

Fairport
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Subject: Exciting Updates for the Upcoming 2026-2027 Rotary Year

Hello Fellow Rotarians,

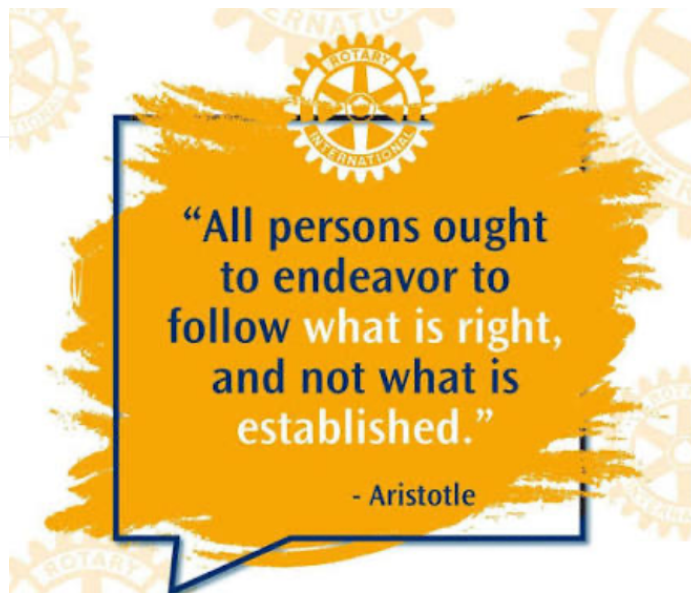
It's summer and we are looking good. We have good plans to follow up on in the next few weeks. I am happy to report that we are planning on a new yet exciting 2026-2027 Rotary year.

At our last meeting, I talked about the new 'look' for next year. The focus is on the 100th anniversary legacy for 2027 and after. In July, the president position will be filled by four presidents, each serving a three-month term. These past presidents will bring a unique perspective to our shared commitment and a history spanning decades. Through this shared leadership and active contribution, they will share with us Rotary history, club triumphs, and access to shared archives for all members. This will provide new information for many and a refresher for others, offering lessons learned and a bigger picture of club succession. Please think of this group as seasoned mentors for our members as we recognize and celebrate the spirit of Rotary.

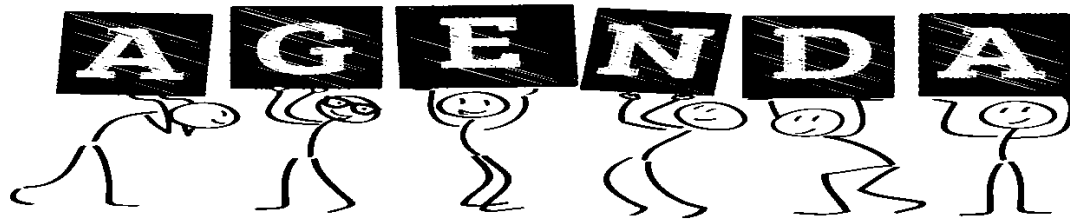
I look forward to embarking on this innovative chapter with all of you.

Take care,

Marybeth



A G E N D A



Tonight - 15th – TriClub Dinner @ EagleVale w/Brighton & Spencerport; hear from all clubs; buffet dinner with salad, chicken marsala, potatoes, pasta, veggies

22nd – Dinner @ EagleVale; Jeanmarie Courtney; writer & publisher of “*Rats with Backpacks*” (how animals can help save lives and Improve environment); dining on pulled pork, mac salad, baked beans

29th – CHANGEOVER DINNER! Cocktail hour at President Marybeth’s house @ 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner @ EagleVale; chicken parm over pasta

30th – Fairport Rotary Night @ Red Wings Stadium, 6:45

Invocations: Karen Z. 6/15; Brad Allen 6/22; Dan Arbuckle 6/29

Sergeant at Arms for June – Bob Ruland and/or Hunter Fuerbacher



Rotary Family Picnic



Sunday, July 12, 4-6 pm Perinton Rec Center

Thanks to AIRQUIP and Vin Barone, you won't want to miss this special opportunity for great food, super fellowship, fantastic musical entertainment, and of course, sunny weather, as we once again have use of the tent-pavilion attached to the rear of the Rec Center near the UPPER PARKING LOT. Musical entertainment will be provided (6:00 8:00) on the Center Stage by The Music Educators and the Rochester Metro Jazz Orchestra, so bring your chairs to move in good viewing position or stay on top outside the tent or just remain where you eat.

Your Picnic Committee will provide the meat (burgers, dogs, sausage), all the fixin's, plates, utensils, drinking cups, etc. and bottled water and ice. You just need to bring your family, friends, a “dish to pass”, and drinks if water doesn't ring your bell. We are hoping for about equal contributions of appetizers, hot or cold entrees like salads, baked beans, mac-n-cheese, and desserts. Your “bring” should be for several servings, and please take home whatever remains. Sign-up sheet will be passed during the next few meetings for you to tell us how many (people, that is) and what (food, of course) you will bring. Comments, questions, offers of help, and ideas can be provided to any member of the committee: Heinrich, Dave S. Nick S. or Bill S.

While we know it never rains in sunny California, it sometimes does in Fairport. Since we will be under the tent, our picnic will likely still take place even if the Town leaders cancel the concert for weather concerns. So, keep your fingers crossed and make this picnic one for the record book.

Bill Stevens



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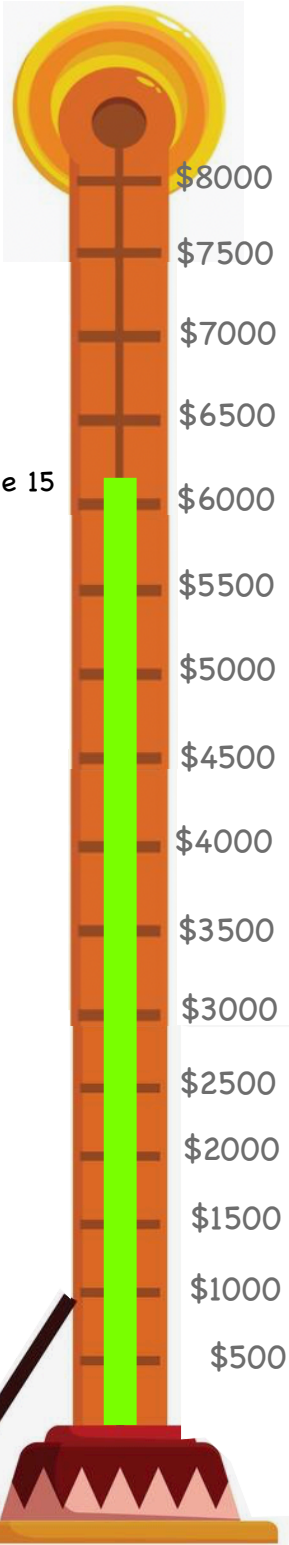


CORNER

APPEAL

TREASURER'S

June 15



ANNIVERSARY APPEAL



Appeal to date \$6100

The Club extends a sincere *“thank you”* to all members who have contributed thus far. Satisfaction from your anonymous gift will be in the knowledge that a quality and memorable occasion will be the result from your generosity. Also that your gift will insure that all guests wishing to participate in our event will be able to do so.

This appeal has not solicited from any outside sources but only the selflessness of our members. None of the new dues income for 2026-2027 will need to be used to contribute to this event. And the 2026-2027 budget will retain our traditional \$4000 in total operations reserve.

The final ticket price will be based on the meal cost from the total of members and guests attending. The target ticket price is presently projected at \$75. Any event fund surplus will be added to the Club operations **Fellowship** account for 2026-2027.

Submitting a guest list for any non-members you wish to invite to Becky ASAP is important.

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The Club will continue to accept appeal donations until invitations are printed in early August. The invitations are expected to be mailed about Labor Day with a requested response by Oct 20.

Payment checks **must** accompany reponses.
No payment means no reservation.



Fairport-Perinton

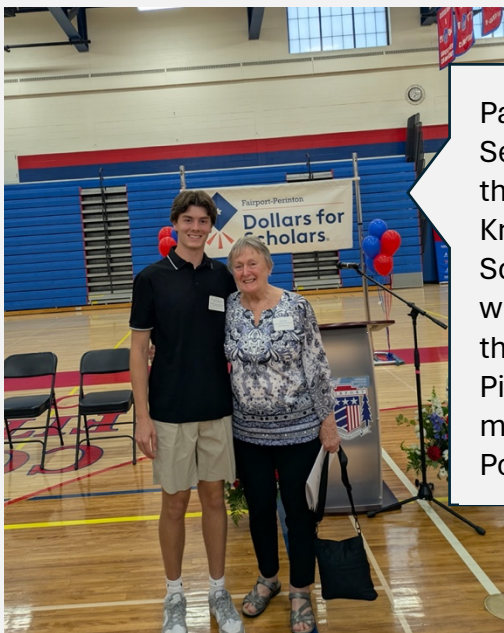
Dollars for Scholars®

There is nothing more important to a Rotarian than giving back, it's in our blood and that's why we all joined, but it's even more important when giving back is in memory of any of our long-time, seasoned Rotarians who we so miss and owe so much to. It was bittersweet for our club to be able to support our future leaders with the following scholarships:



President Marybeth awarded June Higgins with the \$1,000 Clinton Emery Scholarship. June plans to attend St. John Fisher University with majors in International Studies & Spanish.

Jeannie Whitney awarded Renee Ostberg with the \$1,000 Doug Whitney Scholarship. Renee will be attending the University of Chicago and plans to major in Physics.



Pat Knapp awarded Sean Gossin with the \$1,000 Warren Knapp Scholarship. Sean will be attending the University of Pittsburg in the fall majoring in Political Science.



Liftbridge – June 1, 2026 - With a nod to efficiency, Sgt at Arms representative Hunter Fuerbacher opened the lunch meeting at Spinelli's, led the pledge, offered the words of inspiration, and introduced President Marybeth.

First order of business was the induction of Martha Malone as our newest member. Her co-sponsors and long-time colleagues Pieter Smeenck and Tom Wolanski did the honors for Martha, retired head of Fairport's Office of Community Economic Development (OCED). She's looking forward to her membership and has already joined in, including helping with the veterans on Memorial Day.



President Marybeth then presented a polio plus pin to Jon Morse, the sixth of our members to receive one.

We were reminded that, as of July 26, our annual membership dues will increase to \$300 from the current \$250. This action was chosen by a great majority of the club over the alternate of increasing the cost of dinner at Eagle Vale.

Marybeth noted that our Rotary Club Scholarship winners would be honored that week at the Dollars for Scholars gathering at the high school. This year's winners:

- Warren B. Knapp Memorial Scholarship – Sean Gossin
- Clinton R. Emery Memorial Scholarship – June Higgins
- Douglas W. Whitney Memorial Scholarship – Renee Ostberg

Dr. Mike Lischak then introduced the day's guest speaker, Heather Bundschuh, Community Engagement Officer at Advent House in Perinton.

Heather said Advent House (on Moseley Road near Garnsey) is a two-bedroom house that offers end-of-life care with physical, emotional and spiritual support for patients and their families. There is no charge for residents, and Advent House receives no insurance reimbursements. Financial support comes from donations, grants, fundraising events – such as the Gala held a few weeks ago and a golf tournament in September – and, in large part from Sweet Charity which is a boutique style resale shop located on Whitney Road near The Great American Diner. It accepts donations of quality furniture, artwork, home furnishings, jewelry, etc., to resell, and it tends to be upscale. Heather said 50% of the funding for Advent House comes from Sweet Charity. Founded in 1987, Advent House has had over 600 residents (30-35 per year). It has a part-time staff, 11 on-call nurses, and four staffers at Sweet Charity. Some 94 active volunteers help staff the facility on a 24/7 basis, with two volunteers on every shift. No experience is needed to be a volunteer, as training is provided. Susan Pauly is the volunteer coordinator. Phone at Advent House is 223-6112, and the website is www.theadventhouse.org.



Ron C. Roberts