

**Fairport Rotary Club**  
***THE LIFTBRIDGE***  
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**MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW CO-PRESIDENTS**

Dear Fairport Rotarians,

We so appreciated your warm show of support and congratulation messages at the Changeover Dinner Monday evening. Thanks in large part to your encouragement, we're excited to implement the plans, projects, and events we have lined up for this 2022-2023 year of "Imagine Rotary."

The first installment of our monthly "hands-on service activity" (in lieu of a meeting) is on Monday, July 11th at NY's 24th Annual Cycle the Erie Canal Bike Tour. Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer at the event. If you are not able to volunteer, we still encourage you to head over to the Thomas Creek Area/Parker Street bridge sometime between 2 PM - 6 PM that evening, and cheer on the cyclists. They will be completing the 400-mile journey from Buffalo to Albany, along the historic Erie Canalway Trail, in eight days. Who better to show the cyclists how charming the Town of Fairport is than friendly Rotarians, right?!

We trust the July 11th event will be a fitting first program to a Rotary year we endeavor to MINT, that is **Make "Imagine Rotary" Nifty Together**. Many of you can attest to the positive impact participating in our club has on you personally, and within our community. The energy created when Fairport Rotarians are together is transformative, as well as enduring. Thus, throughout this year, we encourage all of you to:

- Engage in our club any way you are able, but do so wholeheartedly, with a free heart and spirit;
- Share the values and principles of our exceptional organization with others - near and far;
- Celebrate the shared successes of our collective club and each member;
- Truly focus on the legacy you want for our club . . . dream big while you do so!

Until July 11th, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Independence Day. On this holiday, but also every day, let's uphold the true spirit of America by practicing kindness, loyalty, camaraderie and service. We pray for much prosperity, peace and success for America.

With double the Rotary spirit, your CoPs,  
Kareen and Nancy

## BIRTHDAYS

11<sup>th</sup> – Enzo S  
14<sup>th</sup> - George W  
19<sup>th</sup> – Hunter F  
24<sup>th</sup> – Tom VanB  
30<sup>th</sup> – Newcomb L



## ANNIVERSARIES

11<sup>th</sup> – Bob & Cindy H

## ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

John H – 31 years  
Newcomb L – 11 years

## ROTARY CALENDAR

- 4<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting, Enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!  
11<sup>th</sup> – Cycle the Erie Canal Service Project (see Presidents' Message)  
17<sup>th</sup> – (Sunday) – Summer Picnic, Center Stage, see info below - Board meeting to follow  
18<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting since picnic is day before  
25<sup>th</sup> – Sara Williams, retired Fairport teacher who now teaches in Albania, also hosted a Rotary Exchange student



**Rotary Picnic: Sunday in the Park**

**July 17 at the Patricia S. Knapp Amphitheater at 4:30**

Entertainment – Cool Club & The Lipker Sisters, Jump, Jazz, Swing - Music begins at 6:00pm

Rotarians: Sign up indicating number attending and what you will be bringing to share. Do bring your own choice of beverage. We will provide hots, hamburgers, paper goods, water and ice. Meet at the pavilion off Ayrault adjacent to parking lot. If you did not sign up at the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, email Warren K at [wknapp@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wknapp@rochester.rr.com) indicating number attending and what you will be bringing - appetizer, salad or casserole (dessert category is full). Since there is no meeting at Eagle Vale on July 11<sup>th</sup> Warren needs an accurate count **by the 11th**.

# REQUEST FROM



## Counselors Wanted!

**Camp Haccamo, an Annual Summertime Tradition in Rochester, is Now Accepting Applications for Paid Camp Counselors**

Camp Haccamo has been an integral part of the region for 66 years offering hundreds of children and young adults with special needs a real-life camp experience.

Now is your chance to be part of something tremendously meaningful -- where campers are provided a safe environment and caregivers are given an opportunity to rest knowing their loved ones are in good hands having fun, making friends, and developing skills, confidence, and independence. You'll help smiles grow and assist with iconic events like carnival night, prom night, the talent show, and much more. Please visit <https://www.camphaccamo.org> or contact Dolly Kujawa (585-381-5710, [dollykujawa.camphaccamo@gmail.com](mailto:dollykujawa.camphaccamo@gmail.com)) to get started now. You must be 18 or over and be available for training July 23-24, and for camp July 25-29, and August 1-5.

## OUR FIRST “CAPTION THIS” CONTEST!

As mentioned by our Co-Presidents during their acceptance speech, you will see in our newsletters from time to time a picture that is worth a thousand words. Well, at least maybe a few words from you! Please submit your clever captions for this pic to [FRMadamePresidents@gmail.com](mailto:FRMadamePresidents@gmail.com)

We will submit the best captions to each photo in the following edition of the newsletter.



# Peiter S MEMBER Spotlight



## THE FIRST HALF OF PEITER S'S LIFE:

Pieter was born on December 27, 1952, to Ginny and Carel Smeenk in Hamilton, New York and moved to Fairport in 1962 and Pieter has never left. He attended the Fairport School's system, did the normal youth activities, scouting, sports, paper route, and working for his father's painting business during the summers.

Pieter obtained his BBA degree from St. John Fisher College (University) in 1975 and then started his own carpet cleaning business, Suburban Cleaning Service, which he operated for the next 30 years in Fairport.

## PIETER'S 2<sup>ND</sup> CHAPTER:

Pieter also served 30+ years with county and local governments and retired in 2014. He served at the County level as a County Legislator (1992-2004) and as Supervisor of Buildings for Monroe County (2004-May 2013). At the local level, he served as Fairport Village Trustee (1988-1992), Deputy Mayor (1990-1992) and as a member and chairperson of the Fairport Zoning Board of Appeals (1980-1988). He is an active member in many local community organizations including Fairport Rotary, Fairport Music Festival, Fairport Canal Days, and the Rochester/Finger Lakes Film and Video Office. He has served at the state level as an Erie Canal Commissioner for 15 years on the New York State Canal Recreationway Commission. He currently serves as Commissioner of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and is a past chair of the organization. Pieter is also on the Board of the Fairport Baptist Home and has served as past chair of the Board.

In his spare time, Pieter enjoys biking the canal path, playing golf, reading books, and promoting the Erie Canal with visitors, colleagues, and friends.

## FAVORITE THING ABOUT ROTARY:

Pieter joined Rotary in 1984, sponsored by Rotarian Chuck Curtis and served as President the 2005-2006 year. It was a special honor to receive the "Paul Harris Fellow" awarded by the club. Pieter and his wife Carol still reside in Fairport, while their children Heather (Virginia) and Amanda (Macedon) and 7 grandkids have found roots in their new communities.

## SOMETHING NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT PIETER:

Late at night Pieter enjoys a cold glass of milk (or sometimes a cold glass of Tanqueray [gin] and tonic) with a NUMBER of OREOs!

## INCOMING NEW PRESIDENTS CAUSE A STIR

### BY BORIS G, FAIRPORT ROTARY FREELANCE REPORTER

"Me, no me...no me!" Is all you could hear as our two new Presidents Karen and Nancy battled for the microphone. Finally, after being separated by outgoing President John, the Changeover Dinner meeting came to order, and the audience was dazzled by the Double Mint Duo and were speechless...mainly because of all the gum they were chewing!

The Double Your Pleasure ladies looked terrific in their matching ensembles of mint green!

A Beechnut sight to behold!!



A presentation was made by the ladies, to outgoing President John Hall, of a new Rotary badge that read Past President Again and a very nice Rotary briefcase to keep all his past years meeting notes in!

Then, our new Presidents outlined what looked like a busy, fun filled agenda for 2022-2023 which includes a Fellowship Activity each month to discuss future Club plans, including pictures with captions.

Now, we could understand why it was necessary to have two Captains in the wheelhouse for the coming year!

The dinner came to a close when Half President Nancy dropped the box of 50-50 tickets, but were somehow collected, so that Becky won the raffle!

Hail to the Chiefs!!!

BORIS G





## Rotary Fellowship



The Fairport Rotary Club gathered at Eagle Vale Golf Club on Monday, **June 20, 2022**, at 6:15 PM.

President John started the meeting off with our mission statement” Fairport Rotary Club is a diverse group of people with a variety of talents who have fun working together to make a significant positive impact through service to our community and the world. “MaryBeth led the Pledge of Allegiance and Marg gave a beautiful invocation.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cindy thanked Dan A for getting us involved with Rotary Reads which was at Jefferson Avenue School in May. Many members and spouses participated, reading to the kindergarten to 5th graders. Cindy read in Mrs. Sheila Cocirova’s class, told the students about Malawi and Books for the World. The all-2nd grade classes brought in 9 boxes of books to donate to Books for The World!

Marg let us know that Kim Pegula is making progress every day and thanked everyone for their prayers.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Warren introduced two Fairport High School seniors and their families who joined us for the evening. Meghan G, Fairport Rotary Clint Emery Scholarship recipient and Mikayla G, Fairport Rotary Club scholarship winner were recognized.

Meghan is the daughter of Jenny and Mike G, will attend Ithaca College and major in psychology and counseling, she is a Learning Links volunteer, member of Sources of Strength and other clubs at FHS. Mikayla is the daughter of Christine G and Jim G Jr. & stepmother Heidi B, will attend Nazareth College to study Art with an emphasis in adolescence. She is a Student Ambassador, math team member and tutors middle school students. These scholarships are administered through Dollars for Scholars with the 2022 class of FHS receiving \$80,000 total.



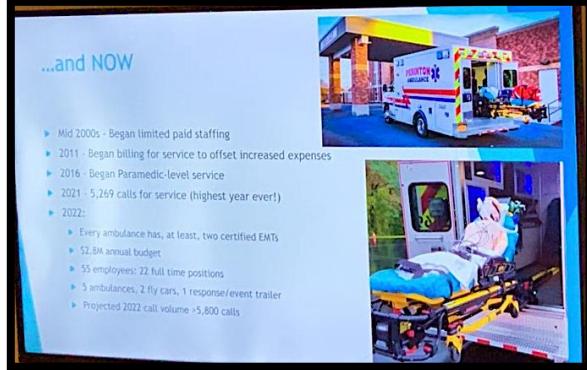
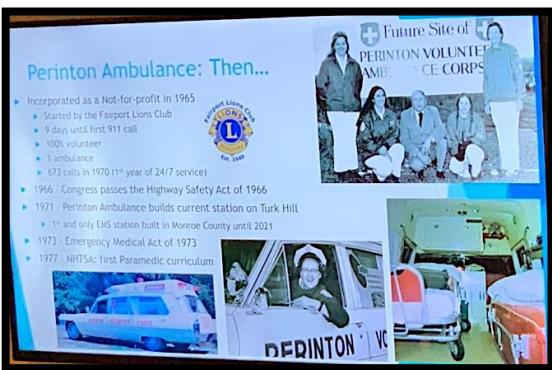
#### DINNER:

Tossed green salad, rolls, Beans and Greens over penne pasta, coffee, tea and water.

#### PROGRAM:

President Elect Nancy introduced Mike Hoskins, Chief of Perinton Ambulance. Mike was an engineering student at RIT when he became interested in emergency preparedness. In 2020 he interviewed for the job at Perinton Ambulance and has served as Chief since.

Incorporated as a Not-for profit in 1965 by Fairport Lions Club, it was 100% volunteers with 1 ambulance. In 1970, the first year of 24-hour service there were 673 calls with 5,269 calls in 2021. In mid-2000's they began limited paid staff and began billing for service to offset increased expenses. Now every ambulance has at least 2 certified EMT's, 65 employees and 3 volunteers, 22 full time positions, 5 ambulances 2 fly cars, 1 response/event trailer.

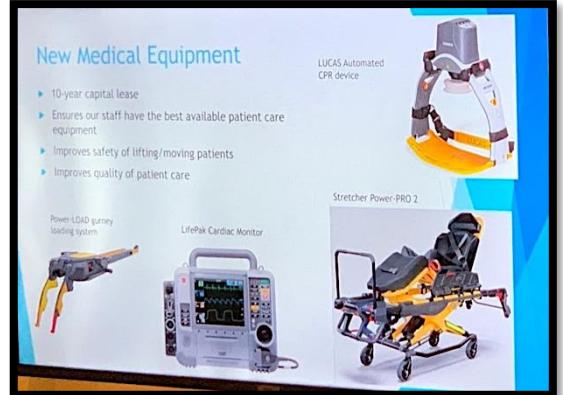


The staff at Perinton Ambulance is highly skilled and professional dedicated to providing exceptional medical services. They educate the community on their role in the response, treatment and transport of the sick and injured as well as the prevention of injury and illness. They will do this in a financially responsible manner.

Medical equipment is leased and include a Power-LOAD gurney loading system, LifePak Cardiac Monitor, LUCAS Automated CPR device and Stretcher Power-PRO2.

EMS is not supported like fire and law enforcement, and not considered essential service in NYS. There is increased demand for services with reduced or stagnated reimbursement.

Government insurance carriers reimburse below their costs with 29% of all 911 calls non-reimbursable events. 60% of all patients are on Medicare or Medicaid with reimbursement less than the cost. Billing is for transport and not for the care received attributing to a 50% write off of loss last year. A group of ambulance companies is working together to look at ways to improve the reimbursement.



Many patients contact the Perinton Ambulance after their ordeal and tell them how grateful they are! The resident value of the partnership is local, sustainable, community-focused EMS agency dedicated to their needs with top-of-the-line equipment, highly skilled, educated, professional staff, community outreach programs as certified Car seat installers, learn CPR, Narcom and Stop the Bleed programs among others.

What can we do to keep the ambulance org. alive - connect at [perintonambulance.org/newsletter](http://perintonambulance.org/newsletter), connect on social media, get trained in CPR, advocate for healthcare system and insurance changes, share the news about how PA is serving the community, give donations and/or fill board positions.

Perinton Ambulance... “Always There Ever Prepared”

Chief Mike left “File of Life” folders on the table for us to take home and use.

#### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

Lew Holtz “Ability is what you are capable to doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.”

50/50

\$12 in small pot and \$181 in large. Becky had the winning number, took the small pot and left the big pot to grow.

#### CHANGEOVER DINNER

Please sign up for the cocktail reception at Hall's and dinner at EagleVale for June 27 at 6:30

BOD

Meeting tonight

Maureen W. H.

## MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> CHANGEOVER DINNER

June 27, 2022 was the last meeting with President John Hall at the helm. Prior to the meeting, he and Maureen held a reception at their home, on a beautiful mid 70's F afternoon. Fellowship, beverages, and appetizers was enjoyed by all who attended.

At Eagle Vale, the upstairs ballroom was the site of the meeting. It was beautifully decorated by Becky with mirrors, candles, ribbons, and flowers! Pres. John called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., then we dined on tossed green salad, rolls, Chicken Piccata, and roasted potatoes.



### Meeting:

Pete L led the Pledge followed by Warren sharing a thoughtful invocation. John presented a wrap up of the 2021-22 Rotary year, "Serve to Change Lives." A Strategic Plan groundwork is in place and will be exciting for 2022. Hall's Foundation goal was exceeded, new members were active, fundraisers were successful, and the club is prospering. A beautiful, monogrammed computer briefcase was presented to John from the club and well as an updated Past Presidents badge. John passed the gavel to the Rotary "Double-Mint" twins, Karen and Nancy, who will serve as Co-Presidents.

Dressed in a Co-President matching mint green top and headband, Karen addressed the group first. She stated this was special, since her last name begins with "Z", and she is often last. She reiterated RI President Jennifer Jones' theme is "Imagine Rotary."



The Co-Presidents have begun working on service projects that will help us be more visible in the community, beginning with Cycle the Erie Canal Bike Tour event on July 11th. Our annual Club Family Picnic will take place Sunday, July 17 at the Center Stage Pavilion. (Details and sign-up sheet to come.). Karen and Nancy will have a combined email address that is their communication of choice: [FRMadamePresidents@gmail.com](mailto:FRMadamePresidents@gmail.com). Nancy next enlightened us with the Co-Presidents' thoughts and goals.

50/50

Becky's ticket was pulled, making it 2 weeks in a row. She took the small pot, leaving the big pot to grow.

Jointly, Karen and Nancy held the gavel and adjourned the meeting!



Maureen W. H.