

Fairport Rotary Club
THE LIFTBRIDGE
February 28, 2022
Edition 56



Fairport Bridge is currently lit up in Ukrainian flag colors

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHN HALL

Tonight we begin our journey to have a proactive response to situations rather than a reactive response. Our District Strategic Planning committee will present pre-workshop session to review the Club Health Surveys that a majority of us recently completed. Last week, each of you received a summary of the club's responses, so that we can review and see what we as a club need to do and accomplish to make us one of the premier Rotary clubs in Rotary District 7120.

After tonight, I am asking at least six to eight more of you to agree to participate in the workshop on Saturday 12 March at the Perinton Community Center. Please consider spending 4 hours on that Saturday morning and help our club develop direction for the future.

Remember, please bring a hard copy of the survey that I sent out last week for this pre-workshop. Also, please remember that this pre-workshop will end around 8:00 PM.

- Session #1 Date: Monday February 28, 2022 (6:15 pm to approximately 7:30 pm)
Share Rotary
 - This session will be at Eagle Vale Golf Club, 4344 Fairport Nine Mile Point Rd, Fairport, NY 14450
 - Pre-workshop Club Health Check SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) at a regular club meeting (approx. 75 minutes)
 - This meeting will be fully dedicated to the CHC SWOT analysis
 - For best results, attendance and participation by ALL members is essential.
 - Those members who will be participating on Saturday March 12th must be in attendance at this meeting.

MARCH FAIRPORT ROTARY CALENDAR

March 7 – ZOOM MEETING - Aerospace Engineering: A Conversation with a NASA Astronaut (Dominic DelRosso)

March 14 – Feeling Over the Weather (Glenn Johnson) @ EagleVale

March 21 – K-12 Education in the Time of Covid (Brett Provenzano) @ EagleVale

March 28 – TBD

OTHER EXCITING UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

April 11 – Tri-Club Meeting with Brighton, Spencerport & Fairport

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3rd – Pat G

4th – Lew H

8th – Terry O

10th – Ken B

11th – Sam F

24th – Dave D

28th – Nancy R



MARCH IS

WATER AND SANITATION
MONTH

"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone, must become available to all people now."
Jean-Michel Cousteau

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Kareen Zeitounzian



In the first half (thus far) of my life . . .

- I was born on Greek soil to an Armenian father and mother, who were born on Israeli and Lebanese soil, respectively.
- My family uprooted and moved to the U.S. (Rochester area) when I was four years old, based on a spur-of-the-moment decision related to television.
- A 13 year old found for my family the first house we owned - a ranch in Pittsford, which I still live in today.
- I had many wonderful childhood experiences, including frequent dinner parties with guests of many cultural backgrounds, overnight camp at Rotary Sunshine, cultivating life-long friendships, instilling volunteerism, daily swims, rock concerts, crafting projects and lots of ice cream.
- Not long after being the 190th (yes, the last) member of Pittsford Mendon High School Class of '95 to collect my diploma on-stage, I moved into a dorm on the University of Rochester (UR) campus.
- When I enrolled in UR, I declared Biology as my major, and aspired to become the female counterpart of Jacques Cousteau. When I graduated from UR, I had completed a Major in Political Science and aspired to become a legal journalist for The New York Times.



In the second half (thus far) of my life . . .

- I faced a few heavy challenges at the start, including the sudden loss of my younger brother, personal near-death illness, and moving out of my safety-net of Rochester for the first time in my life.
- I attended SUNY at Buffalo School of Law, where I delved deep into my academic studies and more fully discovered a calling to practice law.
- Work experiences brought me back to Rochester after law school. I served several years as an Assistant Legal Clerk to a Monroe County Family Court Judge, had a short tenure with the Monroe County District Attorney, as well as The Center for Disability Rights, before securing my first career opportunity with Harris Beach, PLLC in SEPTEMBER 2006.
- I tapped into my love for travel and have had the good fortune to visit cities like Paris, Brussels, Athens and Beirut, as well as numerous U.S. cities.

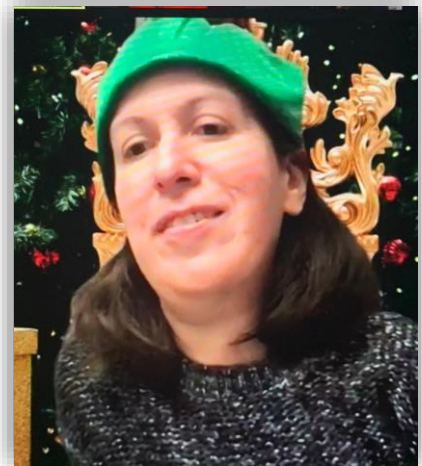
- After I broke a previously self-imposed rule in SEPTEMBER 2012 (i.e. Thou shall not accept a Facebook friend request from someone you have yet to meet in person), I was introduced to, formed a deep-rooted friendship with and began to date my infinity partner, Michael.
- Causes near and dear to my heart have steered me towards active engagement with organizations like Rotary and NMD United, the former of which I joined in SEPTEMBER 2010. (My circannual rhythm is still in par with the academic calendar - twenty years out of school - and I still consider September the start of a new year and new things.)

My favorite thing about Rotary is . . . that it provides a broad variety of opportunity to serve local, regional and international communities with like-minded people.

Something nobody (in Rotary) knows about me is . . .
 . my surname translates to “Family of the Olives,” and I am a lifelong olive enthusiast.

Kareen V. Zeitounzian
 Attorney

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We all miss you Kareen –
 hope to see you in person



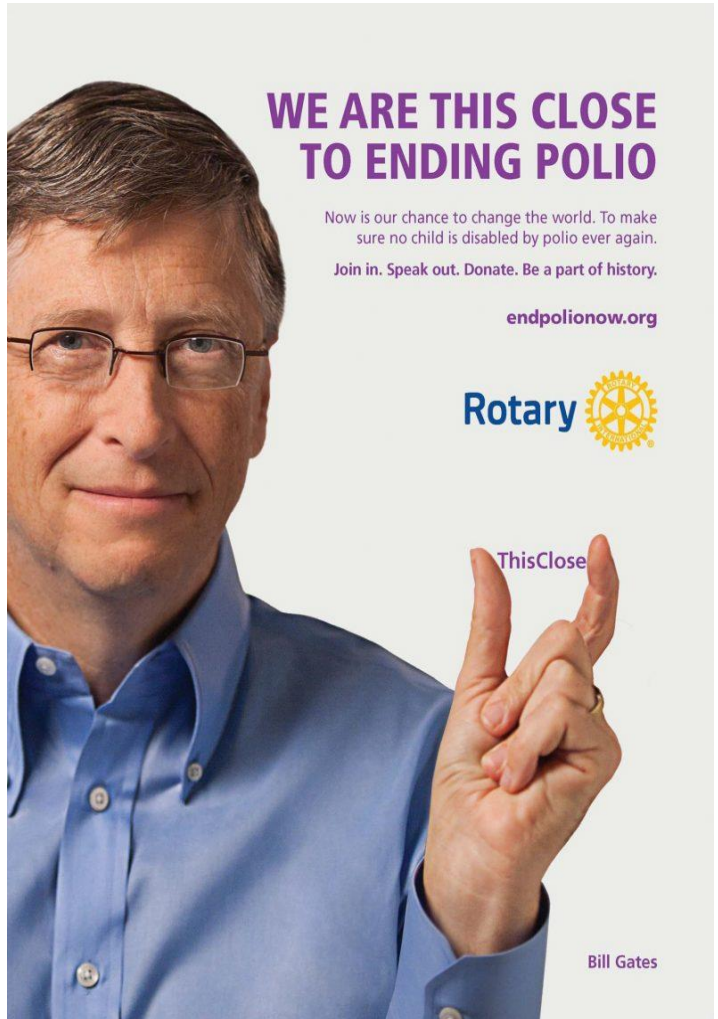
From the
 Congratulations to fellow Rotarian **Sam Farina** in his new job as Safety and Security Director for Fairport School District! After serving as Fairport Police Chief for the last seven years, Sam has decided to “retire” from the police department, yet still plans to serve his community with this new position. Good luck Sam!

Continue to send cards and prayers to Detective Moss

WHO Says Polio Detected in Malawi in Setback to Eradication

From the *Democrat & Chronicle*
2/19/22

JOHANNESBURG – The World Health Organization said authorities in Malawi have detected a case of polio in the country's capital, another setback in continuing efforts to eradicate the infectious disease globally. In a statement Friday, the U.N. health agency said officials had identified wild poliovirus disease in a young child in Lilongwe, the first time the wild virus has been detected on the African continent in five years. WHO said lab tests showed the virus detected is connected to the strain that has been spreading in Pakistan.



 **Tri-Club Dinner**
Brighton, Fairport & Spencerport Rotary

Monday April 11, 2022
Cocktails 6 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM

Agatina's Restaurant
2967 Buffalo Road

Speakers:
Robert Duffy, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce president and Chief Executive Officer
Heidi Zimmer-Meyer, President at Rochester Downtown Development Corporation

Crab Stuffed Haddock, Baked Chicken
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Make checks payable to your own Rotary Club
Deadline of April 3, 2022 for RSVP to your club

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Lake Ontario Event & Conference Center

Fairport Rotary News Letter – **February 14, 2022** – Zoom meeting at 7 pm.
Happy Valentine's Day!

Kareen Zeitouzian – Co-President Elect, welcomed us to our Zoom Room with her background heart display. President John Hall gaveled us to order at 7.

Terry O led us in the pledge,

PJH then made some opening comments welcoming our Rotarians, and a number of guest spouses. He also introduced our guest speaker for tonight's hands on program - Debbie Wickham, Paige's Mother.

PJH announcements – NEXT WEEK, 2/21 - we will **meet again in person** at EagleVale! Mitch Leet will present YANA (You Are Not Alone) – a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program. Dinner will be chicken parm with pasta.

Meeting of 2/28 will be the delayed part 2 of our District strategic planning process – PDG's Bill Gormont and Scott MacDonald will present, and this is a working session for the entire club – so please attend and be involved in our present and shaping our future as a leading service club!!

Maureen H read a Dictionary Program thank you letter from Mrs. Bailey's class – she prepared a card and each student wrote a word to describe the dictionaries – gave them research opportunity using the books!

PJH informed us that Marg K fell and fractured a rib – no serious damage and she is recovering but wanted us to know why she was not on tonight zoom. She hopes to feel well enough to rejoin next week back at EagleVale. We all wish a speedy recovery to Marg.

PJH announced our Board Meeting will be next Monday 2/21 after the regular meeting.

PP Becky W related that she has been asked again to try to find some additional pillows for the residents of pines of Perinton. We have helped contribute many, but they need another 20 to 30 – anyone that can help, please let Becky know.

Cindy H thanked Pieter S for responding so promptly to her request for help later this week moving some bookshelves into the Pines – thank you Pieter!





Paige W then introduced her mother Debbie – and she walked and talked us all through the theory and actual practice ideas, as well as the motivation - for making our OWN floral arrangements that are both beautiful but significantly more cost effective, and a lot of fun!

Her process was fun to watch as she brought several displays together and explained how to frame a display that would be both balanced and interesting to the eye. Basics – start by picking your color scheme and flower. Arrangements look best when they have 2 or 3 different color / size flowers that complement each other. Many on the zoom followed along and made their own displays – and a number of pics were taken at

the end by Karen.

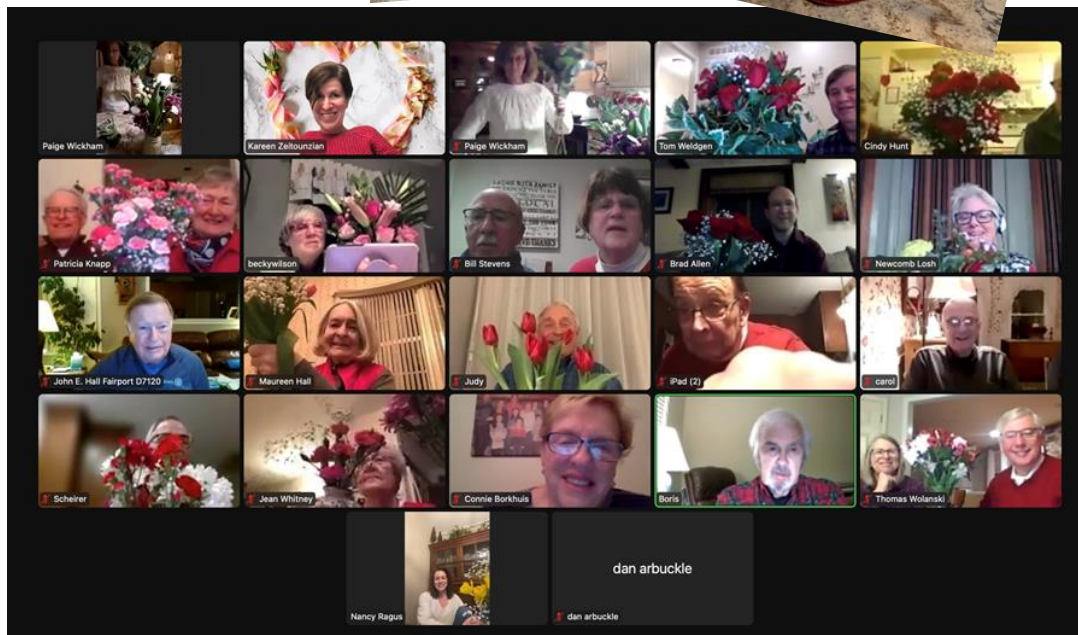
PJH thanked Debbi, (and Paige,) for a fun presentation! She will receive her speaker’s gift later from John.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom W

Before



After





Rotary Meeting
EagleVale
February 21, 2022

YANA
“Books for the World”



President John, freed from medical shackles, joyously ordered this, **our first in-your-face meeting** for some time, to begin.

Maureen led the Pledge and Dave S gave the Invocation, in which he remembered our Presidents.

Warren K led a round of Happy Birthday in honor of Ed J’s 80th. There followed a show of hands from others entertaining that distinction this year – largely members of the FHS class of 1964.

President John recognized anniversaries: Andrew S for his 2nd and Tom W for his 43rd.

Ron R announced that we were slightly ahead of last year in securing VFW driveway sign sponsorships for the Pirate Plate dinner. Those who solicited last year, please meet up with your prospects and sell!



John B, on behalf of the County Legislature, distributed COVID test kits.



Bob and Cindy H graciously volunteered to fill the program gap occasioned by the cancellation of the YANA presentation; the topic: “Books for the World.”

The goal of “Books for the World” is to advance literacy on an international scale by redistributing donated books and materials from the US to regions desperately lacking in educational resources. Locally, donated materials – from schools and institutions, as wells as individuals, are stored in warehouse space in Rochester provided by Buckingham Properties, are packed in boxes, then stored in pallets. Truckloads of pallets are shipped to Rotarian-operated warehouses in Houston. From there Second Wind Foundation ships containers of books to Rotary Clubs around the globe, which in turn distribute them among needy educational institutions.

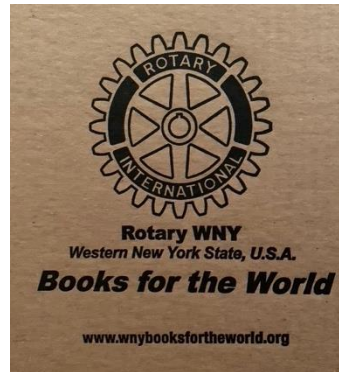
A tremendous undertaking. Not only does the project save space in landfills it provides materials that augment often sorely deficient resources in schools and libraries around the world.

A plug: if you would like to help in packing books for shipment to Houston, give Bob or Cindy a call!

Next Monday's meeting, February 28th at EagleVale, will be the first club-wide session regarding the Strategic Plan. Regular start-time – 6:15 but will extend to 8PM. Bring your Health Survey papers.

50-50 winner – guest Nick R. Small pot.

George W





HONOR EARTH DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2022 10:00AM – 12:00PM HIGH ACRES NATURE AREA

Come celebrate and “Restore our Earth”!

What better way to celebrate Earth Day, then spending time outdoors taking care of our own backyard! Join us to celebrate our planet as we appreciate and nurture our beautiful HANA! HANA is part of WM’s commitment to sustainability and environmental conservation.

“The Earth is what we all have in common.” ~ Wendell Berry



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