



Kalyan Banerjee, Rotary International President 2011-12



Kalyan Banerjee, a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, is the President of Rotary International for 2011-12. He has served Rotary as a Director, Rotary Foundation Trustee, Committee and Task Force Chair, International Assembly group discussion leader, president's representative and District Governor. He is a Major Donor, Benefactor and Bequest Society Member.

At the International Assembly held at San Diego, California in January 2011, Banerjee unveiled the 2011-12 R.I. theme: **Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**. He stated *"In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves."*



(Source: Rotary International)

Geneseo Rotary Summer Festival

July 8th, 9th, 10th -- VillagePark



There are still time slots available....
Contact PP **Dick Gallivan** by phone/e-mail to sign up:
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President's Musings



I sit here writing my first newsletter article while still president-elect. The Installation Dinner is still a few days off. I am looking over the agenda Matt Gaynor has sent me for the installation dinner. I have noticed -- via the agenda -- that the true symbols of leadership in our club are apparently 1) possession of the Club Post Office Box Key and 2) stewardship of the 50/50 Deck-of-Cards. (In case I forget to mention it, I was honored at the recently past Installation Dinner on June 27th to receive both.)

This year's Rotary Theme, as established by Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee, is "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity". Our deck of cards symbolizes the fellowship of our club and the fellowship of the extended Rotary organization. It is in the fellowship of our meetings and club projects that we discover the humanity within us individually, as a club, and as participants in Rotary International. The post office box key represents the methods (US Mail being but one) in which we learn about the opportunities to provide service so that we can decide where as a club to focus our resources of time, energy and funds-- all embracing humanity.

I would like to thank Matt Gaynor for his year of service as our President. I look forward to working with Matt as our Immediate Past President. (Yes, he will be our immediate past president.) In recognition of his service, our club will be designating Matt as a Paul Harris Fellow by transferring 1000 of our club-accumulated Paul Harris points to Matt. Typically, we budget a \$1000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation as a Paul Harris Award for the out-going Club President, but since we have the points accumulated, we are using the points instead. This frees up \$1000 to apply to our continuing support of the projects in El Sauce. Matt spear-headed our participation last year in installation of solar power devices for families in the area. Matt, as Immediate Past President, has accepted my invitation to continue spear-heading our involvement in supporting activities in El Sauce--where needs still exist. We embraced humanity in El Sauce last year; we will do so again this year; and I hope we will do so for several years to come. Thank you Matt.

I would be remiss in not acknowledging all the efforts of Dick and Sally Gallivan and their many many assistants in organizing and executing our Geneseo Summer Festival and ad sales. I also thank our outgoing Board Directors Mary Kay Yanik and Tim Brinduse for their work on behalf of our club.

I look forward to working with this year's Officers and Board of Directors, especially including Tim Hayes as incoming Board Director and Tim Brinduse as new Vice President. Welcome aboard Tim H and sorry Tim B, you are not released from club administration duties yet.

Let us look forward to this upcoming Rotary year as Geneseo Club Rotarians "reaching within to embrace humanity".



Norma Madayag-Reilly District Governor 2011-12



DG Norma Madayag-Reilly joined Newark Rotary Club in December 1998 but her first introduction to Rotary was when she was awarded in the Philippines the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to the U.S. in 1979-80.

DG Norma was teaching elementary school students who are blind or visually impaired when Rotary recruited her for the scholarship. The scholarship enabled her to attend Syracuse University where she completed her Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. Upon graduation from Syracuse University, she accepted employment with Wayne ARC in Newark, New York. She started as Rehabilitation Counselor. She is currently the Director of Vocational Services. DG Norma has been with Wayne ARC for over 27 years.

DG Norma is married to Gary who is also a Rotarian. He started his membership with the Honeoye Lake Rotary Club in 1985. As a new member, Gary was appointed Club Polio Fund Committee Chair. Gary successfully exceeded the Club's target goal with this appointment. After getting married, they settled in Fairport. Gary transferred his membership to Newark Rotary Club where he remains a member. At Newark Rotary, Gary was elected Club President in 1999-2000. At the District level, Gary was appointed Area Rep. for 2 terms and Assistant Governor for three terms. He completed the Rotary Leadership Institute Training (Part I, II, III & Graduate levels) and co-chair of the District Literacy Committee.

While with the Newark Rotary Club, DG Norma was elected member of the Board of Directors in July 1999 and served in various Club committees such as youth exchange, community service, international service, etc. She was one of the original members of the Wayne County Rotary Spelling Bee that the club initiated in 1999. She became Club President in 2005-2006. During one of DG Norma and Gary's visits to the Philippines, they had a make-up meeting at a local Rotary Club in Baguio. That make-up meeting resulted into two World Community Service Projects that benefited school children with disabilities. Newark Rotary Club was very supportive of these projects that were geared to addressing the educational and vocational needs of school children in Baguio City, Philippines where DG Norma used to teach blind students.

At the District level, DG Norma was appointed Chair for the District Club Achievement Awards Committee from 2003 through 2008; co-chair of the District Literacy Committee from 2006 through 2009. She was the Assistant Governor for Area 11 for two terms in 2007-2009. She completed the Rotary Leadership Institute (Part I, II, III & Graduate levels).

DG Norma and Gary are multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Rotary Foundation Bequest Society members, Sustaining members and Benefactors.

DG Norma and Gary do volunteer work with the Red Cross and the Wayne Community Hospital fund raising events. They enjoy their time together playing golf, home gardening and traveling to visit relatives and friends around the U.S. and outside of the country. (Source: www.rotary7120.org)

NOTE: DG Norma will be visiting our Club on August 29th.



Jan Montanye-Castillo

July 8th

Tim Hayes

July 30th



July 4th—no meeting (holiday)

July 11—Business Meeting

July 18th—Rob Fuller: Afghanistan Today

July 25—Lou Lombardo: African Project

(Please suggest fall 2011 programs to PP David Parish)

Rotary Archive

July, 1987

Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first woman Rotary Club President.



(Source: R.I.)



Rotary Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotarians and their families that provides participants with the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians in other countries.

(Source: Rotary International)

The District 7120 Friendship Exchange Chairperson is **Carl Grovanz**, e-mail: cgrovanz@rochester.rr.com

Congratulations To:

Michael Lynch & Morgan Keihl

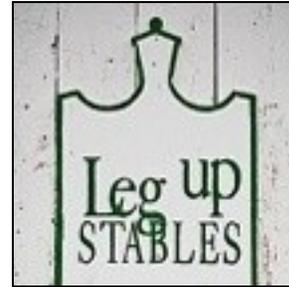
Recipients of the *Service Above Self Scholarship Award* presented at Geneseo High School on June 6th.

Good Neighbor Committee

Summer Family Fun Event

Horseback Riding

Thursday, August 18th



3589 Avon Road, Geneseo



Pantry Day

is

July 11th

**The Next Meeting
Of The *Board of
Directors*
Will Take Place On
July 7th**

Thank You Letters Received
During the Month of June

From **Madison Rittenhouse** for receiving the Geneseo Rotary Club Rotaract Scholarship for 2011-12.

From **Young Authors & Storytellers** for our donation to their Festival.

From G.C.S. students **Samantha Gomez & Joshua LaFever** for our donation to their trip to Washington, D.C.

From the **Alzheimer's Association** for our donation.

From **Mary French** of The Dictionary Project for our distribution of dictionaries to third graders at York and Geneseo Central.

**July 4th
Independence Day**



Tied the Knot!

Grzegorz Bailey was married to
Jack Michaux on May 19th in
Pensacola Beach, Florida



August 14-20th

Paul Harris Fellow Awarded



PP **Matt Gaynor** is our Club's newest recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow.

The award is named for the founder of Rotary International and recognizes a contribution to the R.I. Annual Program, PolioPlus and other approved Foundation activities.

**Service
Above
Self**



The deadline for
the August
Newsletter
is
July 25th.

The Spring Family
Fun Event held on
April 20 at
Livingston
Lanes had 68
bowlers.



(Source: Good Neighbor
Committee Minutes 5/20)

District Web-site Data Updates in Progress

At the Monday June 20th weekly meeting, member data sheets were handed out to all in attendance to alter for the new District Website. We would like to have updated information from all club members by our July 18 weekly lunch meeting in order for the District Website's member information to be updated completely. Please complete yours and turn it in either to Club Secretary Gretchen Bailey or to Club President Howard Stewart.

The District Website went live with a new website (old address: www.Rotary7120.org). This new website is operated by "Club Runner" which also operates Rotary International.

The benefits to the new site are many. My top four benefits are 1) updating information on the District Site will automatically upload to Rotary International (our club secretary will no longer have multiple data bases to update); 2) it is a more complete database (from which we will be able to create up-to-the-minute club rosters as needed); 3) instead of just one member, our Secretary, being able to update club info, five club members will have password access for club and member data updates (President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary and an Assistant Secretary); 4) each club member will have their own password access to update their own data (passwords will be distributed as soon as we receive them—changeable after you log-in the first time).

Members: quick and timely updates to this data is important. We cannot make the Geneseo Club link between the District Site and Rotary International live until we have updated all current member data on the District website.

We will have data pages for member updates at all upcoming meetings. Please complete your data sheet and turn it in either to Club Secretary Gretchen Bailey or to Club President Howard Stewart for processing.

FYI: we will be looking into a "Club Runner" program for managing individual Rotary Clubs that is said to streamline record keeping and communication not only within clubs, but to District and to Rotary International. More to come as we look into it.

—Pres. **Howard Stewart**

Rotary Archive

"Our success or failure will not depend upon the machinery of Rotary or its physical growth, but upon the extent to which Rotary's ideals or objectives are translated into positive, tangible results in personal, business, community, and international life. We shall be known by our works."

— Almon E. Roth,
1930-31 R.I. President, in
The Rotarian July 1930

Did You Know?...

Since 1949 more than 40,000 scholars from 130 countries have received Ambassadorial Scholarships, a cost of \$531 million dollars.



(Source: R. I.)

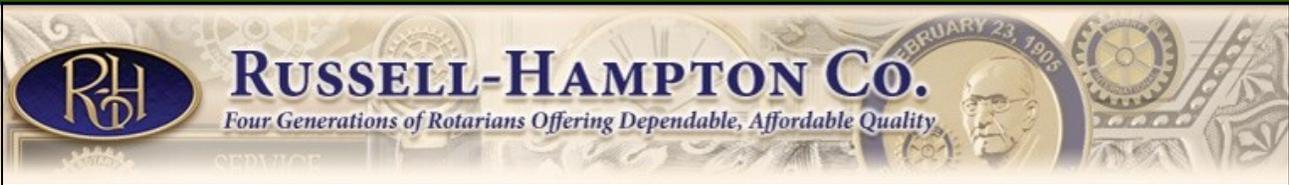
The Following Donations Were Approved at the June 2nd Board of Directors Meeting:

\$300 to Geneseo Parish Outreach Center; **\$100** to Alzheimer's Association; **\$100** to Geneseo Nursery School;

\$50 sign sponsorship at the Livingston County Museum Croquet Tournament on August 13th;

\$200 to help underwrite the C.A.S.A. Dime Carnival at this year's Summer Festival; and

\$100 to help underwrite the Geneseo Farmer's Market.



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Lori Standish
has resigned
from our Club.

Reminder: Club dues
were due on
June 30th.



**Rotary International
Convention 2012**

May 6-9, Bangkok, Thailand.

Royal Role for Past President

PP Kurt Fletcher has been cast as King Charles in the Geneseo Community Players Summer 2011 musical *Hippin*.



Performance dates are July 21-23 at 8:00 p.m.
Alice Austin Theater,
Brodie Hall, S.U.N.Y. Geneseo
For Ticket information Visit:
<http://www.geneseocommunityplayers.org/>



The masthead photo is the landscaped entrance to Long Point Park. It is one of eleven gardens maintained by the Geneseo Garden Club.
(photo by R. Lyon)

Avon Rotary Corn Festival

August 13th 10:00 am—6:00 pm



Corn eating contest, craft show, live entertainment, 50/50 drawing.
Free Admission!

Sarah Dieter, recipient of the 2010-11 Geneseo Rotary Annual Scholarship, was on the Dean's List at SUNY Geneseo for the Spring 2011 semester.

PP **Paul Metzger** reports that his daughter will soon be deploying to Afghanistan.

August 8, 2011
Wayland Rotary Club
Annual Golf Tournament

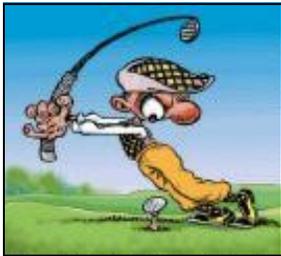


**Woodlyn Hill Golf Course,
Nunda**
12:00 pm

For info contact: **Debbie Vanscooter** 728-9130

Part of the proceeds to benefit G. V. Rotary Camp.

September 16, 2011
District 7120 Golf Tournament
Lima Golf & Country Club



Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm; four person scramble.

Meeting in Person Helps Build Friendships



“Fellowship and friendship are two of the cornerstones on which Rotary is built – two components of Rotarians’ work that are indeed important. At any given meeting, one can only do a certain amount of work during the time allocated for the actual meeting. An equal amount of work is done during coffee breaks, luncheons, dinners, or over a drink in the bar. These opportunities make it possible to get to know the person – or see the face – behind all the e-mails and the phone calls...” —**Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair 2010-11 (Source: June 2011 Rotary News)

PROGRAM REPORT

Make a Difference Through R.S.V.P.

Kathy Wood, Volunteer Coordinator for Livingston County’s Retired and Seniors Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.), was the guest speaker at our June 13th Club meeting. R.S.V.P. is a part of Lifespan of Greater Rochester’s volunteer program which connects adults 55 and older to a wide range of volunteer experiences in our community. The program is funded by a 3 year grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Kathy relayed that volunteer opportunities include tutoring or mentoring children from kindergarten to grade 12, transporting older adults, no longer able to drive, to their doctors’ and other appointments, providing support to the elderly so they can stay in their homes longer by helping them with household duties/shopping and teaching adults literacy skills. R.S.V.P. volunteers are eligible for transportation reimbursement.

R.S.V.P. is currently sharing office space with Catholic Charities of Livingston County at 34 East State Street in Mount Morris. If you are interested in getting involved in the program, Kathy’s phone number is 658-4466, ext. 21. She can also be reached by e-mail: kwood@lifespan-roch.org.



Good Neighbor Citizenship Award

This award is presented each year to a young person who is high school age (grades 9-12, including students who have just graduated), participated in Good Neighbor activities, volunteered for the betterment of the community, is known as a good citizen in school and community, and is perhaps not apt to receive praise through usual school means.

If you would like to suggest the name of someone who deserves this award, please contact PP **Paul Metzger** at 243-3361 or 382-3886.

PP **Dave Parish** is once more sponsoring this award.

(Source: Good Neighbor Committee Minutes 5/20/11)



Golf Tournament to Benefit Genesee Valley Rotary Camp



July 30th, Brae Burn
Golf Course, Dansville

18 hole, Shotgun Start
8:00 am and 1:00 pm tee
times

Cost: golf & dinner \$60/person
\$240 four person team

Contact **Michael Hoag** at 739-3754 to register.

With this month's issue
our club's electronic
newsletter is celebrating its
one year anniversary.

Thanks again to everyone
who submitted photos and
articles during the past
year. —*Marilyn Lyon*



Geneseo Rotary Club Change of Officers Dinner, June 27th

Photos by M. Lyon



Pres. **Matt Gaynor** receiving a framed gavel from **Howard Stewart**



Margaret and PP Dick Thomas



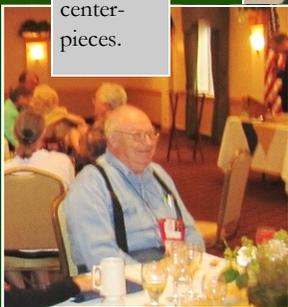
PP **Chris Rider** received a t-shirt from Pres. **Matt Gaynor**



PP **Linda Gibbs** made the beautiful table center-pieces.



Pres. **Matt Gaynor** presented **Sally Gallivan** with a box containing her favorite "grape juice" & 2 wine glasses.



Bruce Godsave



Pres. **Matt Gaynor** presenting **Marilyn Lyon** with Rotarian of the Year Award (photo by **S. Duffy**)



Howard Stewart presented Pres. **Matt Gaynor** and the Gaynor girls, **Fiona & Maeve**, with a pine needle basket made by the Fuente de Pino Cooperative in Nicaragua.

2010-2011 Rotary Year in Review



It all began with PP Margaret pulling me aside at a meeting some years back and asking me to join the Board of Directors. She said it would be fun, only meet once a month and you get to vote about the contributions! Then she approached me about moving into the role of VP-she said you don't really have to do anything in the role. Uh-huh. Well, the rest is history.

Well, I want to extend my thanks to the Board who assisted me in keeping the engine of Rotary moving forward. In particular, I acknowledge PP and ADG Chris Rider for his counsel, particularly with my predecessor's sudden departure. PP Bonnie Swanson, treasurer extraordinaire, facilitated the financial piece with her meticulous bookkeeping, organization and knowledge of the Club's finances. Bonnie and Chris both lent a sympathetic ear and sound advice when solicited. PP David Parish, Club historian, quietly and consistently coordinated speakers for the meetings and also provided historical perspective when called upon.

Thanks to Marilyn for creating the Valley Courier and documenting all of the Rotary happenings...and there are many of them. It afforded me the opportunity to recount the year in a Cliff Notes-style format. Kind of reminded me when I had to read books like 'The Odyssey' in school...and actually both finish and understand them. My wife, Susan, being the educator she is, will employ the question, "What did we learn from that?" I learned that you need help from the whole Club in order to perform this role.

We saw another successful (despite being meteorologically-challenged again) Summer Fest thanks to PP Dick, Sally and their Committee Chairs and army of volunteers.

Well, within my first month of presidency, we were visited by RI VP Tom Thornfinnson and DG Jeff Krans on separate visits. No pressure there.

An intrepid band of Rotarians, driven by the gracious Pam Widmer in a school bus, visited Camp Sam Wood in August of last year. The proceeds of our 50/50 Festival raffle benefited the Camp and I am happy to say that we have dedicated a line item in our budget to a contribution in honor of member Scott Kamakaris' 20 years of service there. We also honored Scott at our holiday party for the same reason, as did GVRC itself. For me, I learned what a difference GVRC makes in the lives of Campers and their families.

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Fast forward to the participation by a team in the Livingston County Corporate Spelling Bee....we finished a respectable fourth and what did we learn? We learned what 'antimacassar' meant. Anti-what? Beside Bruce Godsave, who knew? Where did they pull this word from anyway?

We volunteered in our 'usual' array of community events including, but not limited to, the Dictionary Project, Hunt Races, Christmas Sing, Halloween Parade, Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing, Plant Sale and various Good Neighbor functions.

We honored PP Dick Thomas for 40 years of perfect attendance at our Holiday Party. We learned of PP Dick's significant place in our Country's heritage.

My 'signature' project was to cast our gaze far afield and reinforce the 'International' in Rotary International. We "built communities and bridged continents" (RI's theme this year) in the form of our donation to the purchase and installation of solar panels for families living in abject poverty in the mountains above the small town of El Sauce, Nicaragua. SUNY Geneseo has a Study Abroad program there since 2008.

Our donation will afford a number of families access to meager amounts of electricity while contributing to its economic development as the women of the work cooperative, Fuente de Pino ("Fountain of Pine,") are able to come together in the evenings and hand-weave their signature pine needle baskets. It means less de-forestation to build fires for light and also less respiratory conditions due to the ongoing fires. It also helps to sustain both a cultural tradition and viable means of commerce, however modest.

I am happy to say that President Howard will continue our Club's partnership with them and I am also happy to assist in that endeavor. As we have seen by their continued correspondence and photos, the citizens are genuinely appreciative of our donation and we are making a definite tangible impact. It is a reminder for me of how fortunate we are when we see the conditions they live under, with walls made of plastic drop cloths or garbage bags and sticks to secure them.

I am proud that VP Charlie Tyo hosted Sri Lankan DGE Gehan Siribaddana and his family as part of Rotary's Milt Matthews Visiting DGE Program. We learned from Gehan of the assistance that the Rotary Foundation has made to his country in the rebuilding of its schools in the wake of the 2004 tsunami that devastated that country.

Speaking of the Foundation, we also had several PH Fellows this year from the Club.

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We were able to embark upon a joint fundraiser. That is, the pasta dinner we held with Teresa House on Shrove Tuesday. It was held in concert with our third annual raffle which was a big success. PE Howard did a great job coordinating and organizing the raffle and holding court that evening with the steady flow of prizes. We learned that people like “stuff” and John Anderson will be hosting the next Super Bowl Party at his house with the big screen TV he won!

Another field trip we took was a tour of the new jail and, in doing so, we happily learned that PP Margaret doesn't have to make that long trek to Monroe County on weekends for her other “community service!” Just kidding, of course, Margaret. ☺

It was an active year for both the Rotaract and Interact Clubs. Thanks to Marilyn and Darcy/Gretchen for their efforts in advising their respective Clubs and keeping the energy and interest there.

ADG Chris awarded Marilyn two citations: For having earned the #1 Newsletter and the #3 Web Site (in Division 1 among the largest Clubs) in the District-wide contest. We learned not to take Marilyn's award-winning efforts for granted...thanks Marilyn!

Honorees for our Club this year included PP Paul Metzger for being the NYS Senior Citizen of the Year for his 33 years as pastoral counselor in the jail, Good Neighbor Committee work etc.

PP Kurt Fletcher was named to the rank of Distinguished Professor, the highest tribute conferred upon instructional faculty by SUNY.

Also to note in the Fletcher family, Kurt and Leah's son, Ethan, placed second in the District-wide Vocal contest. This honor was achieved while competing against 20 participants from 17 clubs and we were treated to a tune at our meeting when he accepted the award.

PP David Parish received the Clara Barton Society Award for financial contributions to the American Red Cross.

Dorothy Welch was recognized for her 19th century culinary expertise at the Genesee Country Village & Museum Agricultural Society Fair in October with numerous ribbons...and we applaud her despite the fact that she has yet to bake any goodies for us. BTW, I don't mean to imply that she gained her expertise live from 19th century chefs while working side-by-side with them.

We saw the departure of some members but welcomed new members Tim Hayes, Tracy Carlini, Jan Montanye-Castillo, Randy Gilbert and Kelly Palmer.

Our coffers are filling up once again as we near Summer Festival. Thanks to Sally Gallivan for her efforts to coordinate over \$19K in ad sales for the 2011 Summer Festival program.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the three women in my life that supported me through this year, my wife, Susan, and daughters Fiona and Maeve. As I wrote in the last musings, and to quote Aristotle, “The whole is greater than the sum of the parts.” It is amazing what we accomplish collectively as a Club. Thanks to all who played a part in our success.

—PP Matt Gaynor