

Fairport Rotary Club
THE LIFTBRIDGE
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, what a great meeting we had this past Monday night! Perinton Town Historian Bill Poray presented a wonderful history of our club from its inception in 1926 through the late 1960's. It was wonderful to see newspaper articles about the activities and the Rotarians during that period of time. Great job Program Committee members.

Monday night, our District Governor, Janet Tenreiro of the Canandaigua Club, will be at our Club for her Official Visit. DG Janet will present International President Shekhar Metha's message and Theme as well as DG Janet's goals for our District this Rotary year. As in the past, spouses/partners are encouraged to attend this meeting. If you are bringing a guest, please let Terry know as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic/concert tonight and see you all tomorrow night.

Your 2021-2022 Board of Directors

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Ed Johnston	Membership	Expires 6/30/22
Andrew Spreter (for Bob Hartnett)	Club Services	Expires 6/30/22
Tom VanBuskirk	Fundraising	Expires 6/30/22
Bill Stevens	New Generations	Expires 6/30/22
Ron Roberts*	Fellowship	Expires 6/30/23
Brandon Scribner	Community Service	Expires 6/30/23
Tom Wolanski	Public Relations	Expires 6/30/23
Tom Weldgen	Foundation	Expires 6/30/23

*New 2021-22 Board Members

UPCOMING CALENDAR

August 15 – Family Picnic at Center Park – TODAY!

August 16 – @EagleVale, DG Janet Tenreiro – Dinner will be turkey wraps

August 23 – @EagleVale, The Skinny on the Pines – Dinner will be pasta Bolognese

August 30 – @EagleVale, Trainspotting – PLEASE NOTE – WE ARE AT EAGLEVALE AND NOT AT KNAPP PAVILION AS MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER – Dinner will be open-face prime rib sandwiches

And don't forget – Rotary opportunity to volunteer at the **Fairport Music and Food Fest!**

Available time slots listed below. All volunteers will receive free passes to hear **47** bands play over **6** stages, experience food from **19** establishments, and even get a free tee shirt! Volunteers will monitor traffic on the south side of Parker Street Bridge. Instructions will be given to all those that sign up. And the best part about it all, proceeds benefit Golisano's Children Hospital.

SATURDAY AUGUST 28

11:00 am-1:00 pm –

1:00 pm-3:00 pm –

3:00 pm-5:00 pm –

5:00 pm-7:00 pm – Brandon Scribner, Dave and Sue Scheirer

7:00 pm-9:00 pm –



Contact Megan Rinaudo at mrinaudo@thorleywm.com with the time slot you'd like to work!



Rotarian **Sam Space** and his wife Bonnie recently moved to assisted living at Heathwood Assisted Living and Memory Care, 100 Elderwood Court, Penfield NY 14526. Bonnie said they are good with everything but said it would be nice to get some mail. Please send them a note or card to the above address, attention Sam and Bonnie Space.

Warren Knapp and his wife Pat just recently got back from a river cruise, only to come down with Covid. They are recovering and quarantining at home and hopes to be back in attendance soon.

WHAT IS “EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR” ALL ABOUT?



This initiative by the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation encourages “every Rotarian, every year” to:

1. Participate in a Foundation program that is making a difference in the world.
2. Contribute to the Foundation’s Annual Fund at a sustainable amount.

The Rotary Foundation even has banners for clubs where every member contributes at least US\$25 to the Annual Fund with a US\$100 per capita during the Rotary year.

Today, around 1/3 of Rotarians participate in this initiative. In 2020/21, The Rotary Foundation was able to award 1,957 global grants for large scale sustainable projects due to the generosity of these Rotarians. Think about how much more Rotary could accomplish in the world if all of our 1.2 million worldwide members each gave at least US\$25 to our Foundation’s Annual Fund.

If you are a part of the “Every Rotarian, Every Year” initiative – I personally thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation and its work.

Thank you for your Rotary Service. The Zone 32 Foundation team looks forward to working with you this year. Our District and the Fairport Club appreciate your support.

Submitted by Tom Weldgen

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

LiftBridge for August 2, 2021



President John gaveled the meeting to order, Marc DeBacco led the pledge, and Mary Beth Christiansen offered the invocation. We then enjoyed pasta and meatballs.

Doug Whitney led us in singing happy birthday to August celebrants Bill Stevens, Andrew Spreter, Kareen Zeitounzian, Van Cardilli, and Marg Kerr.

Tom Van Buskirk was on hand to celebrate his 41st wedding anniversary. Other August wedding anniversaries: Bill Stevens, Tom Wolanski, Lew Heisman, Bob Linder, Vin Barone, Doug Lauf, Van Cardilli, Dennis Behr, Becky Wilson.

We also had two Rotary anniversaries: Brandon Scribner -- 4 years, and Doug Whitney -- 51 years. (Yes, that's right...51 years.)

President John reported on progress made on the landscaping project at the Veterans Outreach Center, and he showed us a layout prepared that day by Heinrich Fischer of possible additional work at the site.

Our Club picnic in Center Park will be Sunday, Aug. 15, to be followed by the Metropolitan Rochester Jazz Orchestra playing big band music in the Patricia S. Knapp Amphitheater. Details to come.

We'll also have a meeting the following day, Monday, Aug. 16, since that's the date for District Governor Janet Tenreiro's visit.

On behalf of the program committee, Boris Glus announced that some thought has gone into the possibility of planning a Day at the Races -- a weekday afternoon gathering at Finger Lakes Race Track. He found at least half of those in attendance seemed to like the idea, and he said he'd report the results of the straw poll to the committee.

Becky Wilson said she's seen Bonnie and Sam Space, who were settled in their assisted living place in Penfield, while one of their granddaughters was moving into their Fairport home.

Cindy Hunt noted how popular kids' books were in the Rotary "free library" boxes along the canal and urged members to continue to donate same.

President John then kinda introduced guest speakers Ruth Cronkwright (who actually did NOT need an intro), and Dolly



Kujawa. Ruth is soon retiring as president of Camp Haccamo, while Dolly is the camp's secretary and longtime executive director. Robert Williams from the Webster club, will succeed Ruth as president.

Ruth noted that this is the 65th anniversary year for Camp Haccamo and also alluded to Fairport's involvement from the very start. Former Fairport Rotarian Warren Shaddock was a key figure in starting the original camp at the Penfield site. Today, 13 Monroe County clubs support Haccamo, which provides a week (Mon.-Fri.) camping experience for young people with disabilities. The camp is open for two consecutive weeks in the summer at the site operated by Rochester Rotary's Sunshine Camp in Rush.

In addition to club support, Ruth said, the Camp currently has \$2.1 million in its Foundation. The hope is that one day the Foundation fund can grow to the point where Haccamo is less dependent on contributions from the clubs. (Ruth also noted that Fairport has always been -- and still is -- among the best supporters of the Camp.)

In addition to Dolly as secretary, the Camp has recently hired a director of public relations and a director of development. Since incoming president Robert Williams was serving as treasurer, the club is in need of a new volunteer.

Dolly said the Camp now consists of 157 acres, with many opportunities for campers to enjoy special experiences. For example, she said, she witnessed a quadriplegic riding on a zip line this summer.

Normally, Haccamo accommodates 100 campers each week, but, given the pandemic, the numbers were less last year. It wasn't until June 2 that Haccamo got clearance to operate, which meant finding staffers to serve beginning in July was difficult. The Camp requires one qualified staff member for every two campers. This year's first week had 23 staff; the second week, 26. The hope is that things will return to normal at the Camp in 2022.

Dave Large and Nancy Ragus are Fairport's current representatives on the Haccamo Board, but others are always welcomed. Also, volunteers are definitely always needed, especially during camp weeks.

Ed Johnston was the winner of \$11 in the 50-50 drawing, but, not content with that measly amount, he coaxed the Queen of Spades from the deck and added another \$294 to his take home amount. Congratulations, Ed.

Ron C. Roberts



Fairport Rotary
August 9, 2021
Bill Poray, Town and Village Historian

The Fairport Rotary Club

President John gave the meeting to order at Eagle Vale.

Doug Whitney led the Pledge and Peter Lovier gave the Invocation.

Dave Scheirer introduced his wife, Suzanne, as a guest and Peter Lovier introduced Enzo Scollo in the same guise.

District Governor will address the Club next Monday. Let's have a good turnout!

Upcoming dates:	8/18-21	Insert labels in 3 rd grade dictionaries - Cindy Hunt
	9/10/21	District Golf Outing
	9/13/21	Fairport Golf Tourney and Steak Roast

Tom Weldgen gave a "Foundation Minute."

Maureen Hall introduced our speaker, Bill Poray, a difficult task since his name recognition rivals that of Walter Cronkite.

Always adept at visuals and folksy in presentation. Bill jumped right in with the inception of Fairport Rotary in 1926 and listed the names of the 19 charter members – a majority of whom lived on Dewey, Potter and Filkins in the village.

He displayed a scan of a newspaper article announcing the presentation to Fairport Rotary of "Will there be enough fuel oil this winter" by his grandfather in 1946.

He documented the role of Fairport Rotary in the life and growth of Fairport/Perinton:

- High school band uniforms
- Baptist Home New Years party
- Boys band
- Fairport Park – now called Perinton Park, was established in the Depression
- Halloween Parade
- Little League
- Short-lived "Circus"
- Camp Rush
- Camp Haccamo

Bill dragged us to another time and, in the words of Walter Cronkite, "You Were There!"

George T. Wolf

