And we have more to be grateful for.

Many of us enjoyed the District Conference in Ellicottville. A weekend filled with energy, inspiration, and fellowship. Attendees enjoyed a strong spirit of fellowship and connection throughout the conference, while a lineup of international speakers brought a valuable global perspective to the weekend. Our club celebrated the many awards we received due to our dedicated committees and members.

We have newly inducted members to celebrate; Nick Serraino and Travon Major and we look forward to working with you.

We are fortunate to be able to sponsor a RYLA candidate this year from Wilson Magnet High School. A wonderful opportunity for students who would benefit from building communication and problem-solving skills, discovering strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in their school or community, learning from community leaders, inspirational speakers and peer mentors, unlocking their potential to turn motivation into action and forming lasting friendships with other like-minded youth.

This time of year, especially, is a time of remembrance of our veterans who have passed and recognized those around us. We are honored to have helped our local veterans during the Memorial Day parade.

We have five members who are now Polio Plus Society members who have pledged to help Rotary contribute money to help eradicate polio.

All around we have had a successful month for new beginnings, rejuvenation and warmth.

Take care. With appreciation,

Marybeth

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**



HELLO JUNE



1st – LUNCHEON MEETING @ Spinelli's;
Heather VanChu, Advent House
8th – Dinner Meeting @ EagleVale; Dr. Mike
Lischak, Rotary Friendship Exchange
15th – TriClub Dinner @ EagleVale w/Brighton
& Spencerport; hear from all clubs

22nd – Dinner @ EagleVale; Jeanmarie Courtney; writer & publisher of "*Rats with Backpacks*" (how animals can help save lives and Improve environment)

29th – CHANGEOVER DINNER! Cocktail hour at President Marybeth's house @ 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner @ EagleVale

30th – Fairport Rotary Night @ Red Wings Stadium, 6:45 – free tickets compliments Challenger Baseball (Ron Roberts was to have attendants' names by May 26)

Invocations as follows: Tom Wolanski 6/1; George Wolf 6/8; Kareen Z. 6/15;
Brad Allen 6/22; Dan Arbuckle 6/29



EAGLE VALE



June 2026

Special Menu prepared for Rotary

June 8th

- Chicken Caesar Salad
- Chocolate Brownies

June 15th - Buffet Style

- . Garden Salad with Warm Rolls
- . Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes,
Pasta Marinara & Chef's Vegetables

June 22nd

- Pulled Pork, Macaroni Salad & Baked Beans
- Assorted Cookies

June 29th

- Garden Salad with Balsamic Dressing
- Chicken Parmesan over a Bed of Pasta

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



ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

BOB CANTWELL - ONE YEAR
KEN KOHL - ONE YEAR
LINDA KOHL - ONE YEAR
MARK PANZER - ONE YEAR
BECKY WILSON - 11 YEARS
ENZO SCOLLO - 26 YEARS
LEW HEISMAN - 44 YEARS, AND
BOB HUNT - 51 YEARS!!

BIRTHDAYS

1ST - ANDREA JONES
1ST - LINDA KOHL
2ND - VIN BARONE
2ND - BOB HARTNETT
4TH - MARK PINKE
21ST - BOB RULAND
24TH - TOM POVLOCK

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8TH - TOM & LAURIE WELOGEN
20TH - BOB & MARYKAY HARTNETT
28TH - BRANDON & BREE SCRIBNER

JUNE IS ROTARY
FELLOWSHIP MONTH

CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP
ENJOY ROTARY

Rotary



Save the Date



*NOVEMBER 7,
2026*

*An Evening Affair
at Monroe
Country Club*

Fairport
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Club



Formal Invite to Follow

Can you believe FAIRPORT ROTARY CLUB has been around for 100 years? And to think we have volunteers who have been members for over half that time - like Bob Hunt, 51 years; Ron Roberts, 52 years; Bob Linder, 54 years; George Wolf, 55 years; Ed Johnson, 56 years, any many close behind. That speaks volumes of what an amazing club we have, if we just stick with it. WOW! And to think many of our members weren't even born in that time frame!

Anyhow, you all should have received the "save the date" invite above. We know that you will be bringing your spouse or a guest, but what we are looking for are names of other people who you feel should be invited - past members, past presidents, district governors, supportive community members, other club presidents, or whomever you feel should be part of this important festivity.

Please send Becky any names and addresses of those you feel deserve an invite to beckywilson1121@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Thank you!

CHARITABLE GIVING



THE SPIRIT OF GIVING BACK

BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE ABOVE SELF, WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES:

CANANDAIGUA VA CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT \$1,750- 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, 585-319-8563
Payee: DAV NY 15, with memo, VA Vehicle Fund ROC. Mailing address: DAV NY15, 1239 University Ave. Suite #4, Rochester, NY 14607

FAIRPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT \$1,000 – All-volunteer Village Dept. protecting lives and property through fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical services, and proactive fire prevention. Grant supports smoke and carbon monoxide alarm replacement program. Greg Seigfred, gseig134@gmail.com.
Payee: Fire Dept. Village of Fairport. Mailing address: Fairport Fire Dept. 27 E Church St. Fairport, NY 14450

FAIRPORT ODESSEY OF THE MIND BOOSTER CLUB \$1,000 – Students learn creative problem solving methods while having fun. Our donation will help send four Fairport teams to the World Final at Iowa State University. Lisa Christensen, P O Box 421 Fairport, NY 14450

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHA CHA CHA \$750- 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, 585-503-2213
Payee: Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha. Mailing address: 79 Long Meadow Circle, Pittsford, NY 14534

HUMANS FOR EDUCATION \$750- Our Club kick- started this group. They provide educational and entrepreneurial opportunities to children and women in Kenya. They are making great strides! **Dr. Gabriela Avalos**, gabriela@humansforeducation.org.
Payee: Humans for Education. Mailing address: **Humans for Education**, 228 Park Ave S, PMB 437583, New York, NY 10003-1502

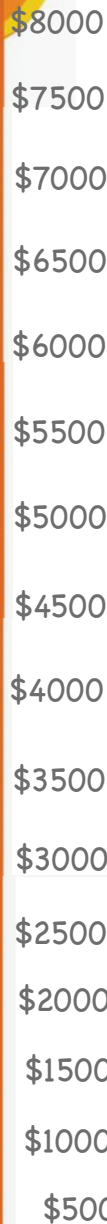
SOYODI GLOBAL GRANT \$750- Creating life-changing employment for young adults in Uganda. They are taught tailoring and business skills - upon graduation they receive their own sewing machines. Rotary Global Grant will facilitate program expansion to 300 additional persons. Ray Defendorf, Corning Rotary Club, deaconraydefendorf@gmail.com Payee's invoice pending.



CORNER

APPEAL

TREASURER'S



Algebra 101



back to basic high school algebra.
follow the algebraic thread

given $a = b$ multiply by a

$$aa = ab \quad (aa = a^2)$$

subtract b^2 $a^2 - b^2 = ab - b^2$

factor both sides

$$(a+b)(a-b) = b(a-b)$$

divide by common factor $(a-b)$

$$\frac{(a+b)(a-b)}{(a-b)} = \frac{b(a-b)}{(a-b)}$$

$$(a+b)(1) = b(1)$$

simplify $a+b = b$

given $a = b$ therefore

$$b+b = b$$

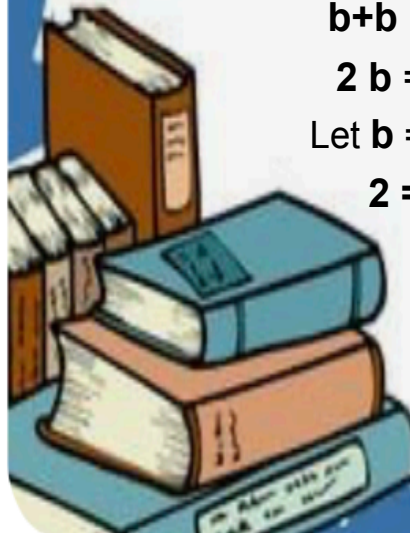
$$2b = b$$

$$\text{Let } b = 1$$

$$2 = 1$$

The algebra is correct. Find the flaw if you can ...

Terry





WAY TO GO ROTARIANS!

FINAL NUMBERS FROM SAVOR THE FLAVOR

AUCTION	\$11,393
TICKETS	\$24,625
SPONSORSHIPS	\$8450
TOTAL	\$44,468

I (Becky) received a note from Jeannie Whitney, widow of 56-year member Doug. I had the pleasure of working with Jeannie for 20 years. I asked if I could share her note with you as I know many of you have been long-time friends as well. So good to hear from her!

Hi Becky,

Thank you for keeping me on the newsletter group. I see some Rotarians and it's nice to know what's going on. You do a great service to the club with the newsletter. It is great.

At this moment I am writing you from Luxembourg! Sarah and her husband are finishing their second year teaching in an American School there. It's a small city in a small, gorgeous country. All mass transportation is free. I can just hop on a bus and go someplace.... but not yet! I'm learning my way around. It is a beautiful city, but it seems so far, no streets are at a right angle to each other. I'm just in from a long walk trying to establish a few landmarks to help me.

I will be here until May 25th when I fly to Portugal for my granddaughter Marie's wedding. Most of our family will arrive for the festivities. I can't wait. On our side of the family, I will be the only grandparent so I must behave! Such fun.

So- I look forward to catching up with you. I did a big exhibit about Minerva DeLand and the school. It will be in the Fairport Library most of June. I think I am one of a few who went there and then graduated in the first full year, had 3 children attend Minerva and thus went to all parent nights; and then taught at Minerva, retiring in 2005. I will miss it being a school.

Enough of my chatter. I am happy that Doug stayed in Rotary so many years. It keeps me in touch with so many friends.

Jeannie





Veteran's Memorial Day Parade

Proud to be a Fairport Rotarian as we helped the Veterans at the Memorial Day Parade.

About 10 years ago the VFW said the Veterans would no longer be in Fairport's Memorial Day Parade as the veterans had a difficult time getting from the cars at the end of the parade to their chairs for the Memorial Day Service. Ron Roberts didn't see a problem but an opportunity. He told the VFW that the Fairport Rotary Club would rent golf carts and use them to move the veterans from their parade cars to their seats for the service.

This year we had 21 Rotarians, future Rotarians and spouses on hand to assist the veterans. There were 5 golf carts used this year. One of the carts followed along the parade route with the veterans with water available and to provide any assistance needed. When the veteran's cars reached Potter Place, they parked along the street and the golf carts transported them from there to their seats. There were approximately 20 veteran cars.

The golf carts are delivered to the parking lot near the Potter Memorial on Sunday before the holiday. A bit of a problem this year as the parking lot was full of cars due to the use of the pickleball courts. So, they had to be dropped off on the grass area and Ron went down about 8 o'clock to move them to their proper location.

I was one of the golf cart drivers, and just before the Memorial Service started, one of the VFW volunteers ask me if I could transport a veteran who needed to leave back to her car. Was told it was just up the street. Well, her car was parked up near Durf's. Made it ok.

Great day, great event. Thank you Fairport Rotarians.

Bob Hunt



May 18, 2026

Pres. Mary Beth welcomed us, and we enjoyed a dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and rolls.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ron reminded us of our Memorial Day duties and the final hours to obtain Red Wings tickets.
- Nick informed us of the Penfield Rotary/Kiwanis golf outing.
- Pres MB announced May as Youth Service Month and a Mocktail Fest at Faircraft Brau Haus.
- The Communications Kiosk will be covered by the District.
- Maureen fell visiting her son in DC, striking her head and bruising her arm.
- RYLA candidate is coming in July.
- Thanks to all for your donations to the Food Shelf.

SPEAKER:

Amy DiPrima joined us to present a program about David's Refuge—caring for caregivers. The organization was founded by parents of David, who was incurably afflicted to age 21. The founders then changed their home to a 5-star refuge for caregivers.



The organization's highlights are:


1. Respite—a 2-night all-inclusive paid get-away. There are 20 participating locations in upstate New York and Long Island.
2. Wellness—holistic care is provided to caregivers, in-person cooking classes, virtual yoga, and group meetings.
3. Community—contact with others through events for awareness and advocacy.

David's Refuge provides a reduction in stress, less isolation, and improvements in prioritizing one's well-being.

Amy promoted the ROC for Caregivers on September 24, 2026 at The Carlson. \$100 per ticket.

50/50: Dan Arbuckle took the small pot of \$14, leaving the large pot of \$417.

Lew H.

<p>Travon Major</p> <p>FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL Mobile: (585) 305-3364 Text: (585) 523-1602 Email: tmajor01@ft.newyorklife.com</p> <p>New York Life Insurance Company Finger Lakes General Office 209 High Point Drive Third Floor, Suite 310 Victor, NY 14564 (585) 248-6700</p>		<p>Welcome Travon Major to Fairport Rotary Club! Travon was finally inducted on May 18, even though he was seen helping at Savor the Flavor in March. He looks forward to participating in more Rotary events. Travon is a recent grad from St. John Fisher and is a financial professional at NY Life.</p>
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