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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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<http://www.onseyawa.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) At a stand up meeting on Aug. 18 the board approved the **House of John** as our newest corporate member. Tracie Baxter, care coordinator for the HoJ, was approved as their primary (active) member. Tracie will be formally inducted at our Sept. 1 meeting.
- 2) Hugh reported the financial results from the **Steam Pageant**, showing a profit of \$7,016.75. Great job everyone!
- 3) The district **Literacy Seminar** will take place in our Rotary Room on Sat. Sept. 26, from 9:00 am to noon. The theme is "**Financial Literacy**" with a Panel Discussion on the following topics Budget & Saving, Credit & Debt Management, Housing, Taxes, and Insurance. We will need volunteers to help set up the room that morning.

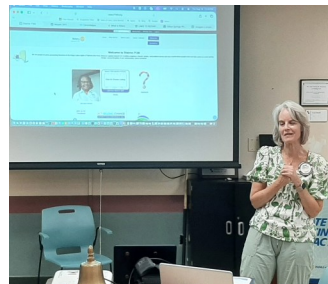
RECAP OF AUGUST 18 MEETING

ATTENDANCE: 15 + AG Pattie Holdraker and prospective member Tracie Baxter online.
GUESTS: PDG Jim Crane and Nancy Loughlin. **50/50:** Theresa. \$15 to Camp Onseyawa.

Past District Governor Jim Crane presented the "**Club Excellence Award for 2025-2026**" to past president Mary dePorter. This prestigious award recognizes our efforts in membership growth, community engagement, and operational efficiency. Well done Mary! See pictures of the award on page two.

We were pleased and honored to formally induct **Hope Galens and Ron Nieskes** into the club. Pictured L-R are: PDG Jim Crane, Hope Galens, Ron Nieskes, past president Mary, President-elect Stefanie, President Don, and membership chair Scott.

PROGRAM: Melanie presented a prototype for a redesigned club website, which she developed with the assistance of AI tools. Explaining that she researched what makes for an effective Rotary website she outlined key criteria including eye-catching design, current logos, social media links, and graphics to attract potential members. The presentation included a demonstration of the new website's features. The new design maintains all existing content while freshening up the presentation with better organization and additional features like photo galleries and categorized images. Well done Melony! (AI was used in writing this report on her presentation)



UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS. PLEASE JOIN US.

DATE & PLACE	ACTIVITY/PRESENTER	TOPIC
Sept. 1 Rotary Room CS Hospital - Noon	Kris Blair	TBA
Sept. 15 Rotary Room CS Hospital - Noon	Brandy Stephens	TBA
Oct. 6 Rotary Room CS Hospital	Club Assembly	President Don will lead the meeting devoted to club business.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8-24 Jeff Criblear

8-25 Kris Blair

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

8-9-1994 Vivian Ryan

8-13-2019 Chris Brooks

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>
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			

Immediate Past District Governor
Jim Crane presenting the Club Ex-
cellence Award to Immediate Past
President Mary dePorter on
August 18.



This award will go on permanent
display in our cabinets in the
Rotary Room in the hospital.

