

'Pedal for Polio' set for Oct. 2



Rotary members in Western New York and Southern Ontario will participate in the second annual "Dr. Ron Mergl Memorial Pedal for Polio" on Saturday, Oct. 2. Bicyclists, other participants, donors and sponsors will unite in the United States and Canada to raise funds to assist in Rotary International's goal of completely eradicating polio.

There will be two bike rides – one on each side of the mighty Niagara River, beginning promptly at 10 a.m. In addition to the two primary rides, there will be clubs across the district organizing their own events in support.

This year, the Canadian ride will start at St. David's Lions Club and will head toward the Shaw Festival Theater and return to St. David's Lions Club. The Rotary Club of Niagara-on-the-Lake in Canada is once again hosting the cycling event and a meal will be served by the Lions Club upon completion of the ride.

On the American side, the ride will begin in Hennepin Park and proceed to Fort Niagara in Youngstown, and will return to Lewiston. The Rotary Club of Lewiston/NOTL (Niagara on the Lake) will be hosting the event again at the town park.

Both bike routes are approximately 15 miles (25 kilometers).

All COVID-19 safety measures will be followed.

The Rotary District's ambitious goal is to raise \$60,000 and the raise.rotary.org/Frank-Adamson/challenge1 fundraising platform will be utilized once again. The "Pedal/Participate for Polio Challenge" was initiated by Immediate Past District Gov. Frank Adamson. Donations can be

made at: raise.rotary.org/Frank-Adamson/challenge1.

The "Best of Friends" District 7090 of Rotarians and community members will pedal/participate for polio eradication with the assistance of sponsorships and donations. Rotary International is a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and has reduced polio cases by 99.9% since its first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

More than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries have been vaccinated due to the valiant efforts of local and worldwide Rotary Clubs. At the present time, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating polio. Rotarians will continue to fight against this debilitating and paralyzing disease until there are no new cases diagnosed throughout the entire world.

Adamson has challenged each Rotarian in the district to donate \$50 and seek one additional donation of \$50 from a friend, business or family member.

The Niagara River Greenway organization is partnering with Rotary District 7090 to make this unique fundraiser a success. Greenway's mission is to create a world-class trail and green space network that communities can be proud of and cherish for generations to come.

For more information on how to become a sponsor, donate money, or for the "Pedal for Polio" international bicycling event, contact Adamson at 905-892-0200, email office@d7090.org, or visit www.rotary7090.org/page/participate-for-polio.

State officials visit with Lewiston seniors



Last week, the Lewiston Senior Club hosted 145th District Assemblyman Angelo Morinello and 62nd District New York State Sen. Rob Ortt at the Lewiston Senior Center. The hour-long-plus discussion focused on a number of state issues of interest in Albany as well as in Buffalo-Niagara. Topics included the Bills stadium negotiations; the role of new Gov. Kathy Hochul; police issues, including bail reform and the Police Accountability Act; and the New York Power Authority's presence in WNY.

"It's been a crazy year in Albany," summarized Ortt in his remarks to visitors. (Photo by Terry Duffy)

Travel Club to meet

The Lewiston Travel Club will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Lewiston Senior Center on Lower River Road. The session is open to residents. For more information, call 297-4729.

Niagara County career fair

The Niagara County Department of Employment and Training's outdoor career fair – originally set for Wednesday, Sept. 22 at Oppenheim Park in Wheatfield – has been rescheduled to Sept. 29 due to the threat of inclement weather. More than 50 companies with open positions have signed up to take part in an event for those seeking employment.

"This is our third career fair this summer and we have had a great turnout of both employers and job seekers with many successful matches," said Donald Jablonksi, director of employment and training.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oppenheim Park, 2713 Niagara Falls Blvd. No appointment is necessary.

"Our WorkSource1 team will also be present to let job seekers know of the services we have available to them, like resume writing and interview prep, as they conduct their job search," Jablonksi said/



Porter Republicans hold preelection meet & greet

Wednesday evening, the Town of Porter Republican Committee hosted its annual preelection gathering/fundraiser at the Ontario House (Stone Jug) in Youngstown. The well-attended affair featured remarks by a number of officials, including First District Niagara County Legislator Irene Myers; John J. Ottaviano Jr., candidate for Niagara County Court; 144th District State Assemblyman Mike Norris; and Town of Porter Supervisor John "Duffy" Johnston.

In the photo, from left: Norris, Jerry Wolfgang of Lewiston, Niagara County Sheriff Mike Filicetti, Porter Deputy Supervisor Jeff Baker, Myers, Johnston and Ottaviano. (Photo by Terry Duffy)

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to one-vehicle accident involving a motorcycle. Driver charged with driving with more than .08 of 1% of alcohol; driving while intoxicated; failure to use the designated lane; improper plates; uninspected motor vehicle; operating/permitting operation without insurance; and operating out of class. Appearance and uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

- Saturday, Sept. 18**
- **Military/Lewiston roads, MVA-property damage** – Caller to 911 reported a rear-end accident, no injuries. Patrol issued two uniform traffic tickets (unspecified) to the rightful owner for Lewiston Town Court.
 - **2300 block of Ridge Road, theft** – Caller reported a switch

was possibly stolen from the premises; item has been missing for approximately two weeks. Report taken.

- **Locations at Ridge/Creek roads; Military Road/Power Vista Drive; and on the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Saunders Settlement Road, vehicle/traffic stops** – Calls officer initiated. Violations per stop included driver and rightful owner, charges unspecified; driver, cell phone violation; and two drivers, speed in zone. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

- Sunday, Sept. 19**
- **800 block of Center Street, assist public** – Caller to 911 reported a father and son, both intoxicated at a gas/convenience business; subjects were refused an

alcohol purchase became upset and left the store. Patrol advised clerk to recontact if subjects returned.

- **Niagara Road/Schultz Street, vehicle/traffic stop** – Officer initiated call. Patrol reported one female in custody for driving while intoxicated. LPD assisted State Police with breath testing.
- **500 block of Meadowbrook Drive, unwanted person** – Caller to 911 said the ex-mother-in-law was refusing to leave; negative results on alcohol; guns secured at residence. Patrol requested the subject to leave and she complied.
- **1000 block of Sweet Home Road, theft** – Caller reported the theft of lawn equipment and children's bikes from the premises; possible suspect.

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