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The newsletter of the Rotary Club of Clifton Springs–Phelps, NY

The Rotary Club of Clifton Springs–Phelps is a dynamic service organization reflecting the growing diversity of our community while engaging in local and international initiatives for the betterment of people's lives.

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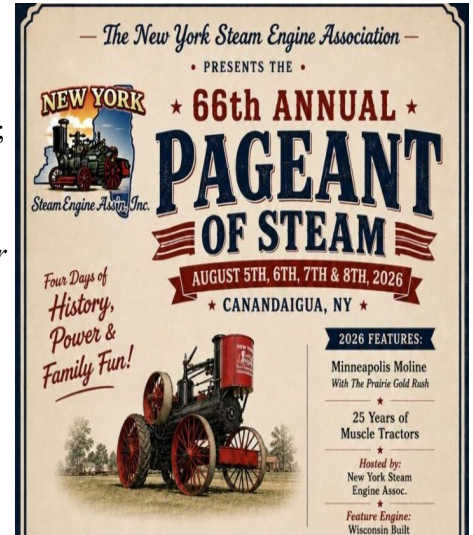
Check out Camp Onseyawa
<http://www.onseyawa.org>

2026 PAGEANT OF STEAM

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the **46 volunteers** who put "Service Above Self" and helped our Rotary have a successful food booth at the Pageant of Steam. This is, by far, the largest number of volunteers we have ever had. These good people came from many organizations including Ashton Place, FLACRA, the Phelps Community Center, the YMCA, the Clifton Springs Fire Dept., the Midlakes School District, the Canandaigua Rotary, the Bloomfield Rotary, the Gananda Rotary, the Seneca Falls Rotary, and the Red Creek Rotary Club. WOW! Such support is truly heartwarming. District Governor Lisa Norwood posted the following on Facebook after she visited us and toured the grounds on Friday; *Sometimes saying "yes" to helping Rotary leads you somewhere completely unexpected. Today it led me to my first Pageant of Steam. I came away with a greater appreciation for the people who preserve our agricultural and mechanical history—and with a whole bunch of new friends, ideas, and connections.*

A huge thank you must go to our co-chairs, Don Shaw and Vivian Ryan. Don ensured that the food operation ran very smoothly throughout the week while Vivian coordinated the volunteers. This was tricky when, on a couple of occasions, we actually had too many people for our small booth. A good problem we have seldom had before.

The numbers are still being crunched so we will not have our net profit for a few days. See pictures from the event on pages 2, 3, and 4 in this expanded edition of the "Sulphur Smell",



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) **SAVE THE DATES:** Camp Onseyawa **SETUP** is Sat. Aug. 15 from 1:00 to about 3:00. They would like a pick-up truck and 2 or 3 volunteers. Camp staff will help. The **CARNIVAL**, always a great time, is Sunday, Aug. 23 from 1:00 to about 3:30. Our club will provide a game and prizes. 2 or 3 volunteers are needed. The camp is located off Rt. 14 at 150 Whitman Road - Penn Yan, NY 14527. Contact Lori Reals for details at 315-462-5151.

UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS. PLEASE JOIN US.

DATE & PLACE	ACTIVITY/PRESENTER	TOPIC
Aug. 18 Rotary Room CS Hospital - Noon	Melony Katz	Will share a proposed prototype update for our website.
Sept. 1 Rotary Room CS Hospital - Noon	Kris Blair	TBA
Sept. 15 Rotary Room CS Hospital - Noon	Brandy Stephens	TBA

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8-24 Jeff Criblear

8-25 Kris Blair

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

8-9-1994 Vivian Ryan

8-13-2019 Chris Brookd

8-19-2025 Alyssa Bedient

8-19-2025 Janie Burgess

8-19-2025 Holly Carmel

8-19-2025 Nikole Ventura



CLIFTON SPRINGS ROTARY CALENDAR AND MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH DECEMBER 2026

(Subject to Change)



Rotary 2026-27				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event or Program Chair</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Pan Handler</u>	<u>Reflection</u>
08-18-2026	Melony Katz	Nick Ganster	Hugh Kane	Mary dePorter
09-01-2026	Kris Blair	Denise Burnett	Scott MacDonell	Linda Frank
09-15-2026	Brandy Stephens	Melony Katz	Jeff Criblear	Stefani Smaldone
10-06-2026	Club Assembly	Mary dePorter	Melony Katz	Theresa Dorgan
10-20-2026	Kristine Beniamino-Scherer	Brandy Stephens	Ron Nieskes	Lori Reals
11-03-2026	Hugh Kane	Stefanie Smaldone	Kris Blair	Three Bollinger
11-17-2026	Ron Nieskes	Tracy Crosby	John McCarthy	Nick Ganster
12-01-2026	Janie Burgess	Scott MacDonell	Jeff Criblear	Brandy Stephens
12-15-2026	Holiday Celebration			



Our new banner was proudly on display for all to see.



Hugh serving up one of his famous Sammies.

District Governor Lisa Norwood visited on Friday. Pictured are L-R: Stefanie, Jody Wilbur of the Canandaigua Rotary, DG Lisa, Rowen Markel of the Seneca Falls Rotary, and Conley Markel of the Mynderse Academy Interact Club





Viv, Melony, and Alyssa taking care of customers with a smile on Friday.



John Lombardi watching the master Sammie maker at work.



Emmaleigh and Calvin from FLACRA were a great help.



Chris and Nick on the Grill on Wednesday.



Chris Moyer, Mary, and Don doing breakfast on Wednesday.



Shelby McPherson of the Canandaigua Rotary and Susan Salvaggio of the Red Creek Rotary helping out on Thursday.



Jim Velte of Ashton Place cooking while Cassandra Turner from the Village serves along with Donna Miller of the Canandaigua Rotary on Friday.



Mary, Viv, and Stefanie on Saturday.



Scott and Tracy got the T-shirt memo on Friday.



Three serving up some salt potatoes on Saturday.



Satisfied customers wait out the brief rain storm on Saturday.

