

Fairport Rotary Club  
***THE LIFTBRIDGE***

June 15, 2022

Edition 63



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A year ago, at our changeover dinner I said that being President of Fairport Rotary again (22 years later) was not on my bucket list. After more than a year of attending Rotary meetings via Zoom, we were once again able to get back together in person and enjoy the fellowship of Fairport Rotary.

This past year has proven enjoyable with great programs arranged by our Programs Committee. Our Fundraising Committee put together two very successful events in lieu of our signature fundraising Spring event Savor the Flavor of Fairport. Even with the reduced fundraising income, we were still able to make contributions to both community and global causes.

We were also able to complete two District Grant projects. We were able to finish the project from past President Mark's year as well as this year's Grant. We were even featured in 13WHAM's Bright Spot for the Veterans Outreach Center project.

Here is photo of the plaque that hangs in the reception area of the VOC.  
Thanks to all.

*John*



## FAIRPORT ROTARY CALENDAR

20<sup>th</sup> – News for Perinton Ambulance, Chief Mike Hoskins & Doug Stark @ EagleVale

27<sup>th</sup> – **CLUB CHANGEOVER DINNER! @ EAGLEVALE!**

28<sup>th</sup> – Red Wings Baseball

## FAIRPORT COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Date	2022 Festivals & Events
July 4	<b>Independence Day Parade</b> - Fairport Perinton Chamber of Commerce
July 4	<b>Party in the Park</b> - Fairport Perinton Chamber of Commerce
July 11	<b>Cycle the Erie Canal</b> - NY Parks & Trails
August 26-27	<b>Fairport Music Festival</b> - Fairport Music Festival
September 23-24	<b>Oktoberfest</b> - Fairport Perinton Partnership
September 24	<b>Scarecrow Festival</b> - Fairport Perinton Merchants Association
October 2	<b>Historic House Tour</b> - Perinton Historical Society
November 15	<b>Yuletide Traditions Begins</b> - Perinton Historical Society
December 3	<b>Come Home for the Holidays</b> - Fairport Perinton Merchants Association
	Santa's Arrival & Winter Market - Market Dates TBD

### 2022-23 Rotary International Theme

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and they make the most of their club experiences. She urges members to engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world.



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## Fairport Rotary – The Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Update

Dear Rotarians:

It is time for our final push for supporting contributions to the Rotary Foundation for our fiscal year end June 30, 2022!

To remind everyone, your Annual Giving to the Annual Fund/Share is a gift that supports both our international projects, and 50% of these funds raised each year, are designated BACK to the District they came from – in three years! So, at the end of the three-year allocation period, funds are granted to projects locally that have been applied for and approved for our District!

We are ALL key to the global success of our Rotary Foundation, and to the success and growth of Rotary clubs throughout the world. More than ever, the many of the issues facing people globally need the continued grass roots support of like-minded individuals committed to making our world a safer and better place for all. This is OUR charity, and it needs our support.

**Below** is all the information you need to make a contribution to be included in our fiscal 2022 total fundraising!

Thank you for your continued support and for Anything you are able to do in our final push!

Best regards,  
Tom Weldgen



### FISCAL YEAR 2022 DEADLINES

Thank you for completing your year-end gift as soon as possible. Doing so will result in faster processing, better customer service and will avoid any last-minute complications.

#### CHECKS

Both the postmark on the envelope and the date written on the check must be no later than Thursday, 30 June 2022, and processed by the bank no later than Thursday, 7 July 2022.

UNITED STATES	CANADA (CAD)	CANADA (USD)
The Rotary Foundation 14280 Collections Center Drive Chicago, IL 60693, USA	The Rotary Foundation (Canada) c/o 911600 PO Box 4090 STN A Toronto, ON M5W 0E9 Canada	The Rotary Foundation (Canada) c/o 911601 PO Box 4090 STN A Toronto, ON M5W 0E9 Canada

#### CREDIT CARD

##### ONLINE VIA [ROTARY.ORG](https://rotary.org)

Must be authorized on or prior to midnight on 30 June 2022 Central Standard Time. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions electronically or via email.

#### WIRE TRANSFERS

[Wire transfers](#) must be initiated prior to Thursday, 30 June 2022 and received by Wednesday, 6 July 2022.

#### SECURITIES

Stock, mutual funds or other gifts of [securities](#) must be received prior to Thursday, 30 June 2022.

#### LIFE INCOME AGREEMENTS & DONOR ADVISED FUND GIFTS

The same deadlines for checks and securities apply. Please contact planned giving at [plannedgiving@rotary.org](mailto:plannedgiving@rotary.org) for transfer instructions.

#### RESOURCES:

[The Rotary Foundation Contribution Form](#)

Rotary Support Center

Email: [RotarySupportCenter@rotary.org](mailto:RotarySupportCenter@rotary.org)

Phone: +1 (866)-9ROTARY (+1-866-976-8279)

Hours (CST): Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through 30 June 2022



# Dave Scheirer MEMBER Spotlight



Dave Scheirer - LiftBridge Spotlight – June 2022

- Summarize the First Half of Your Life

Born and raised in central Illinois where my dad was a farmer and my mom, before marriage, owned and operated a service station. I have an older brother who has continued to actively operate our corn and soybean farm. Met the love of my life, Sue on a Kodak trip to Buffalo for a Braves basketball and a Bills football weekend. We have been married for over 40 years.

Graduated from high school as part of a class of 45 students. Went to local community college for my associate degree in engineering, then transferred to Bradley University and graduated with a bachelor's in industrial engineering and a year later with a master's degree. Was hired by Eastman Kodak in 1976 and worked in a number of different areas of Kodak Park – producing and testing photographic film and chemicals. For the last part of my career, I worked in a R&D team to commercialize OLED technology.

- Summarize the Second Half of Your Life

Enjoy traveling and seeing the world – been a few times to Europe, once to Australia/New Zealand and not quite all of the US states – ask me about my time in Arkansas....

Love growing and making things – gardens, Christmas trees, grapes into wine, hops and barley into home brew, rum balls for the holidays, maple sap into syrup... also enjoy the results of my and others' efforts.

Actively volunteer in local organizations – Perinton Food Shelf, Perinton Historical Society, Senior Options for Independence, Fairport Baptist Home, Crescent Trail Silver Foxes.

- Favorite Thing About Rotary

Our motto of “Service Above Self” and working with FRC members who have been very open and share their efforts to make our world a better place.

- Something Nobody Knows About You

It is a toss-up between finishing a Greece NY Buckman's Kitchen Sink or jumping out of a perfectly good airplane with a parachute.

## Your 2022-2023 Board of Directors

### Officers

Nancy Ragus	Co-President
Kareen Zeitounzian	Co-President
John Hall	Past President
Tom Wolanski	President-Elect
Terry O'Neil	Treasurer
Dan Arbuckle	Secretary



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### Directors

Ed Johnston	Membership	Expires 6/30/24*
Andrew Spreter	Club Services	Expires 6/30/24*
Tom VanBuskirk	Fundraising	Expires 6/30/24*
Paige Wickham	New Generations	Expires 6/30/24
Ron Roberts	Fellowship	Expires 6/30/23
Brandon Scribner	Community Service	Expires 6/30/23
Becky Wilson	Public Relations	Expires 6/30/23
Tom Weldgen	Foundation	Expires 6/30/23

\*Ed, Andrew and Tom have agreed to serve one year of the required two-year term directorship.

## PRESIDENT TO BE OUSTED FROM OFFICE

### **Boris Glus, Rotary Staff Reporter**

In accordance with protocol and policy, our fearless leader John Hall has served out his term of office.

Soon, at the Changeover Dinner, we will be trading in an old President for two new ones. No, that is not a misprint...we will have two long time members sharing the office of President.

Anxious for John to be able to spend more time at home re-organizing things, playing golf, not fixing things, and napping more, wife Maureen can't wait until he leaves Office to continue with a life of their own.

A leader's leader, never letting the Club down when it needed him most...even when he faked a bum knee...his name will be forever etched on the wall of fame at the Fairport Village Inn.

Now, two ladies will step up to the plate, share the gavel, and the awesome responsibility of herding a bunch of lost sheep. Kareen Zeitounzian and Nancy Ragus will become our new fearless leaders.

We wish them well, but the sound of the Fairport Rotary Come To Order Bell will never "ring" the same.

Good luck to you John Hall, you will be missed at the podium!

Boris Glus



**VOGO PRESIDENTS**  
**(Vote for one, get one free)**  
**Boris Glus, Rotary Staff Reporter**

TWO Fairport Club members are going to be climbing out on that proverbial Presidential limb for the coming year! Kareen Zeitounzian and Nancy Ragus will each take half the rudder and will be fighting over the gavel to ring the bell.

We all know that Kareen, an attorney, with the Harris Beach Law firm, has been a member since 2010, and has been a chairperson/member of the Membership, Charity Advisory, Literacy, Club Haccamo, Sunshine, Public Relations, Program Committees, and has also served on the Board of Directors. Her organizational skills and attention to details connected with Nancy when they hosted a wine tasting event for the Club in 2020 and have enjoyed working together ever since.

Nancy has been a member since 2019, and with Casa Larga, became a Corporate Member. Serving on the Charitable Giving Committee first, then the Program Committee, and now on the Strategic Planning Committee, she has more than gotten her grape stained feet wet in Fairport Rotary.

Nancy wasn't a Club member a year when she met Kareen, and have been conspiring ever since, and putting up with the "Dad Jokes".

But what do we REALLY know about them? Here's what the Fairport Rotary Enquirer has learned.

Kareen's past is a little more classic. She aspires to be a food blogger, but unlike Bourdain will not eat insects. Want to really get to know her?... send her a handwritten note on your stationary or on a post card and see what happens. We do know that when she was 12 years old, she escaped her parents grip and went to a Beach Boys concert all by her lonesome. A feisty, but gentle lady, Kareen is someone we look forward to really get to know in the year to come.

Then there is Nancy!

Nancy's life is like an open book but censored in spots with a few missing pages. Getting to know Nancy is like riding in a car with no brakes...like a '72 two door Monte Carlo with a super charged V8! (Vroom vroom!) Then there is Flipper Nancy. No, not the fishy type, but the...put on the safety glasses and gloves...the "This Old House" kind. Known as Demolition Nancy in some circles, give her a renovation project and she's happier than a mudded drywall. She admits to "tipping a few glasses of red" in Italy during a college stay, while speaking a language called Spataliano. The natives are still scratching their heads over that one.

The two of them have been getting together this past year for what they call COPE meetings. At first, we thought it was a branch of AA, but later found out that it means CO-President Elect.

One thing is for certain, this Dynamic Duo will ensure that this coming year will be one for the Fairport Rotary Club history books.



Ladies, the floor is yours!

Boris Glus

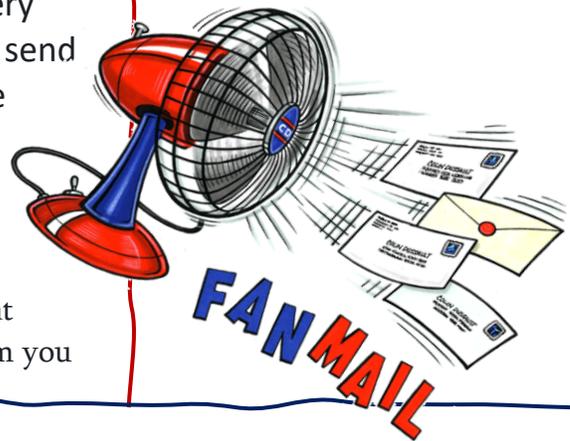


Rotarians,

Although I can no longer get to Rotary meetings, I very much appreciate receiving your newsletters. Please send along my greetings to the members, especially those friends I enjoyed for many years...

John Fisher

If you'd like to send a message to John, you can email him at [jcjfisher@gmail.com](mailto:jcjfisher@gmail.com). We're sure he would love to hear from you all!



Rotarians,

I don't thank you often enough for continuing to include me in the list for receiving The LiftBridge. It is something I look forward to reading. It's awesome. I appreciate your efforts. God Bless Fairport Rotary.

Thank you again,  
Marlene Shaddock

If you'd like to send a message to Marlene, widow of long-time Rotarian Warren, you can email her at [wshaddock@aol.com](mailto:wshaddock@aol.com). She would love to hear from you!

Rotarians,

Thank you, Ron (Roberts), and everyone for making sure my dad was picked up at the end of the parade and delivered to the seating for the service this morning (5/30). He had a great time and felt like he was treated like a king!

I overheard a few people mention how great it was that Rotarians were delivering water to the Vets throughout the parade, too!

It was so well organized and was a big help for me and I'm sure for the others, too. I'm so very appreciative!!

Thank you all again!  
Nancy Ockenden Ragus





Donations always welcomed!



# Fairport Rotary Field Trip to Lollypop Farm June 6, 2022



Andrew easily making friends with everyone...as usual...



PLEASE ADOPT US!!



## LiftBridge for June 13, 2022

After dinner, President John opened the meeting, Bob L led the pledge and Dave Dofferred the invocation

Guests tonight were John and Maureen Hall's grandchildren from Ohio, granddaughter Gray and grandson Penn. Penn served as the greeter while Gray sold 50-50 tickets.

Mark Fuerbacher presented the new slate of officers for 2022-2023:

Co-presidents: Nancy Ragus and Karen Zeitounzian

Past president: John Hall

President-elect: Tom Wolanski

Treasurer: Terry O'Neil

Secretary: Dan Arbuckle

Board members: Ed Johnston, Andrew Spreter, Tom VanBuskirk,

Paige Wickham, Brandon Scribner, Ron Roberts, Tom Weldgen,

Becky Wilson.



The membership voted to approve the slate.

Pieter S announced a meeting of the program committee will be held at 5 pm June 20 at Eagle Vale ahead of the regular meeting.



Bob L reported that our RRPP event netted a profit of \$9300, about \$2000 above last year's net for the same event. Special thanks to Mark F and Enzo S for donating \$500 each for tickets.

President John announced that the June 27 meeting will be the Changeover Dinner, beginning with a 5 pm to 6 pm cocktail hour at his home. Details to come.

Our planned speaker for the evening, Dolly Kujawa from Camp Haccamo, was a no show, so the post-dinner time began with many people making Happy Dollar donations, including:

Hunter F -- offer accepted that very day on a house.

Mark F -- Family trip to Disney World in their new RV

Dave S – Successful liver transplant for nephew Kevin.

Bob R -- Wife made cookies for dessert for tonight's meeting.

Newcomb L -- "For the heck of it."

MaryBeth C -- Trip to Florence, Italy, with her daughter

Tom W -- Celebrated 48th wedding anniversary

John B -- First Monday in retirement after a 46-year teaching career.

John Baynes offered a few thoughts as a "back-up" program for the evening. John recently spoke to 131 graduates and faculty members at Mercy High School, and he used Rotary's Four Way Test as the framework.

John recited for his audience the Four Way Test, noting that "no organization, family, country, etc., could succeed without such a moral compass."

He then asked them to consider four retrospective questions relating to the past year for all of them.

1. Did we honor and celebrate time?
2. What are we unlearning?
3. Who helped us? (And, in turn, who helped them, and before them.)
4. Did we have the (blank) to go the distance?

John discussed some of the answers, including the various words offered to fill in the blank in #4: status, money, popularity, will...etc.

An enjoyable discussion. And John will be offering a similar talk soon to a much larger group in Webster.

Ron R took home \$11 in the 50-50, but his choice of the five of diamonds left the larger pot intact.

Ron C. Roberts

