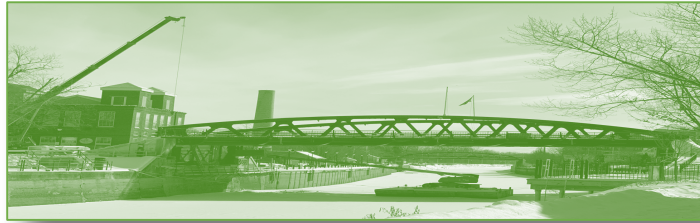


Fairport Rotary Club
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Fellow Rotarians,

As we reflect back to one year ago, not knowing what the future may hold, we can have some good cheer that things seem to be going in the right direction. Not only as a society but also with our Club. We have ushered in some very dynamic new members and corporate members, we are facing yet another big fundraiser on the horizon this May, and we are actually discussing getting back to in-person meetings within the next month or so. I will keep everyone updated after I approach our wonderful Board of Directors with a plan. Please keep a look out for a survey I will be sending out this weekend asking for members' opinions on in-person meetings. I hope all of you are well, and let me be the first to welcome you to our Spring season ahead.

Mark



RED RAIDER PICNIC PLATE UPDATE

- ♣ Terry and Dennis have ordered most of the food & accessories
- ♣ Ron, Ed, Mark and Dan have set up the publicity & funding
- ♣ Newcomb will prepare the Rotary handout
- ♣ Domenick has set up the cooking procedures
- ♣ John has coordinated with the high school class of 2022
- ♣ Heinrich and Tom are preparing the tickets
- ♣ Ed has set up the parking
- ♣ Since we expect 600+ patrons we will need more volunteers than we had at the Pasta Dinner for Thursday, Friday and especially Saturday May 20, 21 and 22
- ♣ May 22, 2021 4 to 6 P.M. at the VFW
- ♣ This event will NOT replace STF in 2022

Bob Linder



COVID A YEAR LATER – CAN THERE BE A SILVER LINING?

By Becky Wilson

It was a year ago, almost to this very day, I sent an unfortunate email that we were “postponing” our meeting of March 16, 2020, where we were excited to present Paul Harris Awards. Little did any of us know that when we left our meeting on March 9, 2020, that would be our last meeting for awhile. The silver lining in all this was we did end with a very powerful and emotional presentation by Sister Grace from House of Mercy. What’s ironic, we had inducted John Baynes that night, and Paige Wickham was there as a guest. I am so thankful they, and other new members, were able to see the good in joining Rotary, regardless of our uncertainty, and have continued to stay with us, along with the rest of you, hanging in there, still meeting thru zoom. Another silver lining.

On March 15, 2020, United States had 1,678 COVID cases and 41 COVID deaths. As of today, US has 29,461,663 cases, 534,476 deaths. Today, Monroe County has 54,164 cases, 1,004 deaths, as opposed to 30 cases, one death reported on March 19, 2020, the first day Monroe County starting tracking. These were unthinkable numbers in March 2020, and unfathomable numbers to comprehend today. There’s no silver lining in the lives lost, the families affected, the businesses that have shuttered, but maybe there is in the way we have all changed, for the better, in how we think and live.

I am so very thankful for so many useless, mindless things that I took for granted pre-COVID: a hug from my grandchild; Riki’s egg benedict; seeing brothers I haven’t seen since 2019; non-takeout fish fry; live music; lipstick; sitting in a full stadium anywhere watching anything; soft-serve vanilla ice cream cone with candy sprinkles; unexpected friends dropping by; airplane to anywhere; access to toilet paper, fresh produce and cleaning supplies; playing dress-up; family Christmas; yet most of all, sitting at a cloth-covered table at EagleVale, being served dinner, drinking from a glass I don’t have to clean, laughing with my Rotarian friends, planning our next charitable event. I sure do miss those mixed veggies now – I bet you do too Lew! What’s on your list of little things that are of monumental importance to you now, pre-COVID vs. post-COVID? I hope you can find a silver lining somewhere on that list.

As numbers go down and more and more of us get vaccinated, I so hope we can meet in person very soon. One good thing with zoom, I believe it is here to stay. We can always zoom with those who are cautious and those who are far away, even when we meet in person. That’s definitely the best silver lining. Won’t that be so much fun! Can’t wait!

Stay healthy, until we meet again.

Your President When COVID Started - Becky

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Tonight – Domenick on TV Advertising
Next Week 3/22 – Let’s Talk Sauce!
March 29 – Tri-Club Meeting



March 8, 2021 - ZOOM Fairport Rotary Club - “Adventures in County Politics”

After collecting stragglers, President Mark declared the meeting open.

Andy Spreter led the Pledge and Dave Scheirer gave the Invocation.

President Mark noted the passing of Pat Knapp’s mother, Geraldine Ryan Smith, during the past week.

We enjoyed a “Getting to Know You” moment during which three Rotarians disclosed, among other things, what they would like for company if stranded on a desert island. Bob Linder’s choice -- a tax deduction.

John Hall introduced our speaker, **John Baynes**. Born in the village of East Rochester, transplanted to Palmyra where he served as village Justice, now returned to the town/village of East Rochester, John is probably best known for his years as English teacher at Fairport High School – where he was Lead Teacher and a labor organizer. A number of current Rotarians passed through John’s class.

It is John’s most recent career move – Monroe County Legislator for the 18th District – that brought him to the ZOOM podium.

John described himself as an “aisle-crosser” and it is from that perspective that he spoke.

Monroe County has a “strong Executive” form of government, in which the County Executive has substantial powers that can be curtailed somewhat by action of a super majority of the Legislature. Since the Legislature has one more Republican than Democrat it’s difficult to summon up a super majority.

Which makes the recent formation of a Black and Asian Caucus – pulled from the Democratic Caucus – and its realignment with Republicans all the more interesting.

John spoke of the COVID crisis. There are two vaccination sites in Monroe County: Dome Arena run by the State and Convention Center run by the County. Dome Arena seems to have an edge on vaccine availability.

On schools, John shared his belief that local schools would return to on-site education after Easter.

He fielded questions – among them Nancy Regan’s relating to the administration of the Erie Canal. John responded with a plug for Robert Caro’s encomium “The Power Broker,” a 1200 page recitation of the Machiavellian feats of Robert Moses that led to the creation, deification and domination of “Public Authorities” in New York state political life. Pitched as providing “technical expertise free from political tampering” they have morphed into “permanent entities exempt from political control.”

Terry O’Neil had a birthday.

George T. Wolf



Fairport Rotary News Letter – Meeting of March 1, 2021 - President Mark Fuerbacher greeted us and opened our Zoom meeting a few minutes before 7:00, and arriving members exchanged banter and hellos. PM then introduced Ron Roberts, complete with flag, to lead us in the pledge followed by Boris Glus to offer our invocation.

President Mark made opening comments and made introduction of guests – Tom Hollis joining us again from PA, and John Fisher also joining.

PM then called on Bob Linder for an update on several items from a meeting of the Savor the Flavor committee at 6 pm tonight. Committee is working on the upcoming May dinner fundraiser. Bob reported that we had an energetic meeting with about 17 people on zoom, reviewing plans and status of the event. Things are moving quickly – most of the food is all set up and they are working on details of preparation and timing. John Baynes has taken on role as liaison to the school with focus on the Junior class for graduation in 2022. They need funds for their school trip during senior year. They will sell up to 300 tickets and Fairport Rotary will sell 300 tickets. John will also get volunteers from the class for help the day of event.

Bob plans to get out a sign-up sheet/ roster shortly so all members can get involved in the event, as well as ticket pre-sales. The official name of our product is “Red Raider Picnic Plate.” Much more info will follow as we move toward this new fund raiser – promises to be a lot of fun and a real community opportunity for a Saturday afternoon in the spring!

PM then began a round of “getting to know you” – a new feature he devised to allow all of us to get to know more about our members. For tonight, PM had selected Lew Heisman, Mark DeBacco, and Paige Wickham. PM had dreamed up some interesting / strange questions. Lastly asking them each to tell us their “spirit animals” – Lew chose woolly mammoth, Paige selected honey badger, and Mark D settled on sabre tooth tiger!

Tide was turned on PM and he was asked to tell us what car he would most like to sell? He wishes for a 1977 Porsche 911 Turbo! They now have a value near \$300K!
Seemed like all appreciated this diversion – PM will undoubtedly do this again.

PM then turned meeting over to Peter Lovier, who introduced tonight’s program – Neil Reidy – he is the Head Golf Professional at Cobblestone Creek CC – the BEST club in the area, per Pete. Neil has been there 10 years and had multiple pro jobs before that. He grew up and was schooled in Oswego and then LeMoyne before going to Florida. Before Cobblestone, he was assistant pro at McCarthy in Florida and also worked at Oak Hill where Craig Harmon taught and mentored him. He has worked with a variety of golf players – Bill Parcells and Mayor Bloomberg for example. Neil will be playing at the National PGA in April in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

He loved working with Craig Harmon and one of the best features was the end of day when they sat down to review of all the lessons. He learned so much about style of teaching and the real elements for focus by the average “non-touring pro” player.

Neil commented on Tiger Woods – the respect he gets from players and fans alike. Neil followed Tiger, as he developed his own career as golf professional and he learned a lot watching him play – thoughts and prayers with Tiger for safe recovery from his accident.

Neil then turned his screen and provided us with a series of simple steps to help us improve our swing and straighten out the trajectory. As he pointed out, no one is looking to hit the ball shorter - the key to longer shots - focus on your swing, stance and keep hands LOOSE – do not squeeze the heck out of the club! When you swing, go as fast as you can - follow through! Do not stop your club when it is in front of you – not good!

Neil provided a Q&A for us and noted that golf experienced a big growth spurt in spite of the pandemic – it was good exercise, was out in fresh air, could easily be done safely and socially distant. Cobblestone had a 40% increase in number of rounds of golf and many people that had not been frequent players, or were even new to the sport – took up on the links! Overall, he believes that the US experienced a 30% increase in number of rounds last season – and many of these players, are likely to continue with the sport.

Neil does provide lessons, and he can do so even if you are not a Cobblestone member – he can be reached at Neil@cobblestonecreekcc.com Thanks to Neil and to Peter for tonight’s program.

PM opened for any last thoughts - Tom Wolanski is working on photos of new members for our website and info. He would like to arrange to get better photos.

Low Heisman thanked the club for responses to his request for roofing contractor reference / suggestions – much appreciated and an example of how we can connect.

Next Week 3/8 – John Baynes – “Adventures in County Politics!”
March 15 – Domenick Cecconi – “How advertising gets on TV”

Meeting adjourned -
Respectfully submitted,
Tom Weldgen – Stay Well!



2021 District Training Assembly

Saturday, April 10, 2021, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Virtual

The Rotary District 7120 training assembly will be held virtually this year on April 10th from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Rochester Latino, Rochester Northwest, Rochester Southwest and Roc City Rotary are proud to be your hosts. Below is a listing of some of the breakout sessions that will be offered. Register at [https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-training-assembly-\(dta\)](https://rotary7120.org/sitepage/district-training-assembly-(dta))

Breakout sessions from 9:30-10:25

Club Presidents

District Governor, Linda Kohl, Penfield Rotary Club

Club Presidents Elect

District Governor Elect, Janet Tenreiro, Canandaigua Rotary Club

Presidents Nominee & Assistant Governor

District Governor Nominee, Ralph Brandt, Bloomfield Rotary

Club Board Members Duties & Responsibilities

Immediate Past District Governor, Dave Hannan, Newark Rotary

Public Image

Phil Sennett, Roc City Rotary

Membership – Growing Rotary Panel

Moderator: Sara Visingard, Victor-Farmington

The Rotary Foundation

Past District Governor, Tom Rogers, Canandaigua

Rotary Service Project Panel

Moderator: Luisa Baars, Rochester Latino Rotary

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Sim Covington, Canandaigua Rotary

Karen Quartaro, Newark Rotary

Environment & Project District Environment Action Committee

Gary Anderson, Geneseo Rotary

Literacy

Chris Edgar, Executive Director, Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County; and the District Literacy Committee members

Breakout sessions from 10:30-11:25

Youth Services

District Governor Elect Designee Julie Carney, Avon Rotary
Nancy Loughlin, Watkins-Montour Rotary

Digital Technology and Platforms

District Public Image Director Tom Brown, Elmira Rotary

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Club Secretary Question and answer forum

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Karen Parkhurst, Victor-Farmington

Rotary Learning Center

Kimberly Kouame, Rotary International

Connecting & Engaging Members Digitally

Phil Sennett, Roc City Rotary

Service Projects by the Corning Rotary Club

Stu Sammis – Community Garden

Pauline Emery- Literacy Programs

Deb Joseph – Spelling Bee

Endowment Fund

Past District Governor, Jeff Krans, Penn Yan Rotary

Strategic planning

District Governor Nominee, Ralph Brandt, Bloomfield Rotary &
Bruce Amey, Avon Rotary

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