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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

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH IN THE ROTARY WORLD

- 1 **Wellspring Church** will be sorting and packaging their food donations on Tuesday the 22nd from 5:30pm - 8pm and **volunteers are needed**.
- 2 The club agreed to hold our **holiday event at Ashton Place** again this year, and the board voted to provide a **\$150 sponsorship to the PCC Fun Run**, scheduled for 10/2.
- 3 Don't forget about two upcoming learning events - the **Financial Literacy seminar** in our Rotary room on 9/26, 9am-noon and the **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** at Victor Junior High on 10/17 (<https://rlinea.org>). Both events are free to attend.
- 4 **We need your leadership!!** The club VP position and two board positions will be open next year. If you are interested, please let Don know by the end of November.
- 5 We have a **new spring fundraiser** planned for 4/17 - a BBQ (maybe pork or brisket) in the Tops parking lot.

EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN HAITI

We had a truly inspiring speaker for Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy month. **Greg Francois**, the Founder and Executive Director for the nonprofit Organization for the Development of Underprivileged Children (**ODED**) spoke with us about his efforts to **support underprivileged children in Haiti through education**.

This is a very personal mission for Greg. He is a Cybersecurity professional and US Army veteran, and Greg grew up in Haiti. He was fortunate to be able to afford a good education. The public education system is unreliable and **many children can't afford a private education, and turn to gangs for a source of support**.

Greg and ODED **sponsor children's education costs through to graduation** at a cost of \$200 per child annually. Last year they sponsored 13 children. They pay the school directly, and work with the families to try to maximize success. And they are working to build a **Digital Literacy and Computer Lab** for training youth and adults in northern Haiti.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS — PLEASE JOIN US

Date & Place	Activity / Presenter	Topic
Oct. 6 Rotary Room, CS Hospital · Noon	Club Assembly	President Don will lead the meeting devoted to club business.
Oct. 20 Rotary Room, CS Hospital · Noon	Kristine Beniamino-Scherer	TBD
Nov. 3 Rotary Room, CS Hospital · Noon	Kate Springer	Kate is the Wellness Coordinator at the PCC Fitness Center, and she will tell us about the center and current programs.



Birthdays

- ◆ **9-17** Jean Day
- ◆ **9-23** Danielle Tilden
- ◆ **9-24** Nick Ganster



Rotary Anniversary

- ◆ **9-10** Jean Day (1989)
- ◆ **9-21** Nub Allen (2010)
- ◆ **9-26** John Galati (1995)



Sept. Anniversary

- ◆ **9-3** Jeff Criblear
- ◆ **9-21** Tracie Baxter

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MEETING CALENDAR & RESPONSIBILITIES — ROTARY 2026–27

Subject to change

Date	Program Chair	Greeter	Pan Handler	Reflection
Oct 6	Club Assembly	Mary dePorter	Melony Katz	Theresa Dorgan
Oct 20	Kristine Beniamino-Scherer	Brandy Stephens	Ron Nieskes	Lori Reals
Nov 3	Janie Burgess	Stefanie Smaldone	Kris Blair	Three Bollinger
Nov 17	Ron Nieskes	Tracy Crosby	John McCarthy	Nick Ganster
Dec 1	Hugh Kane	Scott MacDonell	Jeff Criblear	Brandy Stephens
Dec 15	★ Holiday Celebration			

ACTION ITEMS

- **Sep 1 · Kris Blair** — Put together pricing information for swag with the new logos and get it out to everybody for a possible bulk order

OTHER NEWS

ANOTHER WORTHWHILE CAUSE FOR LITERACY MONTH



EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH 2:00PM

AT CANANDAIGUA ELKS LODGE
19 NIAGARA STREET
CANANDAIGUA

\$25 PER PERSON
(NO PARTNER NEEDED)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
LITERACY VOLUNTEERS
ONTARIO-YATES

CASH PRIZES FOR TOP 3 WINNERS AND LAST PLACE

PIZZA, SNACKS
50/50 RAFFLE
CASH BAR

Find out more at www.lvoy.org OR Scan the QR code to go to the registration site.

CALL 565-396-1686 OR EMAIL INFO@LV.OY.ORG FOR MORE INFO

Literacy Volunteers Ontario-Yates

Hope is involved with Literacy Volunteers Ontario–Yates (lvoy.org), whose mission is to provide adults the literacy skills needed to reach their full potential as individuals, parents, workers and citizens. Another cool way to support literacy and have fun!

DON'T FORGET:

- **Newark Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Dinner**
10/23, Clifton Springs Country Club
\$75, see Don for more info.



9TH ANNUAL National Recovery Month CHICKEN BBQ

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH 11AM

71 KENDALL STREET
CLIFTON SPRINGS, NY 14432

PRE-SALE: \$13

DAY OF: \$15

CHOOSE FLACRA™

RECOVERY MONTH

Scan Here For Tickets

For more information, contact development@flacra.org or call 315.719.7545
833-4-FLACRA

Facebook **Link to Purchase Tickets**

Don't miss the FLACRA chicken BBQ this Friday, and help a good cause in our community. See Stefanie and save \$ on advance tickets.