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The newsletter of the Rotary Club of Clifton Springs, NY

The Rotary Club of Clifton Springs 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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Clifton Springs Rotary Club
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Past District Governor Don Alhart has announced a **MARCH MADNESS CHALLENGE** to support the Rotary Foundation. See page two for details.
- 2) Our **Rotary After Work (RAW)** event for March will be the Phelps BDTC business mixer at the Yorkshire Inn on March 19 from 5 to 7. It is well worth our attendance.
- 2) For the March service project we will be, once again, helping with the **Maple Weekend** at Everson's Maple Products on Mar. 21 and 22 from 10 am to noon. This is great fun.
- 3) **Paul Harris Nomination Forms** have been distributed. The submission deadline for nominations is Mar. 17. If you need a form please let Scott know a.s.a.p.
- 4) The **Easter Bunny** will be delivering baskets for Rotary this year on Good Friday.
- 5) On Saturday, April 25, The annual **Sulphur Brook Clean Up** will take place at John Brown Park. More details to come

RECAP OF MEETING OF 3 MARCH

ATTENDANCE: 11. Kris Blair and Stef Smaldone online. **GUESTS:** Thomas May of the Rotex Rotaract Club; Holly Carmel of the PCC; and Melony Katz, prospective member. **50/50:** Don. Donated to **BIG POT. POT O' GOLD** drawing is on St. Pat's Day.

Save the Date
April 12th, 2026



PROGRAM: Thomas May presented on the Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser, explaining how it works and the various ways the proceeds are distributed.

Then Alyssa Bedient, Director of Education, and Holly Carmel, HR Director of the Phelps Community Center, told us about their extensive recreational and educational programs, highlighting their focus on serving families from surrounding areas, including Newark, Geneva, and Canandaigua. They detailed the center's offerings, which include a dance studio, fitness center, youth theater, sports programs, Early Learning Center, and school-age programs, emphasizing their growth over the past decade. The PCC is a treasured community asset. It was a very informative program.



UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS. PLEASE JOIN US.

DATE & PLACE	ACTIVITY/PRESENTER	TOPIC
Mar. 17 Rotary Room CS Hospital - Noon	President elect Don Shaw	A report on the recent President elect Learning Seminar. We will also do a Q/A about how we can kick things up a notch to get those active member numbers up.
Mar. 31 PCC - noon	President Mary	We will help fill Easter Eggs for the village of Phelps Easter celebration.

MAR. BIRTHDAYS

3-1 Theresa Dorgan

3-21 Tracy Crosby

MAR. ANNIVERSARY

3-5 Dave Hook

3-13 Denise Burnett



ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

3-6-2001 Jeff Criblear

3-8-2018 Tracy Crosby

3-28-2023 Karl Dubash

3-28-2023 Nick Ganster

3-28-2023 Margo Lacure



CLIFTON SPRINGS ROTARY CALENDAR AND MEETING RESPONSIBILITIES THROUGH JUNE 2026

(Subject to Change)



Rotary 2025-26				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event or Program Chair</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Pan Handler</u>	<u>Reflection</u>
03-10-2026	Board Meeting			
03-17-2026	Don Shaw	Nick Ganster	Danielle Tilden	Janie Burgess/PCC
03-31-2026	President Mary			
04-07-2026	Club Assembly	Vivian Ryan	Nub Allen	Tony Bianchi
04-14-2026	Board Meeting			
04-21-2026	Interact Visit	Don Shaw	Scott MacDonell	Jeff Criblear
05-05-2026	Nick Ganster	Hugh Kane	Tony Bianchi	Theresa Dorgan
05-12-2026	Board Meeting			
05-19-2026	Kris Blair/Dave Markel	Danielle Tilden	Janie Burgess/PCC	Stefanie Smaldone
06-02-2026	Tony Bianchi	Theresa Dorgan	Kristine Beniamino-Scherer	Doris Hunter
06-09-2026	Board Meeting			
06-16-2026	Stefanie Smaldone	Jeff Criblear	Hugh Kane	Scott MacDonell
06-30-2026	Changeover Event			

Past District Governor Don Alhart has announced a **MARCH MADNESS CHALLENGE** for St. Patrick's Day to support our Rotary Foundation.

The month of March is upon us-- and that means it is time for our annual MARCH MADNESS Challenge!

This year- I am adding a **PERSONAL** challenge to all Rotarians in District 7120. Please share with your club members.

Mary and I will be in **ARUBA**- for the month of March! Here is my challenge:

On **St. Patrick's Day- March 17th**- I will contribute a dollar for every degree of the highest temperature of the day. If the high in Aruba is 87° -- I will contribute \$87.

I challenge you to do the same-- wherever **YOU** are! If you are in Rochester, or Dansville, or Corning-- and the high temperature that day is 45°-- then you contribute \$45. If you are in FLORIDA, and the high is 80°- you contribute \$80. In other words-- wherever you are-- you pledge to contribute \$1 for every degree in the high temperature.

(If we drop below 0°- there is a \$10 minimum) (Also- **FAHRENHEIT!!**)

It all depends on where you are!

So, let's have some **FUN** in promoting our Rotary Foundation- and the good it is doing in the world.

PDG Don Alhart

Annual Giving Sub-Committee Chair

