

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RON ROBERTS

I've made it through the first third of my share of the club presidency relatively unscathed. Of course, we only had two Monday meetings in July, and I was away for one of them. But that gave Mark Fuerbacher the chance to deliver what I've been told was a great and informative program on AI. (I also heard he sat on a throne of some sort, which seemed to be missing when I took the gavel a few days ago.)

We have some cool stuff coming up. On Aug. 3 at Spinelli's at noon, we're going to do a bit more reminiscing about "the way things were" back in the day. I'll introduce a couple of topics, and I greatly encourage those who remember these things to hop in and share stories with the club. Among other things, I will talk about the Polar Bear Open we held for seven years back at the turn of this century. I encourage anyone with old Polar Bear clothing or photos or ball markers or whatever to please bring them along.

Our big 100th Anniversary party is creeping ever closer, and kudos to all those working hard to make it a terrific and memorable celebration.

Peace. Out.

¼ President Ron

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



Rotary Calendar

August 3 – Luncheon Meeting @ Spinelli's, Ron Roberts, *The Way We Were*
August 10 – Evening Meeting @ EagleVale, Hold
August 17 – Evening Meeting @ EagleVale, Jim Memmott, Democrat & Chronical Editor
August 24 – Evening Meeting @ EagleVale, Gary Craig, *Rochester Mafia*
August 31 – Evening Meeting @ EagleVale, Rosa Curtis, *Marvelous Minds*

Coming up in September – Fairport Rotary Golf Tournament – 9/14 – at Sycamore. More details and registration coming soon. Start planning your foursome now!

EAGLE VALE



August 2026

Special Menu prepared for Rotary
August 10th

Family Style Garden Salad

Italian Style Goulash

August 17th

Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry

Assorted Cookies

August 24th

Family Style Garden Salad

Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables

August 31st

Family Style Garden Salad

Beef Lasagna



*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

SPECIAL DAYS IN AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS

2nd – Bill Stevens
13th – Andrew Spreter
21st – Kareen Zeitounzian
24th – Travon Major



ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Povlock – 3 years
Lyons Bank – 6 years
Brandon Scribner – 9 years



ANNIVERSARIES

1st – Ken & Linda Kohl
6th – Nick & Katie Serraino
8th – Bill & Mary Stevens
8th – Tom & Ann Wolanski
12th – Bob & Dodie Linder
13th – Vin * Mary Barone
30th – Becky & Steve Wilson



AUGUST IS

**MEMBERSHIP &
EXTENSION
MONTH**



"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team"

Phil Jackson

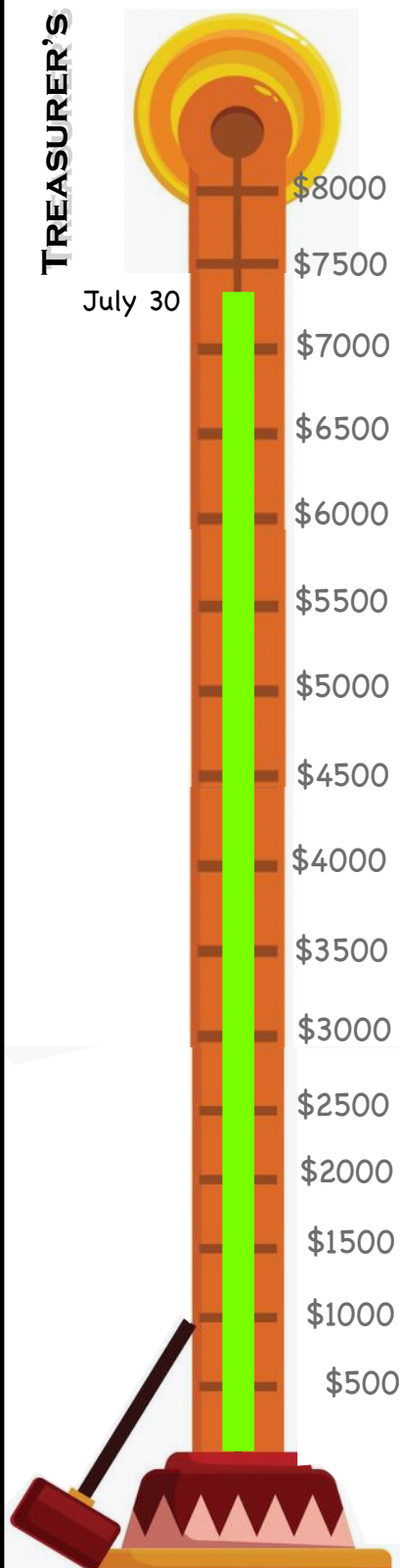


CORNER

APPEAL

TREASURER'S

July 30



Where Do My Fundraising Efforts Go ?

All fundraising income less expenses are donated only to organizations that have **501(c)3** status. No individuals or ad hoc organizations qualify. All applying for FRC grants are thoroughly vetted.

A partial list of those recipients follows:

- Fairport Foundation \$2000
- Charitable Giving \$13,000
- Perinton Food Shelf \$500
- Camp Haccamo \$5500
- Literacy \$2200
- Challenger Baseball \$1000
- Scholarship Awards \$3000
- Memorial Day Carts \$500
- BSA Troop 26 \$500
- District 7120 Grant Project \$4000
- Malawi Village Scholarship \$1000
- Paul Harris Club Awards \$2000
- Polio Plus Initiative \$500
- Books for the World \$500
- Fairport Little League \$550

Event Expenses \$19,000

BUDGET \$59,000





Congratulations also to NANCY RAGUS on the birth of her first grandchild, Elliana Grace Manchester, born on July 16. And you think you spoiled your kids – just wait. Grandkids fill a space in your heart you never knew was empty.



But we're not done with good news! Congratulations also to BECKY WILSON on the engagement of her son Alex to one Courtney Corbetta. You'll see Courtney at every Buffalo Sabres game as she has a side gig as their in-arena host. Go Sabres (and Alex and Courtney too!)

GREAT NEWS!

Rotarian HUNTER FUERBACHER is married! Congratulations to Hunter and his bride Kali, who got married this past Saturday, July 25. And dad Mark was the officiant! We all know Kali as she has been a great "Rotary Ann" helper at our Savor the Flavor events. We are all so happy for you Hunter and Kali. The best is yet to come.



Service Projects

Rotarians have the opportunity for not one but two upcoming service projects.

First and foremost, as some of you may know and have already signed up, help is needed to transport food from **Perinton Food Shelf's** current location to their new location on **Friday, August 28**. Seven Rotarians have graciously signed up already, but more help could be used. Perinton Food Shelf is moving to the same plaza as Perinton Pizza on Pittsford Palmyra Road, Route 31.



If you can help, please let Cindy know ASAP at cindyhunt1964@hotmail.com. Include time you would be available that day and your email address which will be sent to the Food Shelf staff. They will contact you to let you know the time that is needed.



Another opportunity for **Service Above Self** is helping out **Evergreen East** with their Back-to-School Night on **Thursday, August 27**. Not only are they looking for school supplies, backpacks, or monetary donations, but they are also looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. Volunteers are needed to assist with shopping for school supplies and backpacks, organizing and sorting donated items, preparing giveaway bags, setting up before the event, and assisting with registration and distribution during the event. Whether you can donate your time, resources, or financial support, your contribution will have a meaningful and lasting impact on the children and families they serve. Fairport Rotary and our Charitable Giving has already earmarked a small donation, but if you wish to do more, contact Stacy Thompson at Evergreen East at sthompson@winco.com. Or if you are ambitious enough, maybe you'd like to lead a collection of supplies on behalf of Fairport Rotary. Contact Vin Barone if you are willing to do such.

KEN KOHL



1. SUMMARIZE THE FIRST HALF OF YOUR LIFE

Born in Rochester. Grew up in Fairport, One of eight children. Graduated high school in 1973. Worked in construction for a few months. Went into the Army. Vietnam era veteran (non-combat). Worked as an air traffic controller both in the Army and once discharged.

2. SUMMARIZE THE SECOND HALF OF YOUR LIFE

Married Linda in 1987. Daughters Kristina born in 1992, and Rebecca born in 1994. We used to vacation in Ocean City Maryland. I joined in 2018 just after the Toronto International Conference and before Linda became District 7120 Governor. I worked in security and Information security for about 25 years before I retired.

3. YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT ROTARY

Service Projects

4. SOMETHING NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT YOU

One of the several jobs I had was working at a subsidiary of Kodak called Edicon for a few years.



**The best way
to find yourself
is to lose yourself
in the service of others.**

Lift Bridge - Eagle Vale - 7-27-26

Sargent at Arms member Dan Arbuckle brought us to order. First Quarter President Ron Roberts presided. (For history buffs, Ron's first stint as President took place 42 years ago.)

Mark DeBacco led the Pledge. Dom Cecconi gave the Aspirational Message, which in turn was inspired by Oscar Wilde.

There were no guests or visiting Rotarians.

Fairport Food Shelf is moving, so please hold your donations. There will be opportunity for hands-on service August 28, the date foodstuff and shelving are scheduled to be transferred to the new facility.

FQP Ron shared a tidbit of what will be a hallmark of his administration: remembering, honoring and occasionally mimicking a Club practice of yesteryear. For example, new members upon induction were handed a bound memo book which was to be returned bearing the signatures of ALL other Club members. Reading the names in the memo book Ron was handed in 1984 was a veritable treat!

Recognitions: Birthdays -- Ken Kohl and Bill Stevens. Special Award for exemplary service to the Club in the past year – Becky Wilson.

Becky Wilson introduced Jenn Townsend, Perinton Town Supervisor, our Speaker.

Jenn was elected Supervisor in 2025 and is the first woman to hold the post. She had a distinguished career in law school, has held several public legal positions in Monroe County and is a local entrepreneur.

Three major goals are Grants, Planning and Communication, and Community Engagement.

Her presentation, an information-packed "State of the Town" address, provided a broad view of the state of town practices and aspirations, goals and accomplishments and how to imagine and manage a vision for the future.

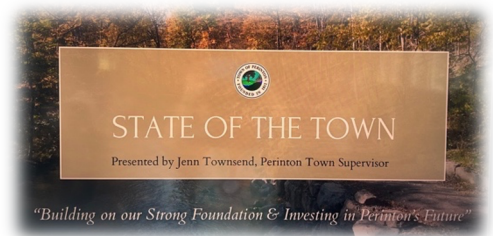
She struck this reporter as a no-nonsense, action oriented leader.

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50-50 - \$18/\$462. Becky Wilson had the winning number but drew a card for the small pot.

NEXT MEETING: LUNCH at Spinelli's on Macedon Center Road opposite VFW.

George T. Wolf



Fairport Rotary Newsletter – **July 20, 2026** – back at Eagle Vale after several other meeting times and places!

After a couple of “no treasurer services” warnings in past couple months, Terry is ON SITE and collecting cash tonight for meals, picnic payments not made yet, annual dues payments, checks owed by participants in the SOYODI Global sewing machine grant project, sundry any other funds you still owe.

We gathered, talked, decompressed, and lamented weather events.

Sargent at Arms committee member, Dan Arbuckle gaveled us to order. Calling on Ed Johnston to lead the Pledge and Ken Buckle to offer our words of inspiration and wisdom.

President 25% - Mark Fuerbacher then took the podium filling in for President 25% Ron Roberts and delivering some notes and info from Madame President 25% Becky Wilson.

He notes that he and the other 3 Presidents team members, are all really excited about this year and working out details of many meetings and a schedule of monthly events. He plans to have a lot of fun and try other things to enhance our membership and our impacts on the club and our Village and Town, as well as surrounding clubs and community!

Announcements – Tom Wolanski noting the upcoming Fairport Music Fest – sign-up sheet will come out in a couple weeks but mark the date NOW – Friday August 28 and Saturday August 29.

Ed Johnston – noting again that our Fairport 5th Annual Pete Lovier Golf Tournament will be held on MONDAY September 14th followed by dinner for golfers and non-golfing club members – always a great evening!

P25% Mark announced a great program for July 27 – Town Supervisor Jenn Townsend-state of the town report.

Cindy Hunt talked about thank you letter regarding our reading programs and our website coverage of our events – well received by many outside the club. Also, to Maureen and Becky – many thanks for all you have done to get our information in newsletter and online!

Of note – special thanks from our club to Chair Bill Stevens and his incredible crew of workers – Heinrich Fischer, Dave Scheirer, and newer member Nick Serraino for cooking, arrangements, details, the use of the facility – a great time and really nice to just sit as a group and talk and then enjoy the concert!

We broke for dinner of family style salad, rolls, fried chicken, potato salad and coleslaw. No cookies tonight, but a Good meal!

After dinner Pres 25% Mark made some opening comments about this evening's program – he only has some “vague familiarity” with the actual presenter, so he let him introduce himself!

Speaker Mark Fuerbacher then went on from a relaxed highchair setting, with his phone in hand, to wrap many in the audience around his fingers like a finely trained magician! Extolling the benefits and exploring some down sides, to the use of AI – Artificial Intelligence. We members also found that many of us are already actively using AI and in a number of cases some didn't realize that they were – and then the lights went on!!

Mark explained that he is a well-respected dealer on a national basis and has been called on to help other dealers and in fact has done some training on methods to improve sales. He wrote an article about how he uses AI to help his business grow and to organize his records. This ultimately turned into a request to talk further about AI and an invitation to come to Green Briar in West Virginia – a very luxurious well known, 11,000 acre luxury resort along with Lisa. He was there this past weekend and spoke. He asked for a tour of the event space to know where he would be speaking, and admitted he is not really comfortable speaking to large groups of people he does not know. So, he was taken to the giant auditorium ----- that seats 5,000!! Then he panicked, but ultimately he was speaking to only about 50 people, so much more comfortable. Vin Barone uses specific AI program for legal and research, and operational ideas. George Wolf uses for workflow and drafting ideas. Other offered some specifics that they use.



Mark talked about Chat GPT – (“Chat Generative Pre-Trained Transformer”) as a possible starting point for novice users to get a real idea of the breadth of use. To do this, basic Chat GPT is free, and it contains billions of ideas from everywhere that has been loaded into the internet over years, so it has lot of info. He suggested asking it about ourselves and it is surprising to see what it knows, but also it may link other people or things with similar names, etc. falsely. So, you need to be careful and filter the data.

For novice, he suggested trying Google NotebookLM – this is now known as Gemini Notebook in process of rolling out new features. This will answer questions, summarize

files, and create study aids using only the specific documents you provide. It is based on your uploaded files and accepts Google Docs, Google Slides, PDF's, copied text, and YouTube video links. Want to know more? Start by asking the internet what Geminin Notebook is – (the answer is all AI!) and you can keep asking it more questions and examples.

Mark then did an interactive demo of his AI usage for work and personal data – it was very eye opening! You can visualize so many opportunities! He also demonstrated development of an outline of info on Rotary culled from his personal files and from data on the web – his AI guru even listed names and some background of 7 former presidents of the club and gave some suggestions of how the club should continue to grow and reach more potential members. A variety of questions ensued, and the conversations were great.

Thanks to Mark for an eye opening and multi-finger / or voice use of AI that really leaves you thinking there is no reason not to try!

Non AI portion - 50/50 drawing - #2218733 – Bob Linder stepping back into the 50/50 light - holding that # winning the \$12 small pot. Alas – he drew some ridiculous small red card, missing the large pot of \$446. There are a really small number of cards left in the deck – the Queen and a joker are still in!

Pres 25% Mark called for last comments for the good of the order? None noted, meeting adjourned approx. 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Weldgen

