



# Geneseo Rotary Club Newsletter

Club 4780 of District 7120

July 2010

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## Upcoming Programs

July 5th-- Business Mtg.

July 12--Rev. Mark Lattime saying "Goodbye".

July 19-- Zion House (Avon)

July 26th-- Main Street & Louise Wadsworth

## 50/50 Drawing Winner\$

June 7th--Rick Walton

June 14th--Bill Derby

June 28th--Dorothy Welch



## ROTARY ARCHIVE

July, 1995

Eight women begin their terms of service as District Governors, the first elected to this role.

Source: R.G.H.F.

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(for more information on these women, see R.G.H.F. History Calendar on page 3)

## Rotary International Theme 2010-2011 Building Communities, Bridging Continents



Ray Klingensmith, of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, is the Rotary International President for 2010-11. Mr. Klingensmith has earned degrees in business and law from the University of Missouri.

After reviewing previous themes, Mr. Klingensmith chose the four words "Building Communities, Bridging Continents" as the new R.I. theme because they "reflect who we are and what we do, as Rotarians."

The Summer Festival is fast approaching so please sign up soon.

The Club needs everyone's help to make this event a success.

*"Many hands make light work"*



## Interact Club, Geneseo Central School

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 12-18\*. Interact's name is a combination of the words international and action. The program gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends.



The Interact Advisor for 2010-11 is Darcy Lynch.

\*5/11/2010 News: The R.I. Board agreed to lower the age of eligibility for Interact members from 14 to 12.

## 50/50

## Raffle

Will take

place

during the

Skycoasters

Concert.

Proceeds to benefit the Geneseo Valley Rotary Camp.



*"This is a changing world, we must be prepared to change with it..."* ~~ Paul Harris

**Paul Harris Fellow**

Pres. Lou is the Club's newest recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow. He received the award at the Change of Officers Dinner on June 21st. Since 1981 sixty-nine members of the community have received this prestigious award.



**June Club Donations**

**\$200 Dime Carnival**

**\$100 United Way**

**\$100 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament**

**\$100 Wadsworth Library Summer Reading Program**

**District Governor Visit**



**DG Jeff Krans** will be visiting our Rotary Club on August 9th. He joined the Penn Yan Rotary Club in 1981. He has been recognized by the Penn Yan Club twice as Rotarian of the Year and was awarded the Four Avenues of Service Award. He has served the Penn Yan Club as President and Secretary. He was the sponsoring Rotarian Committee Chair for both the Penn Yan Interact in 1990 and the Keuka College Rotaract in 2004. DG Jeff and his wife Diane worked with a group of District 7120 Rotarians to create the District Oratorical Contest on Ethics.

**Save the Dates!**



**August 15-21:**

**Rotary Camp  
Camp Sam Wood**



**September 10th**

**Dist. Golf Tournament  
Lima Country Club**



**October 9th:**

**G. V. Hunt Races  
Nations Road**



**Ray Sherman Award**

PP Dave and PP Margaret presented **David Dwyer** with the Ray Sherman Award at the Change of Officers Dinner on June 21st. PP Dave stated "David Dwyer is someone who truly lives the Rotary Club motto of Service Above Self". He is a former Rotarian who was sponsored into our Club by Ray Sherman.

David Dwyer has served the Geneseo community as a long-time member of the Town Board; since 2000 he has held the position of Deputy Supervisor. In addition, he is a forty year member of the Geneseo Fire Department.

The \$500 David received will be donated to the Notre Dame Retreat House.

**NOTICE: The Club Program Committee will meet following the July 12 Rotary meeting. Program suggestions are appreciated. Those from the Membership Committee will be considered. PP Dave W. Parish, Chair**

Rose of the Month Award



At the June 7th Rotary Meeting, Pres. Lou presented Darcy Lynch with a rose for her outstanding work on the Flower Fundraising event (May 6-8th) at the Bank of Castile. \*\*\*

Change of Officers Dinner

The waning light of a beautiful summer day embraced the historic Big Tree Inn as guests arrived for the annual Change of Officers dinner on Monday, June 21st.

The event began with a social hour and cocktails followed by a fine dinner. Eloquent accolades by Pres. Lou, PP Dave, PP Margaret, Pres. Elect Matt and PP John preceded the presentation of the Ray Sherman, Lifetime Achievement and Paul Harris Awards.



Tim, PPDennis, Sid, PPCarol, Nancy Stewart

Pres. Lou gave his Farewell Address (the full text of his remarks begins on page 5). Then he formally passed the gavel on to Pres. Elect Matt who explained he was placing his Club goals for the upcoming year in a sealed envelope which will not be opened until after his term ends. The evening concluded with a select vocal group serenading Pres. Lou with lyrics that were provided by PP Art.

(Additional photos taken by PP Dick are on the Club's website)

R. G. H. F.  
Rotary Global  
History Fellowship



(An Internet Project)  
*"Seeking to serve Rotarians, present and future, by preserving the Global History of Rotary".*

For more information visit:  
[www.RotaryFirst100.org](http://www.RotaryFirst100.org)  
[www.RotaryFirst100.org/history/history/calendar.htm](http://www.RotaryFirst100.org/history/history/calendar.htm)

**PP Bob Waring (visiting from Florida) attended the meeting on June 14th. Bob was our President in 1971.**



Kudos

**PP Paul and his wife, Marge, were presented with a GEM (Going the Extra Mile) Award at the 28th Annual Livingston County Foster Parents' Recognition Banquet held on May 23rd at the Oak Valley Event Center.**

**Carlos Garcia, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, was the guest speaker on June 14th. He stated "it was a pleasure meeting people of good heart" at our Club. Mr. Garcia explained the mission of his organization which consists of two areas: putting out emergencies on a daily basis and teaching people how to fish (e.g. helping them learn how to maintain their daily life).**

**Molly Kerker, from AmeriCorps VISTA, also spoke at this meeting. She explained the Community Crops Initiative which is a community garden located at 10 State Street in Mount Morris. The garden is a parcel of property that is managed and developed by community members to produce food for personal consumption and for donation to the Mt. Morris Food Pantry.**

**Community Crops is open to anyone in Livingston County.**

## President Matt's Musings



I am pleased and honored to write to you as the Club President of the Geneseo Rotary Club in this, the inaugural issue of our electronic Club newsletter.

I would like to draw your attention to the quote from Paul Harris in regard to change at the bottom of page one. To that end, please join me in thanking Marilyn Lyon for bringing our communications from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries in one fell swoop!

Depending upon when you are reading this, we will either be gearing up for, or winding down from, our annual Summer Festival. In either case, the labor, planning and execution that go into it is quite extensive and there are a few dedicated leaders who bear the torch for the Club and should be recognized. Past Presidents Dick Gallivan and Steve Wiener, along with Sally Gallivan and the other committee chairs make it happen. The proceeds from the Festival help fund our Club's initiatives year-round and I thank all who contribute their time and talent to this huge undertaking.

As many hands make for light work, please do invite a friend or colleague (or two or three!) to a meeting to experience the fellowship.

I want to welcome new Board members Gretchen Bailey (Club Secretary), Pam Widmer and Bruce Godsave (Club Service Co-directors), Mo Dalton (International Service) and Stephanie Fadale (Community Service Co-director). We welcome the new ideas and energy that they will contribute to the Board and thank them for stepping into leadership roles.

They join fellow board members Howard Stewart (President-Elect), Charlie Tyo (Vice-President), Bonnie Swanson (Treasurer), Darcy Dewar Lynch (Vocational Service), Mary Kay Yanik (Community Service Co-director) and Lou Lombardo (Immediate PP).

Yours in Rotary,  
Matt

### District Golf Events

#### July 12th--- Brighton Rotary Golf Tournament

Country Club of Mendon  
1:00 p.m.

#### July 19th--- Camp Star Golf Tournament

Bath Country Club  
12:00 pm

#### July 26th--- Honeoye Lake Rotary Golf Tournament

Lima Country Club, 10:00 a.m.



### August Newsletter

Deadline:

Friday, July 23rd

Please e-mail  
Submissions/  
suggestions to:  
[lyon@Geneseo.edu](mailto:lyon@Geneseo.edu).

The full run of "The Rotarian" is now on the Internet. As mentioned, the hard copies from 1935-1975 will be disposed of unless someone wants to accept them. *PP Dave*

# Happy Holiday



## Pres. Lou's "FAREWELL ADDRESS"



I would like to welcome all of you to the "Change of Officer's" Dinner. We call it the "Change of Officers" Dinner because it is the time to change some officers in Rotary- not all officers, just some. So I suppose a more accurate name for this evening's event should be the "Change of SOME Officers" Dinner.

Anyway, "WHY change officers?" some of you may ask.

Well, Tom Blair, a well known writer for the San Diego Union Times once offered some advice about why we should change POLITICIANS. He said- "POLITICIANS are like baby diapers. They need to be changed OFTEN- AND for the SAME reason".

I must say that officers of the Geneseo Rotary are far from being politicians. I MUST say that especially with so many past presidents and other officers in the room tonight. But we do schedule a CHANGE OF OFFICERS event every year and we do it for a reason.

In fact there are 3 reasons that I can think of as to why we change officers in our Rotary: #1- to get a variety of fresh ideas that will translate into more services to our community; #2- so that the outgoing President can be re-introduced to his or her family; and #3- to provide a ceremony where each incoming president can properly bid a fond farewell for the year to their wife, girlfriend or, sometimes, BOTH.

Now I know there are some of you out there who don't understand the quote HIERARCHY of Rotary. To do this you must first know which officials are IN EFFECT, running the show. Regardless of your impression of this past year, we do have some organization in place.

We have, as officers, a president- myself for one more week, a president- elect- Matt Gaynor, a vice president- Howard Stewart, a secretary- Pat Call, and a treasurer- PP Bonnie Swanson. We also have the immediate past president- Chris Rider, who acts kind of like an adviser- a consigliere- like Tom Hagen was to Don Vito Corleone in the Godfather.

Once you become vice president, you automatically move up to Pres. Elect the next year, then to President, then you're put out to pasture, so to speak as- immediate past president.

We also have DIRECTORS who carry out specific duties as prescribed by the RI constitution.

This year's Directors were as follows- Charlie Tyo- Dir. Of Club Affairs (I mean Services), Mary Kay Yanik and Howard Stewart- Co-Directors of Community Services, Darcey Dewar Lynch who took over the duties of Dir. Of Vocational Services from Sid Symington when he became commissioned- or ordained as a priest and, thus, didn't have a prayer of continuing, and Tim Brinduse, Dir. of International Services.

I would like to personally thank these individuals for their cooperation, their guidance and there dedication to our club. IT IS NOW AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO APPLAUD PLEASE.

This evening we have some NEW people who have VOLUNTEERED, each in their own way, to serve in some capacity for the upcoming year. I use the term, "volunteered" loosely. Let me explain why.

The way people VOLUNTEER in this Rotary is that they are ASKED to run for a particular office. They are ASKED by a committee or COMMISSION. This so-called COMMISSION is made up of five members- they happen to be the HEADS of the five families of the immediate past presidents. These HEADS or CAPOS go about meeting in secret to come up with names of people who might VOLUNTEER to serve. (cont. page 6)

Then they ASK. For example, I recall when incoming President Matt Gaynor VOLUNTEERED to run for vice president. By coincidence he had to undergo 2 major shoulder operations allegedly IMMEDIATELY after he was visited by one of the heads of the 5 families. After the operations he immediately announced that he would run for the position of vice president. (By the way this year's head of the five- the CAPO de CAPO- was a woman by the name of Sue Crilly (aka Suzie D'Guardio). You see where I'm coming from?

And then there's the person who VOLUNTEERED to run for vice president this year- Charlie Tyo. Some of you don't know it but Charlie was recently discharged from the hospital, allegedly after having being visited by D'Guardio. Sound suspicious? All of this is allegedly, of course.

I myself do not recall volunteering to run for vice president 3 years ago. I do remember at a meeting one Monday when I was worried that my parking meter would expire. So I ducked out to put a coin in it. When I returned I found out that I VOLUNTEERED for vice president. That is what I RECALL- if someone out there remembers otherwise, please enlighten me.

Anyway, it's time to recognize the incoming individuals who will be leading our Rotary in the upcoming year no matter how the volunteered and I ask them to please stand & be recognized (PLEASE HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE UNTIL I FINISH)

Pres. Matt Gaynor, Pres. Elect- Howard Stewart, Vice Pres.- Charlie Tyo, Sec. Gretchen Bailey, Tres.- pp Bonnie Swanson; Co-directors of Club Services/Membership- Pam Widmer & Bruce Godsave; Co-directors of Community Services/Public Relations- Mary Kay Yanik & Stephanie Fadale-, Director of Vocational Services- Darcy Dewar Lynch and Director of International Services- Mo Dalton. Of course I am in line to assume the role of Tom Hagen as "consigliere" to Pres. Matt. (PAUSE)

During my year in office people have asked me what it's like to be pres. of Rotary. And I tell them that I feel like the man who was TARRED and FEATHERED and run out of town on a RAIL. And when asked how HE felt, he said, "If it wasn't for the honor of the thing I would rather have WALKED."

At this time I would like to thank my wife Maria, who has shown a great deal of PATIENCE and UNDERSTANDING during this past year. There were truly times when I was NOT AT HOME- off on some presidential function away from the family. And there were numerous times when I WAS at home- but not available due to planning the AGENDAS for the upcoming meetings. And both of my daughters, Suzi and Amanda, also showed patience when they couldn't be on the computer because I was typing up some ROTARY STUFF. Together they made it much easier for me to be president.

I have met MANY people as president and have made MANY friends. Many of you have given me VALUABLE SUPPORT and PROVIDED RECOMMENDATIONS which made my job that much easier. I thank you and I will always value those FRIENDSHIPS.

And for those who chose to be NOT so friendly- I'd like to be as GRACIOUS and MAGNAIMOUS as the elderly woman who lived in RICHMOND, VIRGINIA at the time of the Civil War.

RICHMOND, which had been the capital of the Southern Confederacy, had been taken over by the UNION Army.

As this elderly woman was walking down the street, she slipped and fell. A UNION soldier went running to her and helped her to her feet. She looked at the blue uniform and looked the soldier straight in the eye and said, " Son, if there's a COOL place in hell I hope you get it!" (cont. page 7)

A message that I tried to pass along throughout my year as president was that all of us, as members, should be dedicated to providing services to other, above our own interests. I also believe that we owe it to ourselves to be **POSITIVE REPRESENTATIVES** of our club and we should strive to do and at least one **POSITIVE DEED** or say at least one **POSITIVE THING** about someone else each day. I tried to stress the need to **SHUN NEGATIVITY** in our lives and promote, what I call as **POSITIVITY**.

But sometimes that message fell on deaf ears. I have become convinced that trying to get some of those negative people to change their minds is like trying to teach a **PIG TO SING**. Not only is it a **WASTE OF YOUR TIME**- it can become **ANNOYING** to the pig.

During this past year we, as a club, have been quite active. As a result of all of that activity we were recognized several times with awards at the Rotary District Conference in Albany in April.

In the category of Club Services we received 1st place for our drive for new members. In the area of Community Services we received a 1st place award for our "Strike Out Hunger" campaign. We also received recognition for the expansion of our literacy programs. And we were honored with a 2nd place award for our club website.

In addition I was notified recently by e-mail by outgoing Governor Mark Wyse that we will be receiving a Presidential Citation for our efforts this past year. (I wonder if that means Barack Obama will come to present it)

I have been proud to be a member of this Rotary. As a team we have fulfilled many of the mandates of RI. For example we have **FED THE HUNGRY** with our monthly collection of food items and money for the local food pantries. In addition we initiated the Strike out Hunger campaign which resulted in over 20 boxes and bags of food items collected at the opening games of the Geneseo Little League. And we have donated over \$1000 this year toward food baskets for various organizations. And many of us have helped distribute holiday food baskets to those in need as well.

We have also **SHELTERED THE HOMELESS** with our \$1000 contribution for a shelter box for people in Haiti. In addition to sheltering the homeless we have donated \$2500 for the completion of the replacement of the roof on the log cabin in the downtown park. **HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN THE NEW ROOF ON THE CABIN?** This will provide shelter for the next 50 years to various organizations who rely on the cabin and park for activities.

As a club we have helped **CURE THE SICK** with our contributions to Polio Plus- a worldwide effort to wipe out polio.

Geneseo Rotary has also **EDUCATED THE ILLITERATE** through our dictionary give-aways to area 3rd graders, with our support of the Wadsworth Library, through our financial support to the Literacy Volunteers and by those Rotarians who visit area schools and read to the youngsters.

These are the kinds of positive activities that have made me proud to be a member of the Geneseo Rotary. And I thank each and every one of you who have participated in these and many other activities that make the Geneseo Rotary a **POSITIVE** and **VIBRANT** organization in the community. Please give **YOURSELVES** a round of applause for being a member of Geneseo Rotary.

At this time I would like to hand over the symbols of authority to incoming President Matt Gaynor. But I must protest the apparent brevity of his upcoming term. Now every previous president has served a term of one year. But apparently, according to an article in the LCN- specifically in a column written about Rotary Cogs (the author of whom shall remain anonymous), Matt Gaynor will be the incoming president for the 2010-2010 year. It's right here in black and white. (cont. page 8)

But I'll leave that up to Matt to sort it all out.

I do hereby bequeath to you, Matt Gaynor, these symbols of authority- the presidential GAVEL, the KEY to the POST OFFICE BOX, and, most importantly, the DECK OF CARDS for the weekly raffles.

By the way I'll need the cards and gavel for my last meeting next week.

So congratulations to the incoming officers and directors, congratulations to David Dwyer for receiving the prestigious Ray Sherman Award.

And, thank you all once again for attending. Have a safe trip home.

Lifetime Achievement Award

PP Dick and Sally Gallivan were the recipients of the Club's Lifetime Achievement Award presented at the Change of Offices Dinner on June 21st.

Prior to the presentation of the award, Pres. Elect Matt spoke about the Summer Festival and all that it encompasses. He stated "It is a lot of boots on the ground and it puts a face on Rotary to those who don't know what we do."

The award recognizes the Gallivans for all they have done over many years to make the Festival a very successful fund-raising event for Rotary.

**ROTARY**

**International Convention**

**New Orleans, Louisiana**

**May 21-25, 2011**



**Kiwanis/Rotary Golf Event**

will be held on

Thursday, August 5th at the  
Livingston Country Club

9 hole, 4 person scramble

NOTE: there will be no Club meeting on August 2.



**Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Canada June 20-23, 2010**



R.I. President **John Kenney** and his wife, **June**, at the Opening Reception on June 20th.



At a Plenary Session, Boy Scouts of America present flags from Rotary countries and geographical areas during the flag ceremony.