

Fairport Rotary Club  
**THE LIFTBRIDGE**

May 30, 2022  
Edition 62



**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHN HALL**

As we move through our 11<sup>th</sup> month of our **Serve to Change Lives** Rotary year, I remind you of RI President Shekar Mehta's charge that **Each One Bring One**. For Fairport Rotary to continue to do more, we need to grow more. Our club has done well in attracting new members over the past almost two- and one-half difficult years, but we cannot rest on these laurels. We need to look for new prospects to be part of our organization and make our club bigger, better, and bolder.

Share Rotary,

Join  
Fairport  
**Rotary**  
Club



## FAIRPORT ROTARY CALENDAR

6<sup>th</sup> – Lollypop Farm Tour (Kim Ferris-Church), followed by pizza and pop under the Lollypop Farm Pavilion

13<sup>th</sup> – The State of Camp Haccamo, Dolly Kujawa @ EagleVale

20<sup>th</sup> – News for Perinton Ambulance, Chief Mike Hoskins & Doug Stark @ EagleVale

27<sup>th</sup> – **CLUB CHANGEOVER DINNER! @ EAGLEVALE! Details forthcoming!**

28<sup>th</sup> – Red Wings Baseball

### ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> – Vin B

2<sup>nd</sup> – Bob H

17<sup>th</sup> – Megan R

21<sup>st</sup> – Dave L

### ROTARIAN ANNIVERSARIES

8<sup>th</sup> – Tom & Laurie W

20<sup>th</sup> – Bob & Mary Kay H

June 28 – Brandon & Bree S

### ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Warren K – 49 years!!!

Bob H – 47 years!!

Lew H – 40 years!

Enzo S – 22 years

Dave L – 17 years

Becky W – 7 years



## DISTRICT 7120 ROTARY CALENDAR

4<sup>TH</sup> – Camp Haccamo Car, Truck & Auto Show (see flyer attached)

30<sup>th</sup> – District 7120 Changeover Dinner @ King's Catering in Canandaigua, limited seating, pre-register at <https://rotary7120.myeventscenter.com/event/2022-2023-District-7120-Changeover-Dinner-61727>



## FAIRPORT EVENTS

3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> – Fairport Canal Days – for a full list of vendors and music, visit

<https://www.fairportcanaldays.com/>

## **RECENT GRAPEVINE POLL** **RESULTS** **FROM BORIS G**

**Not a fan of the GRAPEVINE newsletter?  
New To Rotary?**

**Whatever the reason, you owe it to  
yourself to find out what's going on locally in  
Rotary outside of our weekly get togethers.**

**Admittedly, I didn't take notice of the  
newsletter until I started working with Tom W.**

**Tom is the chairman of the PR Committee and is responsible for  
the Fairport Rotary Club articles that appear in the newsletter every  
month.**

**The GRAPEVINE is a newsletter that is distributed monthly to a  
ten-county area in the 7120 District.**

**It is a composite of all Rotary Clubs in the District having to do  
with different Club fundraisers, newly inducted members, general  
interest, etc., with photos...all in glorious color!**

**Want to know what's going on at the Gates Rotary Club? You can  
learn a lot about how different Clubs are operating by peeking into their  
side door.**

**Give it a shot, and enjoy still another facet of Rotary life, online, at  
ROCHESTER ROTARY GRAPEVINE!  
(This is a commercial!)**

**Boris**

**<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050098/en-ca/files/homepage/district-7120-newsletter-2022-may-grapevine-i/District-7120-Newsletter-2022-May-Grapevine-Issue.pdf>**



The District Newsletter



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MEMBER

Spotlight

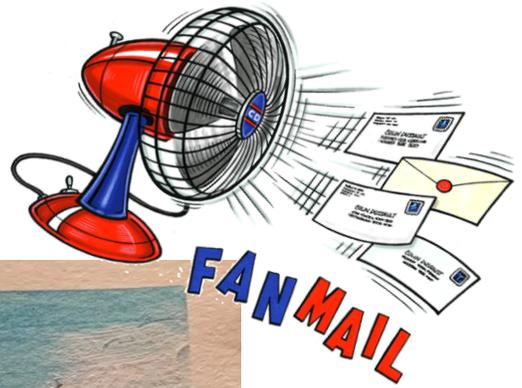


I was born in Gela, Sicily in 1962. Gela is a sleepy beach town on the southern coast of Sicily. This was the first town the allied forces landed on July 10 1943. In this town, folks live a simple life where stores are closed on holidays, each Sunday is spent with family, and you cannot walk down the street without running into someone you know. I was born to my mother, Emanuela, father, Ignazio, and two older sisters, Nunzia and Maria. Besides my immediate family, I had countless aunts, uncles, and cousins that surrounded and supported me for most of my life. Raised primarily by my mother, I (Enzo) took on the added responsibilities as the only son by working at a young age to help support the family and being my mother's right-hand man. For instance, I worked with my uncle Rosario as a mechanic and helped my mother sell bread and other baked goods out on the first floor of our home. Although growing up in Gela had its difficulties, watched my two older sisters get married, and constantly recalls the fun that was growing up in this town. At age 19, I had to enroll in the Italian army as back then, that was mandatory. I did enjoy the time I spend in the army as a communication infantry man. After the army, I got a job working as a forest ranger, which I did until the time I moved to the USA.

In Rochester, I live a different life. I am married to Robyn, his wife of 26 years, and have two kids, Ignazio and Emanuela who are in their 20s. In addition, my wife and I have opened our home to our children's friends, such as Gabby, Lan, and former exchange student Annelien, who we hosted through the Fairport Rotary Club. I am also fortunate to have some of my nephews and cousins now living in Rochester as well, as they also immigrated from Gela. After moving to Rochester, I graduated with my bachelor's degree from Rochester Institute of Technology, after spending the first two years at Monroe Community College laying the foundation for my education and refining my English language skills. After meeting my wife and starting our family, I became a business owner. Now, I have been an Allstate agent for nearly thirty years. Building my business from the ground up, my wife Robyn recalls my hard work in getting the business started and remembers my first day as a business owner being "him sitting at a desk with only a pencil and a telephone." It was this business opportunity that allowed me to create the life I have in Rochester; one where I spend ample time with my family, play soccer and volunteer at the Italian American Sports Club, am an active member in the Fairport Rotary Club. In July 2021, I was appointed by the Consulate General of Italy as the new Honorary Consul of Italy in Rochester. This new role is one that I am enjoying immensely as I meet numerous Italian professionals that come to the Rochester region to do business. In addition, my life in Rochester has allowed me to pursue my personal passions, such as traveling, and I have accomplished a life-long dream of mine to own a house in the Caribbean on the island of Saint Lucia, which I purchased in 2020. I enjoy mentoring young entrepreneurs that want to pursue a career in the financial and insurance business. I have had seven successful employees start their own business and become successful themselves. There are many people that have helped me in my journey that have taught me so much. I now want to pass on to others.

Fun fact about me is that I will be 60 on July 11 and I am checking the box on another dream of mine. I will be able to share this in the next few weeks once it becomes real.





Notecard painted by Scholarship Winner Mikayla Guck

Dear warron knapp,

Hello! I am mikayla guck, the recipient of the Fairport rotary scholarship. I am so grateful for this scholarship. This will help me follow my dream of attending Nazareth College for art education. This is a great opportunity, and I am excited to thank you in person!

sincerely,

mikayla  
guck

## LiftBridge for May 23, 2022

After a roast beef (I think) dinner, President John opened the meeting, Dan Arbuckle led the pledge, and Warren Knapp offered the invocation.



Permanent Rotary badges were presented to Dan G and Bob and Wendy R.

Without specific final numbers, Bob Linder said the RRPP event was successful and thanked all who helped. He noted, however, that at best the Picnic Plate effort would still net less than half of what we were able to make on Savor the Flavor. We're all hoping we can put on Savor the Flavor again in March of 2023.

Boris G said anyone who had suggestions regarding our LiftBridge newsletter or the District's Grapevine newsletter may send them to him.

Cindy H reminded those who have signed up for our meeting at Lollypop Farm on Monday, June 6, to plan to arrive at 5:45 pm. We will be divided into four groups of about eight each to tour the facility, after which we'll have dinner (\$8).

Cindy then introduced our guest speaker, Emily White, who heads a program called YANA (You Are Not Alone) for Family Community Services of the Finger Lakes, which serves Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties.

Emily, an enthusiastic speaker, said YANA offers counseling and support to members of the LGBTQ community ages 10-18, but also involves adults in the community. It is the only such program in New York State between Albany and Buffalo. One feature of YANA is a weekly Zoom meeting, held Monday afternoons, in which those who identify in an LGBTQ category may receive advice and counsel on a variety of topics, from learning various coping skills to sharpening awareness of bullying incidents and how to deal with them. Emily noted that not all families are as understanding as hers had been, so the Zoom sessions offer a safe place for these discussions. "We give people space to know who they are," she said. YANA is funded by donations and grants and some fund-raising activities.



Tom VanB took home \$10 in the small 50-50 pot, but his selection of the King of Spades left \$159 for another week.

Ron C. R.



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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