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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) 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.
- 2) Make sure to join us on Sept. 1 as we induct our newest member, **Tracie Baxter**. Tracie is the primary member for the House of John which is our newest corporate member.
- 3) Many thanks to **Tracy Crosby** who represented our club and provided a game for the kids and the Camp Onseyawa Carnival on Sunday, August 23.

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH IN THE ROTARY WORLD

It is, therefore, fitting that we pay tribute to the incomparable Dolly Parton who had a strong partnership with Rotary.

The following is excerpted from an article by Richard Lees on the Pershore Rotary Club website.

As we mourn the death of Dolly Parton, Rotarians worldwide remember not only an extraordinary artist and philanthropist, but a woman whose enduring commitment to children and literacy has changed millions of lives.

Dolly Parton founded the 'Imagination Library' which introduced many young people into the world of literacy. She collaborated with Rotary in this and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition at the Rotary International convention in Montreal in 2010.

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UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS. PLEASE JOIN US.

DATE & PLACE	ACTIVITY/PRESENTER	TOPIC
Sept. 1 Rotary Room CS Hospital - Noon	Lynn White from the Phelps Historical Society	Lynn will be telling us about the museum and the programs they have.
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.

BIRTHDAYS

9-17 Jean Day

9-23 Danielle Tilden

9-24 Nick Ganster

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

9-10-1989 Jean Day

9-21-2010 Nub Allen

9-26-1995 John Galati

SEPT ANNIVERSARY

9-3 Jeff Criblear

9-21 Tracie Baxter



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			

(Dolly and Rotary Cont.)

Since 2009, Rotary clubs have partnered with the ‘Imagination Library’ to promote early childhood reading and bring books into the homes of children across the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Through these partnerships, Rotary has helped bring the joy of reading to children in more than 300 communities.

As Rotarians, we are proud to have shared in her vision and to have helped bring that vision to communities large and small.

This September, as we celebrate Rotary’s commitment to Basic Education and Literacy, we also celebrate Dolly’s extraordinary contribution to that cause. Asked how Rotary supported her work, she said “Rotary has been a wonderful partner. It has helped us in all kinds of ways – getting the word out, funding the effort and finding others to help fund it. Also registering lots of kids.”

When asked to comment on what the legacy of the ‘Imagination Library’ might be, Dolly said “My hope is simple, that no child will ever have to grow up without books. Our partnership with Rotary is just beginning so, I’m sure as we grow closer, our dreams will grow.”

Her music brought joy to generations. Her generosity opened doors for millions of children and the books she helped place in their hands will continue to inspire young minds for generations to come.

