

Fairport Rotary Club  
**THE LIFTBRIDGE**  
 September 15, 2021  
 Edition 45



2021 Wild Polio Case Counts as of August 30, 2021

| Country     | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | Date of last case |
|-------------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Afghanistan | 29   | 56   | 1    | Feb, 2021         |
| Pakistan    | 147  | 84   | 1    | Feb, 2021         |
| Total       | 176  | 140  | 2    |                   |



“GPEI Statement on Afghanistan August 19 The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is closely monitoring developments in Afghanistan. GPEI partners and staff are currently assessing immediate disruptions to polio eradication efforts and the delivery of other essential health services, to ensure continuity of surveillance and immunization activities while prioritizing the safety and security of staff and frontline health workers in the country. The polio program in Afghanistan has operated for many years amid insecurity and conflict, and will continue working with all actors, agencies and organizations who enable delivery of immunization as well as deliver humanitarian assistance to populations in need across the country. The GPEI remains steadfastly committed to protecting all children from polio and supporting the provision of other essential immunizations and health services. We strongly believe that the delivery of health care – including polio vaccination – is essential to prevent diseases and safeguard communities. Together with our partners, the people of Afghanistan, national and provincial authorities, we will do everything in our power to continue this critical work. For more information go to: <https://polioeradication.org/>”

*Submitted by President John*

## Upcoming Calendar

September 19 – Lend a hand in setting up Rotary’s scarecrow – see info next page

September 20 – Ayrault Road Cleanup, meet at Center Park parking lot at 6:00 – bring work gloves, grabbers, picks, etc., and help beautify our lovely village!

September 27 – The State of Perinton Food Shelf, Larry Hall, @ EagleVale

Also, coming up –

**October 2** – District 7120 Membership Seminar – see flyer attached

**October 4** – Fall Social at Wickham Farms – fun times – see flyer attached

Pasta Dinner – Sunday, **October 24** – get out and sell your tickets! (flyer attached also)



And....

**NOVEMBER 15** – SAVE THE DATE FOR FAIRPORT ROTARY’S 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!  
 Put it on your calendar so we can get 95%, or maybe even 100%, attendance!



# SCARECROW FESTIVAL

## From the Scarecrow Committee

For anyone and all who is willing and able to help, please meet this Sunday, September 19, at 11:00 a.m. behind Dave Doser's funeral home, Main Street. Items already in storage will need to be rearranged, spruced up and set up for Fairport's annual scarecrow festival. Rotary won a monetary prize a few years ago for their display; let's do it again! Bring your scissors, hammer, and more importantly your creativity, and help enhance our streets with the holiday spirit, or spirits!



# Members Being Rotarians



Rotarians **John Hall, Maureen Hall, Nancy Ragus** and **Brandon Scribner** attended a fundraiser for the Center for Missing and Exploited Children at Casa Larga on September 9.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotarians **Bob Hunt, Cindy Hunt, Maureen Hall** and **Daniela Qualdieri** participated in last Wednesday's Spreading Sunshine event at Wickham Farms. After cutting and arranging sunflower bouquets, volunteers delivered them to Golisano Children's Hospital, brightening many children's hearts on a gloomy September day.



# Rotary Fellowship Golf Events

Fairport Rotary's Annual Golf Tournament was held on Monday, September 13, under beautiful blue skies. It was a day full of fun, fellowship, laughter, good shots, bad shots and fireball shots. Some birdies and even an eagle were spotted!

Fairport ladies were the winning female team at District 7120's golf outing on September 10. Maureen Hall and corporate members Nicole Simonetti and Deb Miles (representing FCSD) handed in a great win!



Winning team consisted of Tom Wolanski ,Martha Malone, Todd Lange, and John Reddington.





Well, shake  
it up baby,  
now...



Let's  
twist...



...and  
shout...



...FORE!



So long Van...we'll miss this face...

...safe travels to Florida!

## LiftBridge for August 30, 2021

President John gaveled the meeting to order, Bob Linder led the pledge, and Marg Kerr offered the invocation before we tucked into our open-faced prime rib sandwiches and pommes frites.

Guests tonight included Warren Knapp's wife, Pat, immediate past district governor Linda Kohl, and district secretary and Victor Rotarian Karen Parkhurst.

Linda Kohl called immediate past president Mark Fuerbacher to the podium to receive a District Rotary Citation, which the club earned for 2020-21 by meeting all the necessary criteria. Moments later, President John gave Mark and Becky Wilson their past president pins.

President John offered congratulations to Nicole Simonetti, who won the Women's Club Championship at Midvale over the weekend. Nicole will lead a women's foursome for our club in the Rotary District tournament on Sept. 10.

Brandon Scribner reminded everyone that Monday, Sept. 20, is our annual road cleanup project on Ayrault Road. Details to come.

Heinrich Fischer announced that tickets soon would be available to sell for our annual Pasta Dinner at the VFW, which again will be a pre-sale, takeout-only affair. Each Rotarian will get 10 tickets to sell -- and will be financially responsible for half of them.

Pieter Smeenck offered tonight's "Membership Minute," noting that the number of Rotarians in the world remains at 1.2 million, no change in some seven years -- despite lots of departures and additions. He encourages members to practice the "each one bring one" campaign and invite someone you know to meeting.



Ron Roberts then introduced guest speaker Chris Veronda, who worked with Ron and Scott Winner of the Fairport-Perinton Partnership to help develop the highly successful Train Watching Platform in the Village, which was adapted from the Albert H. Knapp Rotary pavilion funded some years ago by our club.



Chris explained why Fairport is such an ideal spot for rail fans -- and others -- to enjoy the spectacle of trains rushing by. His simplest explanation? "We have trains!" Some 40 trains a day go through Fairport, including 8 Amtrak passenger trains, and many of the freight trains are much longer than in the past with a second engine somewhere in the middle.

The platform is extremely popular with local residents, he said, not just diehard rail fans. A group of young moms meet there regularly with their children, and a group of Mennonites come to town to watch the trains.

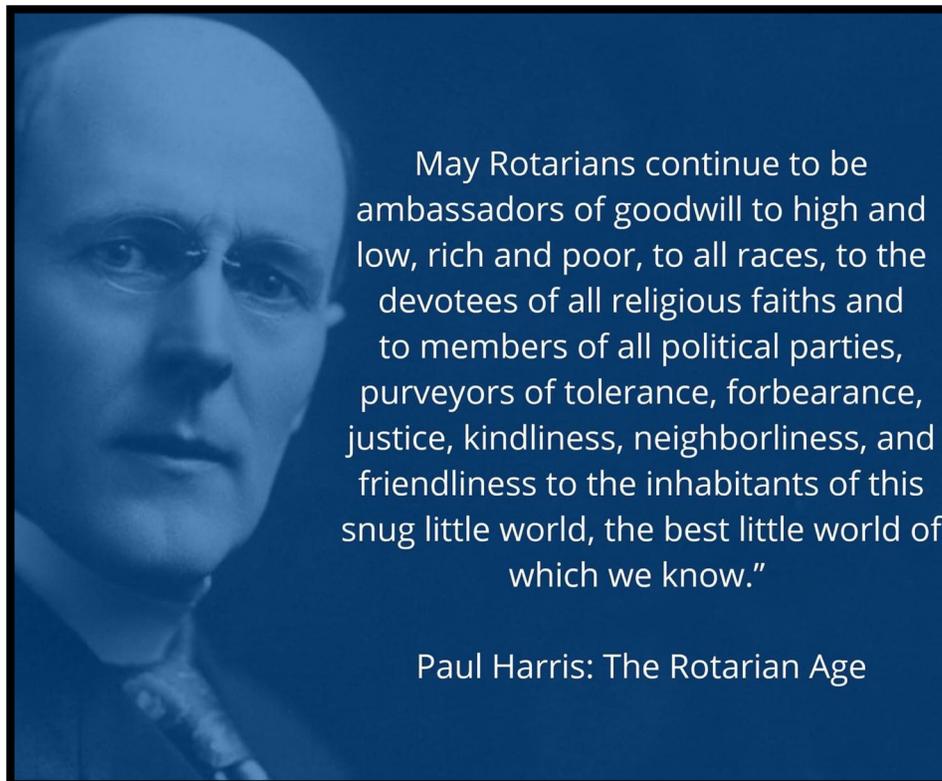
Chris noted that CSX, which runs this section of rail, is one of five major railroads and has some 21,000 miles of track. It is also hugely profitable, a Wall Street darling worth some \$75 billion.

He said that Fairport has a long and rich rail history, dating back 170 years, 100 of which were under the New York Central auspices. His tip for train watchers: 11 am to 1 pm, and 5 pm to 7 pm are the hours that have the most trains passing by.

The 50-50 pot of \$13 was won by Heinrich Fischer, who donated it to Rotary Foundation. The larger pot now has \$45.



Ron C. Roberts



HAYRIDES

DONUTS & CIDER

MINI GOLF



PETTING ZOO  
MEGA SLIDE

CORN MAZE

# FAIRPORT ROTARY FALL SOCIAL

**MON. 10/4/21 | 5 PM - 7 PM\* | WICKHAM FARMS  
1315 SWEETS CORNERS RD., PENFIELD, 14526**

**FAIRPORT ROTARIANS (+1 GUEST) RECEIVE FREE BARNYARD PASS  
DINNER VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FOR \$10 EACH**

**RSVP BY FRI 10/1/21 TO PAIGE WICKHAM  
PKW24@CORNELL.EDU**

\*MEET AT EVENTS BARN. PATHWAYS ARE GRAVEL. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE  
GETTING AROUND THE FARM, PLEASE CHECK-IN AT THE ADMISSIONS BOOTH  
& REQUEST A SHUTTLE RIDE. DINNER SERVICE ENDS AT 6:45P.



## Dinner Menu

**Reserve dinner vouchers by Fri. 10/1/21. Pay on-site Mon. 10/4/21.  
Cost \$10/person. Dinner service 5p - 6:45p.  
Voucher good for purchase of 1 of following:**

### **FROM THE FRESH GRILL\* . . .**

DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER

DOUBLE HAMBURGER

HAND-BREADED CHICKEN TENDERS

PULLED PORK SANDWICH

BARNYARD BURGER (CHEESEBURGER TOPPED WITH PULLED PORK)

GRILLED PORTABELLA SANDWICH

SHROOM BURGER (CHEESEBURGER TOPPED WITH GRILLED PORTABELLO)

\*Served with fries, as well as a fountain drink or bottled water

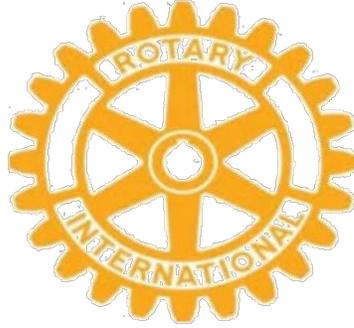
### **FROM THE PIZZA PORCH\*\* . . .**

7 INCH PERSONAL CHEESE PIZZA

7 INCH PERSONAL PEPPERONI PIZZA

\*\*Served with a fountain drink or bottled water

Fairport  
**Rotary**  
Club



Curb-side  
Take-out  
Dinner Only

# **Annual Pasta Dinner**

## **Fundraiser**

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**4:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

**VFW Post 8495**

**300 Macedon Center Rd (Rt 31F)**

**Proceeds to Benefit**

**Fairport Rotary Charities**

**Adults \$10.00, Children (4-12) \$8**

Tickets available at the Fairport LNB Bank,  
FairportRotary.com, or contact any Fairport Rotarian  
to get tickets, advanced sale only.

(This event is compliant with current Covid Regulations)



## DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

### To all Rotarians of District 7120:

We are Rotarians! We are **People of Action!!!** As Rotarians, we continually look for ways to make our clubs more vibrant, relevant and impactful in a broader way than what it is right now!



You are invited and encouraged to attend our Membership Development Seminars scheduled this year to find out how we can achieve vibrant membership growth.

### Sessions Covered:

- **Rotary Elevator Pitches** – Learn why Rotary elevator pitches are important, hear Rotarians share examples and work on formulating or updating your elevator pitch
- **How to Attract Members** – Learn about traditional and non-traditional ways to invite and attract prospective members to Rotary, as well as about cause-based clubs
- **How to Engage and Retain Members** – Learn about mentoring and other opportunities to get members involved, engaged and retained
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** – Learn about DEI as it relates to membership development, as well as ways that we can create a more welcoming and inclusive environment for all

### Dates & Location of the impactful seminar:

- **Saturday, October 2, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm**  
Harris Beach PLLC  
99 Garnsey Road, Pittsford, New York 14534  
Register at: <http://bit.ly/7120c-Membership>

Registration starts at 8:30 am

Session starts promptly at 9:00 am

**Registration closes Sept 29th.**

**We look forward to seeing you at this seminar!**



**EACH ROTARIAN:  
REACH ONE, KEEP ONE**

**From the District Membership Development Committee members, (Co-Chair Sara Visingard, Co-Chair John French, Drew Ashley, Carl Grovanz, John Hall, Kelsey Hansen, & Barbara Bianchi)**