Fairport Rotary's Award-Winning Newsletter

Fairport Rotary Club

The Liftbridge

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARK FUERBACHER

Fellow Rotarians,

I just want to share how incredibly proud I am to be part of this club. What an extraordinary week for Fairport Rotary!
From our first Halloween Parade outreach, where we brought smiles to children's faces and planted seeds for future connections, to Brad's podcast spotlight and the inspiring work he and Mike are doing to revitalize Interact, our club's impact continues to grow.

Add to that another successful Pasta Dinner, thanks to Heinrich's leadership and the incredible support of so many Rotarians, along with the tremendous effort going into our upcoming 100th anniversary party.

What strikes me most isn't just what we're accomplishing, but the enthusiasm, generosity, and teamwork behind it all. **This is Rotary at its very best.**

I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of this remarkable group of people. Thank you all for everything you do. I look forward to sharing this special milestone with you next week!

President Mark

NOVEMBER 2026

11/2 - NOON - Luncheon Meeting - Brett Provenzano, *Life Without Minerva*; hear how FHS is coping with the new time changes, bussing, teacher merges, student life, and what's going on with Minerva now

11/7 - ANNIVESARY GALA - 106 of your friends and members - past and present - will celebrate Fairport Rotary's last 100 years with an evening of laughs, reminiscing and entertainment!

11/9 - NO MEETING

11/16 - 6:15 @ EAGLEVALE - Tom Weldgen, *The Importance of Foundation Month*; also, a visit from Area Governor

11/23 - 6:15 @ EAGLEVALE - Greg Francois, *ODED - Organization for the Development of Underprivileged Children*; hear about ODED's commitment of breaking the cycle of poverty in Haiti

11/30 - 6:15 @ EAGLEVALE - Donna Dedee, President and CEO School of the Holy Childhood, *Special Touch Bakery,* we'll hear that even people with disabilities deserve a sense of purpose.

Please note, EagleVale's menu was not available at the time of this publication but will be forwarded under separate cover once it is received.



BIRTHDAYS

Tom Wolanski – 4th
Bob Hunt – 12th
Becky Wilson – 21st
Dan Arbuckle – 27th



ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

FHS – 5 Years
Brad Allen – 5 Years
Pat George – 37 Years
Bob Hartnett – 38 Years!!

ANNIVERSARIES

6th – Brett & Kimberly Provenzano
18th – Tom and Linda Povlock
20th – Ed & Carol Johnston
27th – Pat & Jennifer George



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PEACE POLE PROJECT

Rotary clubs around the world sponsor, build and plant peace poles as a signature initiative to promote world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

Fairport Rotary Club purchased six 8-foot long 4x4 wooden posts, six 6-foot vinyl sleeves, along with six caps. These were taken to Turning Point Sign shop where Joel put the signage on the sleeves with vinyl lettering in Rotary blue and gold. The sayings on the sides are "Strive for World Peace", "Give Someone a Hug Today", "Show an Act of Kindness" and “100 Years Fairport Rotary 1926-2026.” Three of the poles are in the village at Kennelly Park, Potter Park, and near the Farmers Market. In the town, they will be near the stage behind the Town Center, at the skateboard park and near the pavilion at Perinton Park. The cost of the Peace Poles was covered by a donation given to Fairport Rotary from the Last Man Standing Football Pool.

Submitted by Bob Hunt and Dan Arbuckle

TREASURER'S CORNER

THE DISAPPEARING MEMBERS



Terry

Fairport Rotary has lost the following members since 2026.

Scott Baker	
John Baynes	joined E R Rotary
Connie Borkhuis	Delaware
Bob Cantwell	
Jessica Ferridino	family issue
Bill Fanning	
Mark Finke	
Boris Glus	health issue
Newcomb Losh	heath issue
Mark Panzer	
Jake Shelly	Virginia
Nick Serriano	New Jersey
Dave Doser	

****Rotary International* and *District 7120* will lose a potential $ 2,015 in annual dues income.**
***Fairport Rotary will lose a potential $1885 in annual Operations Income.**
***Fairport Rotary lost 13 individuals for event ticket sales.**
***Fairport Rotary lost 13 project and initiative workers.**
***Fairport Rotary lost some good friends whose fellowship is missed.**





IT'S FINALLY HERE!!

It's taken us 100 years to get to this point - our 100th Anniversary Gala is only a week away! Your Anniversary Committee has been busy preparing every tiny detail, from napkin colors to tent cards and everything in between. As several have asked, remember it's a SEMI-FORMAL affair. Dig out your old Father's Day gifts and don a tie (or not), just no jeans. And ladies - our prom dresses don't fit anymore so just wear something comfortable - you'll look pretty no matter what. We're sure everyone will look great and will have the time of their lives!

Could this be our next Fellowship Event?!?!?



Have a safe and Happy Halloween everyone!

Fairport Halloween Parade







Kudos to the entire Fairport Rotary Club for providing not only the trophies and flashlights for the Fairport Halloween Parade, but also for all the laughter, fun, excitement and candy they handed out as well!



Winner(s)





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Chicken Dinner!

Pasta Dinner

It takes a VILLAGE to make any fundraiser successful…



…from the planners…









…to the kitchen crew…





…to the pot scrubbers…









…to the servers…





…to the baggers and runners …











…to those working outside…





…to those volunteers from Interact and Boy Scouts…



…and those just hanging out inside…









Thumbs up Fairport Rotary!

…it was a successful fundraiser, thanks to our Fairport Rotary VILLAGE!

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October 21, 2026

Fairport Rotary
c/o Terry O'Neil, Treasurer
19 Valewood Run
Penfield, New York 14526-2803

Dear Fairport Rotary:

Once again, thank you for Fairport Rotary's generous donation to the Perinton Historical Society. Community support is very important to our organization as it enables us to better implement our mission of promoting interest in preserving and sharing local history. Your support helps us to maintain our facility and its collections, acquire artifacts and documents pertinent to Fairport and Perinton history, make our resources accessible to the community at no cost, and offer quality programming for youth and adults.

Your donation of $250 on October 19, 2026 qualifies Fairport Rotary at the Potter level of Membership established by the Board of Trustees. Potter memberships are recognized in the *Historigram* in an upcoming issue, and listed on the website and at the Museum throughout the year.

Perinton Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

The members of the PHS and the community greatly appreciate your work and outstanding support for the educational programs and preservation work of the Society.

Sincerely,

Jim Unckless
Membership Chairman

Fairport Rotary Club held its weekly meeting on **Monday, October 21, 2026** at EagleVale Golf Club, 6:15 PM. Sargent of Arms Committee member Dan Arbuckle welcomed us with Becky leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Lew delivering an Invocation on the Autumn Season. Dan then introduced a man who needs no introduction, President Mark Fuerbacher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
1/4 President Mark reminded us of the schedule for this busy week with the Halloween Parade and the Make A Difference Day Pasta Dinner.
MaryBeth announced that the annual apple picking at Wickham Farm for the Perinton Food Shelf will be Monday morning, November 2 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The farm will close for the season at 10:00AM.
Heinrich reminded us that all was going well for the Pasta Dinner this Saturday!

MEAL:

Tossed salad, rolls, butter, barbeque chicken, roasted potatoes, coffee, water.

HAPPY DOLLARS:



Dom appreciates Bill Stevens taking over kitchen responsibilities for the Pasta Dinner!
Brandon is happy that Cindy was able to get his daughter into a volunteer position at Learning Links. The students really like her, and she is very happy to enrich the students' lives!
Cindy responded with appreciation that Brandon's daughter is so helpful!
Ken Kohn has been working with Honor Flight for many years and has been a chaperone however it was his turn to be an honored Veteran and go to Washington, DC with his daughter as his companion!
Tom Wolanski returned from Boston after he and Ann celebrated their 4 year old granddaughter's birthday!
George Wolf took a trip to Sarasota to visit the nursing home where his eldest brother and his wife are marooned.

PROGRAM:

MaryBeth introduced Robin Flanigan an author who wrote Secret Rochester: A Guide to the weird, Wonderful and Obscure, a reference book offering a rare sharply detailed glimpse into what makes the city so intriguing. We learned how a book written by Frederick Law Olmstead, designer of Highland, Maplewood, Seneca and Genesee Valley Parks opened Malcolm X's eyes to the horrors endured by enslaved people. Robin shared why the inspiration for the design of the famed Mushroom House is tied to an empty Coke bottle. One of Fairport's secrets is the Liftbridge with all the angles, which is in Ripley's Believe It or Not. Willis Trescott Fruit Cleaner Company was located on Railroad St, which sorted and cleaned apples was founded by a dentist in the 1930"s. In Pittsford it was illegal to throw a snowball until 1971. Rochester Pinball collection is in Piano Works Mall, red door near Ferrari Pizza. Robin has a new series in the City Magazine. She also wrote 100 Things To Do In Rochester.

50-50
Pieter Smeenk had the winning ticket, got $13. and left the big pot to grow to $26.

1/4th President Mark Fuerbacher rang the bell ending the meeting.

Maureen Hall

