

Fairport Rotary Club
THE LIFTBRIDGE
October 15, 2021
Edition 47



Fairport Rotary Calendar

- 10/18 – @ EagleVale, Club Assembly, Pasta Dinner Final Prep; Dinner will be Cranberry Smoked Ham Wrap
- 10/20 – Ghost Walk – see below!
- 10/24 – Pasta Dinner
- 10/25 – No Meeting
- 10/29 – Perinton Rec Halloween Parade sponsored by Fairport Rotary
- 11/1 – @ EagleVale, Foundation Month, Tom Weldgen; Dinner will be Haddock Florentine
- 11/8 – @ EagleVale, K-12 Education in the Time of Covid, FCSD Doug Lauf & Brett Provenzano; Dinner will be Penne Alfredo with Broccoli
- 11/15 – @ Casa Larga, Club's 95th Anniversary Celebration – details forthcoming!

District Calendar

- 10/29 – World Polio Day Celebration – see flyer attached



GHOST WALK



THERE ARE STILL 15 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR WEDNESDAY'S GHOST WALK. STROLL THRU THE VILLAGE WITH ROTARIAN RON ROBERTS TO FIND OUT WHICH HOUSES ARE HAUNTED AND HEAR A LITTLE HISTORY ALONG THE WAY. STARTS AT 6:00 P.M. CONTACT NANCY RAGUS at nragus@casalarga.com IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND SHE WILL GIVE YOU MORE SPECIFICS. YOU WILL HAVE AN EERILY GOOD TIME!





Some good news we should all know - Rotarian Andrew Spreter is engaged! He proposed to his fiancé Katlyn Richardson while on vacation in North Myrtle Beach back in August. Congratulations Andrew and Katlyn!



LOOKING FOR HELP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANY ROTARIAN WHO WOULD HELP TO VISIT A RESTAURANT FOR PARTICIPATION IN OUR SAVOR THE FLAVOR EVENT.

We have rotary members who have helped in the past to solicit the following restaurants:

Bob & Cindy Hunt - **Affaire de Chocolat, Lulu's Taqueria, Moonlight Creamery**

Terry O'Neil - **Donnelly's, Argyle Grill, Yanhuang Gourmet**

Mark Fuerbacher - **Fairfields, Lemonchello's**

Ed Johnston - **Fairport village Inn, Amazing Grains, Mac's Philly Cheese**

Ron Roberts - **Casabresella Deli**

Heinrich Fischer - **Mulconry's**

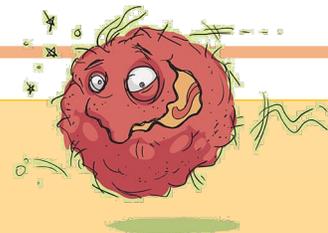
Boris Glus - **Jeremiah's**

Bob Linder - **Horizon's, McArdules, Lebella Mangia, Applebee's, Guacamole Taqueria, City Tavern, Olive Garden, Good Smoke ER**



PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE OR ANY ADDITIONAL RESTAURANTS - CALL BOB LINDER @ 223-6503 OR EMAIL drlinder@rochester.rr.com

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP



Please plan to "serve to change lives," in more ways than one, by helping serve up at the pasta dinner, Sunday, October 24. Click on the link below and add your name to the assignment sheet. This is an all-hands-on-deck event.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12o0Cwj1E5ZFuVY8GI1qqLhGZjpt6nmo/edit?usp=s_haring&ouid=114941799494142606995&rtpof=true&sd=true



EMPIRE MULTI-DISTRICT WORLD POLIO DAY CELEBRATION DINNER

Friday, October 29, 2021

To all Rotarians of Districts 7120, 7150, 7170, & 7190:

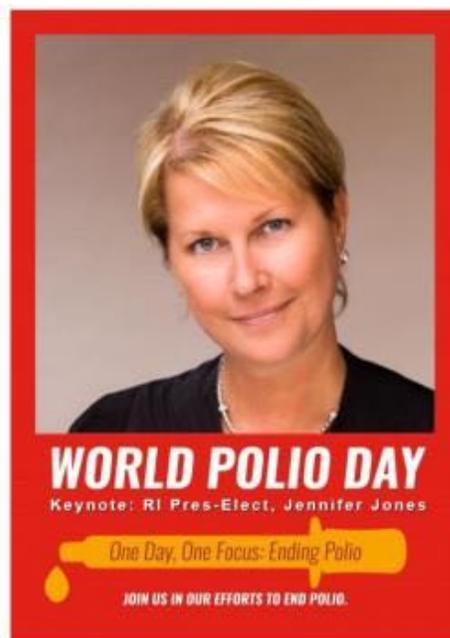
Please join us, with **Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones**, as we rally with our fellow Rotarians around the world to support the fight to end polio forever.

You are invited and encouraged to attend our Empire Multi-District World Polio Day Celebration Dinner. Seating is limited, so get your reservations in quickly.

All proceeds from this event will go to the Rotary Polio Fund.

Be there for Fellowship, Cash Bar & Dinner:

- 4:00 pm** Mayor's Proclamation on the steps of Syracuse City Hall. (Map)
- 5:00 pm** - Cash Bar
- 6:00 pm** – Dinner (4 meals to choose from)
- 7:00 pm** - Celebration: Keynote Jennifer Jones



Dates & Location of this one-of-a-kind event:

- Friday, October 29, 2021**
Ramada by Wyndam (441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool / Syracuse, NY 13088)

Register at: <https://bit.ly/MD-Polio-Dinner>

Registration closes Oct. 25th.

We look forward to seeing you!

FAIRPORT ROTARY FIELD TRIP TO WICKHAM FARMS

Our very own Paige Wickham hosted our Club for an evening at Wickham Farms.

Despite inclement weather, a fine turn-out of members and guests joined together for a tour of the premises and a wonderful dinner. Following an informal gathering at the start, we obtained our meal tickets (free of charge; thank you very much) and proceeded to queue-up to place our orders. It was a difficult choice among the burgers, portobellos, and pulled pork. Yours truly opted for the magnificent Barnyard Burger—a cheese burger topped with pulled pork. What a compromise! The meals were rounded-out with French Fries (portioned by our Hostess Paige), and a soft drink of your choice.

We trooped from the food station to the event barn where we dined at long tables and enjoyed the company of each other. Dessert was provided, and we enjoyed cider and apple flavored cinnamon donuts. Each of us were satisfactorily full.

President John then presided over announcements:

- New members will meet following our Club meeting next week.
- Stayed tuned for information concerning our mid-November 95th anniversary celebration at Casa Larga.
- Sell Pasta Dinner tickets and wear your PASTA pin. Thank you Boris!

We passed the donut bag to donate dollars as tips to the many young folks who assisted Paige in providing us with such a delightful evening.

To cap-off the evening, Paige gave us the history of her family business pursuits evolving to Wickham Farms.

We all retreated to our cars with smiles on our faces. What an enjoyable Fairport Rotary outing.

Lew Heisman



LiftBridge for October 11, 2021

President John gaveled the meeting to order, Cindy Hunt led the pledge, and Dan Arbuckle offered the invocation on Indigenous Peoples Day.

President John introduced prospective new member Brad Allen, and Dr. Tanya Wilson-Thevanesan, representing Fairport School District's corporate Rotary membership.

Cindy Hunt gave an update on the Malawi Village Post-Secondary Scholarship Program, which is supported by the Fairport, Canandaigua and Rochester Clubs and provides scholarships for orphans in that African country. Four more scholarships were awarded last month, and Cindy gave a quick rundown of some of the impressive achievements of past scholarship recipients.

President John reminded all that the Greece Rotary Club is looking for used walkers, wheelchairs, canes and the like. If you have such items to donate, please contact President John.

Tom Weldgen presented tonight's "Foundation Moment," noting that there are now ways to make gifts to the Foundation for specific projects that focus on the environment, many of them addressing severe water problems in the US and worldwide.

Our guest speakers were former Fairport Rotarian and club president Sara Visingard, now a member of the Victor-Farmington club, and John French, past-president and also president-elect of the Naples Club.

Sara and John co-chair the District's Membership Development Committee, which has three goals:



- Serve as a resource to clubs and advise them of the different types of memberships available, such as honorary, corporate, seasonal, family, and "causal," such as perhaps an all-Veterans club.
- Help clubs recruit and maintain a diverse membership.
- Seek a two-percent growth in membership -- and each individual club -- for the entire district.

Among many good suggestions and advice, they offered several ideas that other district clubs use in their attempts to drive membership, including:

- Give guests collateral items like sunglasses or tumblers that others might see and ask about.
- Have a "Spotlight on Members" feature that can be shared on social media.
- Select a Rotary student-of-the-month and invite the student and his/her family to a meeting.
- Find ways to tell your own personal Rotary story (elevator speech).
- Nominate people in the community who "do something nice," then invite them to a meeting to be honored. (Good PR possibility here, too.)

John French also emphasized the need for retention of members as well as recruitment, noting that 52% of new Rotary members leave within two years of induction. He specifically advises clubs not to "give a new member a bad job in the club," but rather to engage a new member and give them roles in which they'll be actively interested.

Sara and John closed by noting that the District will run a few membership contests for the remainder of the 2021-2022 year, starting with prizes for the club making the largest percentage membership gain from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

Bill Stevens won the 50-50 pot of \$10, but his decision to select the two of diamonds left \$69 in the larger pot for a future drawing.

Ron C. Roberts

**EACH ONE
BRING ONE**



COME, JOIN ROTARY

Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?