

Fairport Rotary Club
THE LIFTBRIDGE
March 30, 2022
Edition 58



Rotarians Doing Good

Fairport Rotary President John Hall presenting a check to Laura Stradley, Executive Director of the Veteran's Outreach Center, for over \$2,000 on behalf of a grant generated by Fairport Rotary Club. One more way Fairport Rotary continues to "serve to change lives."



Contact President John if you need a Rotary shirt!



Leadership is the Capacity to translate Vision into Reality.

*Be a Leader
&
Imagine Rotary*

Rotarians' Chance to do Good

If you are free this Sunday, April 3, for about an hour and are a true believer of "Service Above Self," then plan to come to the Rochester Airport to give PRESIDENT JOHN HALL, a Vietnam Veteran, the welcome back he, and many other veterans, have so long deserved. He will be returning from his overnight experience on the Honor Flight trip to DC, where he will visit the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and partake in other memorable adventures and festivities. Bring your signs and noisemakers and let's give John and other veteran's the "welcome home parade" that is so long overdue.



APRIL DESIGNATION IS

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH



"Every child deserves a chance at a life filled with love, laughter, friends and family."
Marlo Thomas

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved

Rotary 





BIRTHDAYS

- 5th - Ron Roberts
- 10th - Maureen Hall
- 16th - John Hall
- 18th - Marybeth Christiansen
- 30th - Ned Hill

ROTARY CALENDAR

- 4th- Monroe County Veteran's Services, Nick Stefanovic @ EagleVale; Pasta Bolognese for Dinner
 - 11th - Tri-Club Dinner @ Agatina's Restaurant, 2967 Buffalo Road (register/pay by 4/4)
 - 18th - Earth Day Activity, Ayrault Road Cleanup
 - 25th - Hope into a Farm to Glass Experience, Cobblestone Hop Yard, Cheryl Wygal @ EagleVale
- And coming soon - Red Raider Picnic Plate - May 14 - use attached flyer to promote anywhere, any time!

ANNIVERSARIES

17th - Pete and Marian Lovier



ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

How long have they been members?

- Paige Wickham - 2 years
- Steve Haas - 8 years
- Domenick Cecconi - 10 years
- Marybeth Christiansen - 13 years

DRUM ROLL PLEASE...

- Heinrich Fisher - 49 YEARS!
- George Wolf - 51 YEARS!
- Ed Johnson - 52 YEARS!



EASTERN CITIES FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Tuesday, April 19th | 5:30-9:00 pm




Keynote Speaker
Shekhar Mehta
2021-2022
RI President

Rotary  

Tickets are \$75. There are only 250 Spots available

**Eastern Cities Fellowship
Dinner
April 19, 2022**

Rotary 

District 7120

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

**District Training Asembly
April 9, 2022**

MEET

ENJOY LEARN 

Oswego, NY - April 29, 30, and May 1, 2022

RECONNECT

DISTRICT CONFERENCE  

To Register: www.districtconference.org



**District 7120 Conference
April 29, 30 and May 1, 2022**

WARREN
KNAPP

MEMBER
Spotlight



Hurrah – it’s Monday! Mom, my sister and I can go wild for dinner since my Dad is off to Rotary. We love being creative. Perhaps I should backtrack a bit. I was born on the 5th day of the 5th month in ’41 and lived at 15 5th Avenue. The forties and fifties were great decades to be a kid and teenager in Fairport. I graduated from FHS in ’59 – no, not a member of the class of ’60. Four years later I graduated from Denison University with a major in mathematics. I received a full ride to the University of Rochester where I graduated in ’64 majoring in math education. That same year I began my teaching career at East Rochester High School and married Patricia Smith – yes, one of those ’60 classmates. We were blessed with three children – Bruce (Webster), Rebekah (Aspen) and Ryan (Albuquerque). They in turn blessed us with 6 grandchildren, two each. I was extremely proud of my wife as she began her career in local politics and found I had a knack for taking the “edge” off her.

I retired from teaching at ER in 1999 but continued teaching as an adjunct professor for 15 more years at MCC. My career included teaching at RIT, at St. John Fischer and over 25 years at the BOCES Cooperative Summer School. I was recognized as the teacher of the year twice, was chosen by NYS to write Course Three NYS Math Regents exams and was a founding member of the Monroe County Math League where I authored test questions for over 20 years. Travel was and continues to be an important part of our lives. A six-week family cross country trip in 1981, family camping trips especially on Cape Cod, and cruising the world (over 75) with Pat are the highlights.

The best thing about Rotary is EVERYTHING – like Leo’s Bakery ad. The friendships and encouragement of the membership is truly topnotch. Serving as Treasurer, President and as a District Governor’s Aide, I always felt support from Fairport Rotary. That was especially true when Clint Emery strongly suggested that I become the assistant treasurer for the Rochester LPGA tournament that Rotary sponsored at Locust Hill. I did so and later became treasurer for a total of 10 years. Many Fairport Rotarians helped me in the finance office during the tournament. The fun shared in that office will always be remembered.

I am not sure you know that I have a passion for baking especially desserts. I was forced into it because of a very poor decision that I made shortly after Pat and I were married. It was strawberry season and Pat made biscuits. I casually mentioned that they did not taste like mother’s. Oops – very bad move. That lefthander Irish lass threw that biscuit through two rooms just missing the front window. Desserts ever since have become my specialty.



Fairport Rotary Newsletter – Regular Meeting of **March 14, 2022** at EagleVale!

Terry O’Neil greeted us and our Sergeant at arms team completed set-up while President John Hall (PJH) greeted visitors and arranged the evening. Dan Arbuckle relieved us of our 50/50 cash contributions.

Tom Weldgen distributed tickets for the \$15 Fairport Rotary Red Rider Plate on May 14. Tom will have tickets at all meetings between now and the event – no matter our location. Call or text him if you need more tickets in between.

PJH gaveled us to order. Terry O’Neil led the Pledge and Heinrich Fischer offered the invocation.

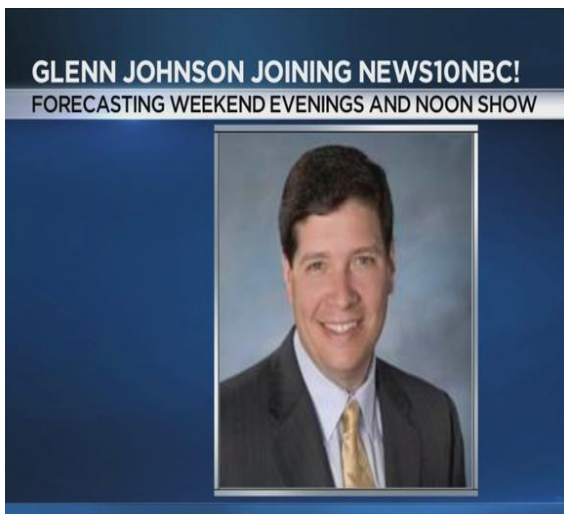
PJH began with introduction of guests – Past District Governor Jack Best and his son Joe – both Penfield Rotarians. PJH welcomed back Vin Barone, who introduced Bob Ruland (AKA Mr. Perinton) and Wendy. PJH introduced soon-to-be new member, Dan Galan and his girlfriend Ryan McGowan – joining us tonight for his induction ceremony.

PJH welcomed back Marg Kerr – recovering nicely! Also welcomed back Warren Knapp, Domenick Cecconi, and Tom Van Buskirk.

We broke for dinner of mixed salad, rolls, pasta with sausage slices and coffee bar.

After dinner, PJH then began announcements – Ron Roberts explained the advertising portion of our Fairport Rotary Red Raider Picnic Plate event on May 14. Please go after the people that advertised last year – he already has several ads in house and a number already paid – several are new, so we are doing well right out of the gate, but we NEED your support in chasing down potential ads. Get information to Ron or Ed Johnston and the ad now will also get them included in our fall Past Dinner – 2 events for one advertising contribution.

PJH assisted by club members, inducted new member Dan Galan. Dan gave a brief bio, hoping to work with our active club on charitable projects and community involvement – he thanked us for our friendly welcome.



PJH then introduced Dave Large to introduce our program speaker for the evening, Glenn Johnson currently from Channel 10 Weather. Glenn is well known in our area with over 37 combined years in weather forecasting for Channel 13 and now at Channel 10. Dave has had connection with Glenn and his wife over the years locally, with Learning Links and other. Dave told us that “Glenn guaranteed me that winter is over!” (We will see about that.) Glenn gracefully back that off a little and then explained his interest in the weather – and especially in telling the story in a manner that the viewer/listener can understand and bring into their own daily plans and decision making. He brought us greetings from fellow Fairporter, Stacie Pensgen also at Channel 10 in the weather group.

Both the weather and our electronic systems for tracking and for forecasting, have significantly changed in recent years. He played a short video prepared at the station with Stacie and the rest of the team, as she walked through the studios and each member of the weather team gave a few comments and showed some of what they actually do every day.

He briefly discussed climate change during our Q&A session – no doubt in his mind that it has changed and is continuing. We are impacting our planet and thus our weather.

Final item of business, PJH called on Glenn Johnson to pull our 50/50 winning number for the small pot of \$15. He pulled # ending 331, belonging to Past Pres. Mark Fuerbacher. Then the card was drawn from the deck, it was a no impact diamond, so the Queen of Spades once again avoided detection elsewhere in the deck - leaving the large pot of \$76 for next week! Mark donated the \$15 back to the club – Thank you Mark!

PJH closing comments – BOD meeting next week. He read our new Strategic Vision Statement and thanked 12 members for participating in the final process from our strategic SWOT analysis. More coming on this. The 12 were John and Maureen, Andrew Spreter, Pete Lovier, Nancy Ragus, Newcomb Losh, Paige Wickham, Ed Johnston, Marybeth Christiansen, Ron Roberts, and Vin Barone – a great cross section of members, past, current and future leaders – and most importantly, the understanding and dedication to our principle - Service Above Self.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Weldgen



March 21, 2022

Go Fairport!



President John called us to order.

Dan Arbuckle led the Pledge and John Bayes gave the Invocation.

Nicole Simonetti introduced guests: Jen Wright, Len Morrell and wife, Sandy. Len is a NY Senate candidate.

Enzo Scollo and Tom Wolanski each surfaced after a notable hiatus.

President John told of a thank-you note from Veterans Outreach Center for landscape work which offered an opportunity for a repeat performance.

Cindy Hunt introduced representatives from Fairport Central School District: Superintendent Brett Provenzano and Deputy Supt. for School Improvement and Community Engagement, Tanya Wilson-Thevanesan.

Tanya spoke of an initiative currently under study – “community schools.” The term apparently does not mean “neighborhood schools” in the sense of school buildings located in neighborhoods – he antithesis of centralization, but rather schools that “meet the needs of the community.” That would imply greater input from the community regarding its needs.

Both Brett and Tanya spoke warmly of the Brotherhood-Sisterhood program at Fairport Schools.

John Baynes pointed out the many similarities between Rotary’s goals and the goals of the Brotherhood-Sisterhood philosophy. But, he suggested, the plank of that philosophy emphasizing nurturing others as well as oneself runs counter to the theme of American individualism and is drawing some political push-back. Discussion ensued.



Brett left us with the news that the District was likely to dispose of the current administration building on West Church Street and the Baumer Place facility in favor of consolidating those functions in the Minerva DeLand school at the end of Potter Place. Minerva students would be moved to the High School on Ayrault Road.

A timely and thought-provoking presentation.

Paige Wickham announced that she is considering running for Fairport Village Board.

50-50. Ron Roberts won the small pot.

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**THE FAIRPORT ROTARY CLUB
PRESENTS:**

-The 2nd Annual-



**RED
RAIDER**

PICNIC PLATE

"PRE-ORDER/TAKE OUT ONLY"
Tickets available at this location,
from any Fairport Rotarian or at
Fairportrotary.com

SATURDAY
May 14, 2022
4:00-6:00PM

INDIVIDUAL
TICKET - **\$15**

VFW POST 6495
300 MACEDON CENTER RD (RT. 31F)
FAIRPORT, NY 14450

YOUR RRPP PLATES FAIR:

ALL BEEF HOT DOG & BURGER
MAC & CHEESE
VEGETARIAN BAKED BEANS
ROASTED SALT POTATOES
CONDIMENTS-DICED ONIONS
SALTY BUNS AND
BEEF MEAT SAUCE BY
AMAZING GRAINS BREAD CO.

proceeds to benefit
Fairport Local Charities





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

Ziti, Roasted Potato, Salad, Bread, & Coffee

For special dietary needs, please contact Dave DeMers 585-764-6648

\$32 per person

Make checks payable to your own Rotary Club
Deadline of April 3, 2022 for RSVP to your club



Camp Haccamo's
9th Annual

Car, Truck & Cycle Show



Saturday June 4, 2022
Gates open @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Awards shortly after 1:00 PM



The Mall at Greece Ridge
Behind the old Sears store

Spectator Donation \$3
All Vehicles Welcome
Vendors

\$10 Pre-registration
\$20 Day of Show

50 / 50 Raffle,
Music, Food
&
Door Prizes



Judging:

- Top 50 "People's Choice"
- 16 Special Awards
- Trophies for all Winners

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