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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 Our **first area visit** is scheduled for Thursday **October 8th** from 7-8:30pm in **Naples** (see page 2). This is an opportunity to meet with DG Lisa Norwood, AG Patti Holdraker, and Rotary members from Bloomfield, Canandaigua, Honeoye Lake, Naples, Red Jacket, and us(!) to talk about what's working in our clubs, the opportunities and challenges we share, and how we can create greater impact together. Register at <https://rotary7120.org/event/area-4-gathering--connect--share--collaborate/>. Contact Melony to car pool.
- 2 One last plug for the **Financial Literacy Seminar** in our Rotary room on 9/26, 9am-noon. This is an opportunity to learn how we, as Rotarians, might help our community with Financial Literacy. Register at <https://rotary7120.org/event/district-7120-literacy-seminar/>.
- 3 Don will be presenting a **check for school supplies to Midlakes** Superintendent, Nick Ganster, and Elementary Principal, Chris Moyer at our meeting on 10/6. Don't miss seeing an example of our positive impact!

WHY WEAR THE ROTARY WHEEL?

Wearing the Rotary wheel in one's buttonhole is a tradition that expresses belonging, commitment, and the ideal of service. Born in the early days of Rotary, the wheel symbolizes movement, action and collective dynamism.

Its spokes and teeth form a unified whole: each member contributes to the functioning of the whole, just as each element of a wheel participates in its movement. The keyway, added in 1924, is a reminder that the wheel is designed to transmit force: it thus evokes the passage from will to concrete action.

The pin worn by the Rotarian is therefore a discreet sign of recognition between members, but also a daily reminder of their responsibilities. It means that belonging to Rotary is not limited to an identity: it involves participating, serving and acting together for the benefit of the community. The wheel is thus the living symbol of a Rotary in motion, united by common values.

Source: *The Rotarian Minute* No. 48 — therotarianminute.org



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, including school supply check presentation.
Oct. 20 Rotary Room, CS Hospital · Noon	Darcy DiPane and Micah Sherman	The proprietors of the Yorkshire Inn will tell us about the inn and their plans.
Nov. 3 Rotary Room, CS Hospital · Noon	Kate Springer	As the Wellness Coordinator at the PCC Fitness Center, Kate 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

WELCOME TO ROTARY!



New Member Webinar
14 October, 2026
11:00 AM CST

*There is a new member webinar
October 14th at noon. Register at
on.rotary.org/4jhjfnQ.*

DON'T FORGET:

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

Rotary
District 7120



Area Visit

Governor Lisa Norwood

October 8, 2026



7:00–8:15 p.m.



Bristol Valley Theater
151 S. Main Street
Naples, NY



Desserts and drinks provided



RSVP: Naples Co-Presidents



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*Don't miss our first area visit with DG Lisa Norwood, and the chance to meet and share with members of other clubs in our area. **Plus desserts!***