

Fairport Rotary Club
THE LIFTBRIDGE
January 15, 2022
Edition 53



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It looks like Old Man Winter has finally arrived in our area and the skiers in our club will have plenty of fresh snow to ski on.


Our first meeting of the new calendar year Past District Governors Scott MacDonell and Bill Gormont introduced us to the strategic planning process that our club will be going through over the next few months. An email was sent out to all our members with a link to complete a Club Health Survey. This survey allows our members to say what they see are the good points of Fairport Rotary and the areas that present an opportunity for improvement. This then gives the Strategic Planning facilitators areas to focus on in order to develop a plan for our club. As of this writing, 37 of our members have completed and returned the survey which equates to roughly 68.5% of the club. In order for the planning team to work with us, they need 80% of the club complete this survey, so we need at least 6 more members to step up. If you have not completed the survey and cannot find the link, please get back to me as soon as possible and I will forward to you. (Becky has included it below and on the last page.) The workshop originally scheduled for 12 February has been rescheduled for 5 March.

Members, contact me for the link, if you mislaid your email.

Share Rotary


Let it
Snow

JANUARY ROTARY CALENDAR

- 17th – ZOOM, *The State of the Town of Perinton*, Ciaran Hanna, Tow Supervisor, 6:30 p.m., see Zoom invite
- 24th – Probably ZOOM, *Asian/Pacific Islander/American Association of Greater Rochester*, Mimi Lee 
- 31st – ZOOM, *Winterdance Dogsled Tours*, Tanya McCready

FOOD SHELF NEEDS

Paper Towels, cereal, pancake mix, strawberry & grape jelly, bottled juices, juice boxes, salad dressings, boxed plain mashed potatoes, cans of mixed vegetables, carrots, hash & beef stew.

Please drop off at Perinton Community Center (back of building), Fairport Library, Red Bird Market & numerous churches. 

Members Being Rotarians

Yesterday, January 14, Rotarians Maureen Hall, Cindy Hunt and Dr. Tanya Wilson-Thevanesan presented dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Brooks Hill. On behalf of Fairport Rotary's commitment to education and literacy, they braved the bitter cold, put Service Above Self, and made many children very happy. See their notes below. Thank you, ladies, for making Fairport Rotary look good!

Hello Dr. T,

I am hoping you'd be a messenger to the Fairport Rotary and pass along our sincere thanks for the wonderful gift of dictionaries. Here is what my class had to say about them:

*Thank you so much for this dictionary. It has become my prized possession ever since you handed it to me. -Ruby

*I love the longest word in the dictionary. -Zurine

*I love the back with all of the references. -Charlie

*Thank you for the dictionary. -Jayden

*Thank you for coming to our class. Thank you for giving me a student dictionary. -Karis

*Thank you! -Connor

*I am so happy we have a multiplication chart in our dictionary. -Ryan

*Thank you for the dictionary. -Hopkins

*Thank you for the dictionary. I will use it in further problems in grammar and spelling. -Grayson

*I love the facts about the states. -Chase

*Thank you for the dictionary. It will help me spell words. -Jocelyn

*Thank you for the dictionary. -Parker

*How do you say the longest word? Thank you! -Alex C.

*Thank you for the amazing dictionary. -Alex K.

*Thank you for the dictionary. When I grow up, I'd like to join the Fairport Rotary. -Emina

Thank you so much!

Mrs. Emily Hunt and Third Graders

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Foundation

Expires 6/30/22

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Bob Linder

MEMBER
Spotlight



FIRST HALF OF BOB LINDER'S LIFE

- Graduated from Allegheny College 1961. BS in economics
- Married to Dodie Petruso on 8/12/61
- 4 children and 10 grandchildren
- Graduated OCS Newport R.I. June 1962
- Active duty U.S. Navy 1962 through 1965 communication officer, cryptographer and Air Controller
- Discharged from active duty as a LT
- MBA Univ of Pittsburgh 1967
- Passed CPA exam Nov. 1967

- Worked for Main Lafrentz international CPA firm from 1965 to 1971 in Pittsburgh 1971 to 1983 in Rochester. Became a Partner with Main Lafrentz in 1977
- Merged practice as partner with Davie Kaplan in 1983
- BECAME A ROTARIAN FIFTY YEARS AGO – JANUARY 1, 1972!!!

SECOND HALF

- Passed Series 7 and 66 securities exam and insurance exam in January 2000
- Certified as a financial planner by the American Institute of CPA's in 2009
- Retired from Davie Kaplan 6/30/2004
- Past President of the New York Society of CPA's Rochester Chapter
- Past President of Fairport Rotary Club
- Past President Fairport Library Board
- Active member of the Rochester Estate Planning Council

BEST THING ABOUT ROTARY

- Rotary has given me the chance to help others and make lasting, dependable friendships.

SOMETHING NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT BOB LINDER

- I have a twin sister who got all the looks and brains!

Look what else was going on when Bob Linder joined Rotary - 50 years ago!

Bob left today for warmer climate and will be gone for several weeks. We will miss you Bob, but we'll see you on Zoom!

BACK IN 1972

70'S SLANG
Psyche!
Just Kidding
Far Out
Cool
Dream On
Unrealistic
Right On
In Agreement
Can You Dig It?
Do You Understand

AVERAGE COST

First class stamp	\$0.08
Gallon of gas	\$0.36
Dozen Eggs	\$0.53
Movie ticket	\$1.70
New house	\$27,550

U.S. PRESIDENT
Richard Nixon

AVERAGE INCOME
Per year
\$9,697

70's Style...

WOMEN
Polyester
Platform shoes
Flared trousers
Farrah Fawcett Flicks

MEN
V-neck velour shirts
Chest hair | Sideburns
Turtlenecks
Afros | Mulletts



FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN

Dwayne Johnson
Eminem
Jenny McCarthy
Gwyneth Paltrow
Cameron Diaz
The Notorious B.I.G.
Jennifer Garner

IN THE NEWS

Bob Douglas becomes the first African American elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above 1,000 (1,003.16) for the first time

Women are allowed to compete in the Boston Marathon for the first time

The first episode of The Price Is Right is hosted on CBS by Bob Barker

Bobby Fischer defeats Boris Spassky in a chess match at Reykjavik, Iceland, becoming the first American chess champion

The first female FBI agents are hired

HBO begins operating as a pay television service

ON Television...

- The Brady Bunch
- All in the Family
- The Carol Burnett Show
- The Tonight Show
- Hawaii Five-O

World Population
3.85 BILLION
PEOPLE ON THE PLANET



ON THE RADIO

Don McLean "American Pie"
Harry Nilsson "Without You"
Hot Butter "Popcorn"
Gilbert O'Sullivan "Alone Again (Naturally)"
Daniel Boone "Beautiful Sunday"
The Moody Blues "Nights in White Satin"
Neil Young "Heart of Gold"
Al Green "Let's Stay Together"
Donny Osmond "Puppy Love"
Neil Young "Heart of Gold"

IN THEATERS

The Godfather
The Poseidon Adventure
What's Up, Doc?
Behind the Green Door
Deliverance

LiftBridge for Jan. 10, 2022

President John opened the meeting -- in the UPSTAIRS room at Eagle Vale! -- and Doug Whitney led the pledge. Becky Wilson recited an invocation sent to her by Dominick Cecconi, President John introduced visiting guest Dan Galan, and we dined.

Pieter Smeenk offered the Membership Minute, citing the "Each One Bring One" theme and suggesting we think about contacting former Fairport Rotarians to see about having them return to the club.

Low Heisman then introduced Rick Dollinger, a retired trial lawyer, judge, county legislator and State senator, now a teacher at St. John Fisher.

In a spirited and illustrated presentation, Judge Dollinger wove a colorful tale on the life and times of George Armstrong Custer, the man best known for his fatal Last Stand at the Battle of Little Big Horn, where 268 of his 700-man regiment died fighting against the Sioux and Cheyenne tribes.



He told how Custer, graduating last in West Point's class of 1856, was breveted from Lt. Col. to General in the Civil War (later twice demoted back to his original rank), and how his political ambitions caused him to choose testifying in a Washington impeachment trial of Secretary of War William Belknap instead of a timely campaign against the Lakota Sioux and Cheyenne tribes in the Black Hills of the Montana territory. Dollinger explained how the delay proved costly -- fatally, in fact -- to him and hundreds of his regiment.

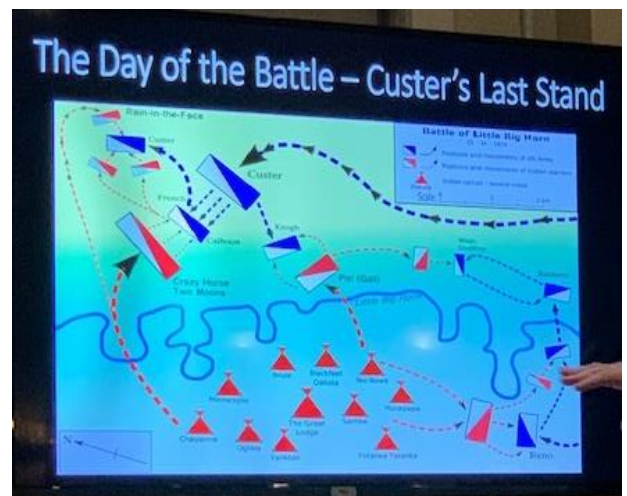
In all, a thoroughly entertaining evening.

Scott Baker took home \$12 in the 50-50, but left \$34 on the table in the "big" pot.

Monday, Jan. 17 --- Perinton Town Supervisor Ciaran Hanna. Board Meeting to follow.

Get your surveys in.

Ron C. Roberts



Fairport Rotary News Letter – **January 3, 2022** – at EagleVale. Happy New Year! Dan Arbuckle sold 50/50 tickets.

President John Hall gaveled us to order at 6:15. Dave Doser led the Pledge and Nicole Simonetti presented a thoughtful New Year invocation.

PJH asked for moment of silent prayer for Tom Weldgen’s brother and sister in law – both passed away before Christmas.

PJH then made some opening comments and introduced guests – PDG Scott MacDonnell here as part of our speaker team – the second half of team had some issues and could not get here – PDG Bill Gormont – but he joined us via internet for the program.

Dennis Behr won the bingo contest on our Zoom Xmas Party program – he was presented with a commemorative shirt.

Connie Borkhuis joined us and all were pleased to see her! She updated her travel plans – here for a while now, and then off again in her Mobile Home for spring touring. PJH reminded her she is a member and welcomed any time her schedule allows her to visit with us!

We broke for dinner of salad, rolls, potatoes, baked chicken drumsticks and sautéed carrots!

After dinner, PJH opened a discussion with entire club regarding our need to make plans for our regular meetings. Should we continue to meet at Eagle Vale? If so need to guarantee the meal number, or should we consider zoom meetings for the next couple meetings, or periodically? Club consensus of 32 present – all present were in favor of continuing to meet in person – Eagle Vale has added tables and we cut down number per table. Everyone entering building must wear masks until seated at their table for dining. If they stand to walk elsewhere – mask on again. Several members noted however, that we need to keep evaluating this and responding in relation to the current guidance, and to the ongoing feeling of club members – all are concerned that we protect our members.

Bob Linder update on Savor – still some possibility to hold it her at Eagle Vale in a Mat timeframe before the Memorial Day weekend. He will keep us updated – it still raises many questions about attendance, ability to sell tickets, and to attract vendors – all dependent on the county protocols for group gatherings as they move forward.

Paige Wickham announced a 7pm virtual program committee meeting – she will send the link notice to committee members.

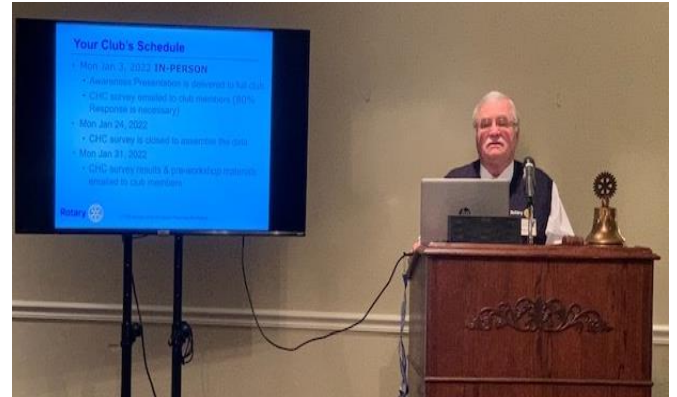
PJH recognized club anniversaries and birthdays for January – ending with Bob Linder with 50 years in Rotary!! George Wolf informed that he and Holly celebrated 55 years married on 12/15/2021 – Congratulations!

PJH then introduced PDG Scott MacDonnell – first part of our program – Scott retired after 40 years in school administration in 1984. Lives in Clifton Springs with wife Vivian. Scott our District Governor for 2014-2015. He introduced PDG Bill Gormont, PDG 2015-2016 and past President of Greece Rotary, joining us via audio link. Bill has visited our club before, and he presented some of the intro to this program and the process to us in the past.



Scott introduced the program – “District Strategic Planning Workshop Awareness Presentation” Aimed at helping clubs to understand the process a club can pursue to make sense out of an approach and hopefully not be overwhelmed. They have been working on this for 4-5 years now. They hope to answer the questions – WHY strategic planning? To create a vision for our club and our journey into the future – this is strictly voluntary – they are not mandating anything – but they will gladly help respond to PJH request.

(Note from this newsletter writer - Our club has been in this process for several years starting in Past Pres Steve Hass' year and continuing well into Pres Becky's year, then thru Pres Mark, and into PJH year, having been stopped and delayed repeatedly by Covid, changing directors, unsteady meeting times/locations, loss of fund raisers, Covid resurgences, and other concerns, and so we put this off hoping for a time we could directly and actively participate and move this project and our club into our future.)



Per Scott, the process will help us navigate our actual club infrastructure, membership and our leadership. The primary focus starts on the leadership – there are 5 steps in this process –

- 1 - We complete a strategic analysis SWOT – strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in a formal work session.
- 2 - We develop our future vision and vision statement
- 3 - We detail our strategic actions
- 4 - We EXECUTE – we actually DO the things developed in our strategy!
- 5 - We monitor and adjust –NOTE this is NOT a project that we do and put on shelf – it is NOT a one-time fix – it IS intended to be a process that we continue to use as we evaluate and change our focus to continue to execute our strategic plans in the future and react to the changing world and our own changing membership and community.

Bill - So how do we begin?? There is an actual questionnaire that takes 15 minutes or less, that Pres John will send to the membership after we finish this presentation. Ideally, every member would respond and answer the questions – easy and really meant to help focus the project for the next steps. They will allow a couple weeks to do this and John has worked with our program committee to line up dates that make sense to this process without cramming into a tight timeframe. They really need at least 80 % of the membership to complete this step so there is a really representative cross section and not just the current leadership. So for 54 members, we should have about 40 responses for valid group.

Get these done and back by 1/24, then Bill and Scott will organize them for the second step.

1/31 results and pre-work session materials will be sent to the club. On Monday 2/7 there will be a long – 75 minute - meeting for Bill and Scott to work through this all with us and help us to focus with the SWOT analysis and get agreement to where things are properly categorized as strength, weakness, opportunity or risk.

Then Saturday morning 2/14 from 8 to 12:30 there will be a small workshop for the leadership group – at least 6 but no more than 12 members to be selected by John and to give a cross section of leaders, committee chairs, new members/at large general members. This session will work on the actual vision statement and set goals, develop time frames, and establish committees where needed, develop our

members, improve our club, and take actions. They then answered questions and provided further explanations to concerns on the process.

PJH thanked Scott and Bill for a great program and provided our Rotary Coffee mug to Scott.

50/50 drawing – Scott MacDonnell drew the winning number ending 049 and after some delay, PJH realized he was the winner of the \$12 small pot but he drew the 6 of clubs, so no “large” pot of \$14.

Next week – Rick Dollinger – “Who Killed Custer?”

PJH will send out the link to the questionnaire for our project and will follow up with all of the timing, dates, etc. in future emails. – [link removed from website version, members: check your email.](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Weldgen



Did anyone happen to watch the Rose Bowl Parade on January 1? Did you happen to notice the Rotary International Float? Maureen Hall happen to catch the parade and submitted a photo. She said the parade emcees mentioned literacy and women & child health as some areas of service Rotary is committed to.