# NNHS NEWS LETTER

Northville Northampton Historical Society

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## Northville Rotary Club

Written by Carlton Nellis, Club Historian, in 1960 at the 10th anniversary of the Northville Rotary Club

The first professional meeting of charter members was November 30, 1949, after preliminary work by Floyd Brownell, Frank Bradt, and many other officials. Floyd canvassed every business man in the community proposing membership. Six provisional meetings were held, where committees were named and plans made for charter night. Charter Night was held on January 18, 1950 at the Towers Hotel with 18 clubs represented by 123 visitors. The sponsoring club, Gloversville, had 27, Johnstown 24, North Creek 18 and South Glens Falls 14.



Mission Statement of the Northville Rotary Club: "to serve the communities of the Greater Sacandaga Lake Region through the improvement of health, the support of education, the alleviation of poverty and the betterment of the communities".

#### 2020-21 Board

President: Ken Adamczyk Vice President: Shirl Doherty Secretary: Susan Owens Treasurer: Melody Burton

Board Members: Bob Anderson and Susan Schmidt

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### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

### Northville

# **Rotary Starts** Movement to Recognize Boys

Blowers, Simons Saved Three From Drowning in Reservoir

The members of the Northville Rotary Club launched a movement last night to secure recognition for two boys in the village as a result of their life saving exploits.

The boys are Bruce Blowers and Keith Simons, who have rescued three boys from drowning in the Sacandaga Reservoir. The boys were guests at the dinner meeting.

The club officials were authorized to request the Red Cross and Carnegie Foundation to provide some suitable recognition for the work of the two boys. They performed both feats at some risk to themselves. Blowers assisted by Simons rescued two boys last week, after they had fallen from a culvert from which they had been fishing. A third was rescued recently.

Weekend

July 16, 17, 19, 2021

#### The Northville Rotary Club is a **Service-oriented** group of local citizens in the Sacandaga Community

- The Food Pantry at Fulmont Community Action Agency in Northville
- Sacandaga Helping Hands
- \$4000 in awards and scholarships at Northville High School
- The Northville-Edinburg Little League
- Northville Boy Scouts
- Local Girl Scout Troop
- **Boys State Participants**
- The Northville Central School District PTO
- The Rotary Foundation which supports global projects such as clean water and supports local service projects
- Polio Plus which is dedicated to the eradication of polio worldwide
- Shelter Boxes a worldwide disaster relief program
- NCS After-Prom Party
- Northville Civic Association
- Veteran's Organizations
- Northville-Northampton joint Youth



### Northville 1955 Rotary Plans To Burn Trees Village Board Tables Request Made By Regulating District

Plans for the annual burning of the Christmas trees in the village were made by the Northville Rotary Club at a regular dinner meeting last night in the Tower Hotel.

The burning ceremony will take place at 7:30 tomorrow night on Skiff Field.

Guest speaker last night was Atty. Michael Geraghty of Gloversville who discussed civil rights.

Next week's meeting will be held at Ferguson's Restaurant in the village.

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Week of April 9

### Our meeting last week was so filled

with pleasant surprises that we can do little more than list them: Pres. Gordie's Anniversary (busy cutting cake & paying fines) Prentice's welcome home (his talk was anything BUT prolix), Hi Steinburg (another 'Welcome Home!'); Frank Langr, Loren Crannel Wi'lard Weaver. THANKS TO GEORGE LANGR AND WARREN LARTER FOR A MOST INTERESTING PROGRAM ON THE TOYLAND, U.S.A. PROJECT !.....

Scouting events this week; Loy Scout food sale at Carl's Jewelers at 10:30 Sat.; Cub Scout paper drive Sat. and Sea Scout

### CHARTER PRESENTATION by Robert Ryan, who speaks

to us at our meeting this Wed. 6:30 at Izzo's. Members of our Sea Scout Ship 55 our guests. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PAST SECRETARY HAROLD TARIO ON HIS PROMOTION ! Important dates: April 24, Father-Son Banquet, May 23, FUL-MON Summer FESTIVAL Much work remains to be done on these projects, so let's 'STAY WITH IT!' ..... PREVIEWING MAY ROTARIAN; 'THE LIBERTY BELL'-'INSOAK'-'HONG KONG'



PARTICIPANTS IN THE FATHER-SON BANQUET sponsored by the Northville Rotary Club last night under the guidance of Dan Hollat the Central School, from the left, are Dr. Clem Gritsavage; Gordon Mosher, club president; Carrol (Pink) Gardner of Schenectady, former wrestler who was the guest speaker; John Gritsavage and Harry Mosher. (Leader-Herald Staff Photo)

230 Fathers, Sons Attend Northville Rotary Event; Ex-Dorp Wrestler Speaks

### Father, Son Banquet Scheduled by Rotary Club of Northville

The Northville Rotary Club will sponsor a father and son banquet at Northville Central School at 6:30 tonight. The toastmaster for the affair is Gordon B. Mosher.

Carrol "Pink" Gardner, County Clerk of Schenectady County, will be guest speaker. Gardner, a former wrestling champion, will comment on his personal experiences as a wrestler.

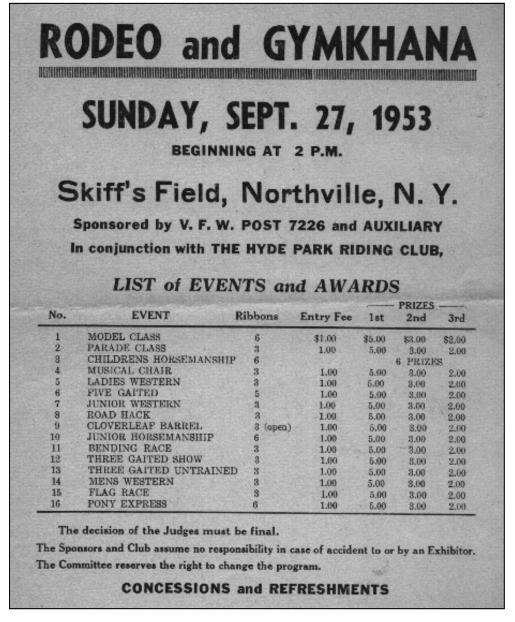
One of the features of the affair will be group singing, led by Rev. Harry A. Linzley. Boy Scout Troop 55 will lead the salute to the flag earn. A quartet composed of Robert Russell, Norman Barker, Duane Sprague will also perform.

John Gritsavage will give a toast to the fathers while his own father, Dr. C. E. Gritsavage, will make a toast to the sons. Committee members for the affair are George A. Van Arnam, Thomas Mace, William P. Yates and Joseph Tuccio.

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### SKIFF FIELD

was located between Skiff Road and 7 Hills Road where the Conservation Department building is now located. There was lots of action there for many years. It was probably best known for the baseball games played there by area baseball teams which included Northville's AA team. It was also known to host rodeos, 4th of July fireworks, concerts and local school athletic practice field. In the 40s and 50s the Northville Central School athletic fields were off limits to playing on Sundays, so teams (and kids) would practice on Skiff Field.



#### Articles from the Gloversville Leader Herald newspaper

Sunday afternoon the ACs are scheduled to meet the Northville AA on Skiff Field in the third and deciding game of a three-game aeries.

At 5 P. M., an exhibition skeet shoot will be held at Skiff field, and the feature event, at 7 P.M. will be a horseshoe match and exhibition by the state and county "barnyard golf" champi-

Band Concert At 8 on Skiff field the Johnstown Citizen band, will give the first half of a concert featuring old time melodies of past years. At 9:15 a grand fireworks display, of aerial in nature, will be given on Skiffs Point out over the reservoir supervised by Glen Duncan, Fire Chief and his committee. This arrangement has been made especially so that thousands can witness the display from both shores of the reservoir. Parking space is available and policing will be supplied for cars for this event. (1948)

The Johnstown A.C. baseball club has three games scheduled for the next week. Tomorrow afternoon the Sir Bill squad will travel to Northville to meet the Northville A. A. nine on Skiff Field. (1948)

Baseball Game Tonight The Northville A.A. will play the Fish House baseball team tonight at 8:15 on Skiff Field. This will be a non-league game. (1950)

Skiff field will he lighted tonight by a bonfire of Christmas trees at 7:30 o'clock under the auspice of the Northville Rotary club (1956)

More information about the baseball teams can be found in the Fulton County Museum in Gloversville, NY