11/1/2026

Hello Rotarians,

Last week, we installed Martin Miller as our newest member. Mike Brewster was his sponsor. Welcome Martin! We are happy that you have chosen to join our club.

Tuesday, 11/3 is the Apple Pie Festival from 5:00-8:00PM at the O'Rourke Middle School. Peter Sawyer has been working hard to organize the APF to make it a successful community event. We would like the support and help from all Rotary members. Also, we are asking Rotary members to contribute $25.00 to offset the cost of the pies.

All of the 504 coats from the Coats For Vets program have been distributed. Special thanks to Mike and Joy for picking up the coats, sorting, reboxing , and storing the coats. Also special thanks to Alec Davis, Linda, and friend of Rotary, John Shean for delivering the coats to Rensselaer, Columbia, Green, and Albany counties. Thank you to Linda for contacting Ocean State Job Lot again this year letting them know of our interest in participating in the Coats For Vets program. Please remember that you can go to an Ocean State Job Lot store and purchase a coat for a vet for $45.00. You will then receive a $45.00 gift card. Let's support this program by purchasing a coat.

We will be hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Monday, 11/16 from 1:00-6:30PM at the Town of Ballston Town Hall. We need volunteers to help register donors. Volunteer shifts

will be 1:00-3:00PM, 3:00-5:00, and 5:00-6:30PM. Please let me know if you would like to help.

Toys For Tots is looking for volunteers to sort and bag toys at their Mechanicville Warehouse. We have the opportunity to help on Friday 11/13 from 10:00-12:00. Sign up is through Sign Up Genius. I will forward the sign up link in a separate email.

We will be holding our Christmas Party on 12/8 at 6:00 at the Charlton Tavern. We will be ordering off of the regular menu. Please let Linda know if you plan to attend. We will again be having our voluntary gift exchange. The cost of gifts should be $15.00-17.00 dollars. We are requesting that there be no wine or scented candles.

November is The Rotary Foundation month. Every dollar donated to The Rotary Foundation helps turn our commitment to service above self into action. Our contributions help fund the projects that are important to all of us. Our club has received money to help fund the Cleft Palate Clinic at AMCH, Muchilla Project, Town In Bloom, and, scholarships for high school students. Giving through Rotary Direct makes giving easy and manageable. When we give together, we impact our community and the world.

The Galway Food Pantry is always grateful for our donations. Please consider giving generously to those individuals in need. This week's needs are:
Canned Cat food

Hot Chocolate
Flour
Mashed Potatoes
Ramen Noodles
Razors
Cream of Chicken soup

<u>Rotary Schedule:</u>
11/3 5:00-8:00 52nd Apple Festival
11/10 Cliff Sequin Operation Adopt A soldier
11/13 10:00-12:00 Toys For Tots Volunteer Opportunity
11/16 1:00-6:30 Red Cross Blood Drive
11/17 4:30 Board of Directors' Meeting
6:00 Guillermo Trujillo Cyber Security

11/24 Rob Dixon Empire Ride To End Cancer
12/1 Holiday Drive through at the High School
12/8 6:00 PM Christmas Party at the Charlton Tavern

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