ROTARY RAMBLINGS

SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISANS AT THE ANNUAL ROTARY CRAFT FAIR

Each November, the Owego Rotary Club's Craft Fair fills the Elks mansion with handmade products and unique items produced by local crafters and small businesses. Just in time for the holiday season, the event offers shoppers gifts for everyone on their list. Admission to the event and Owego parking are always free. Proceeds from this annual Rotary Club activity supports Rotary International's global effort to eradicate polio through The Rotary Foundation. Support the PolioPlus Fund at my.rotary.org/en/donate.

The Annual Owego Rotary Craft Fair showcases the talent of local artists and makers, offering attendees a chance to discover unique, handcrafted treasures while supporting the creative community right here at home. With every available vendor slot now claimed, this year's fair promises to be our best yet, so be sure to come out and show your support.



A sneak peak at some of the creative crafts from local artists.



Rotarys own bartending for a special cause!

ROTARY GOES PINK!

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Owego Rotary club came together for a special event filled with community spirit, fun, and a shared commitment to making a difference. In partnership with Owego Brewing Company, Owego Rotary Club Hosted a Tap Takeover on Wednesday, October 28th.

Through our Tap Takeover fundraiser, we are proud to support Embrace Your Sisters, an organization that provides financial assistance to individuals in our community facing breast cancer. With an estimated attendance of over 50 people, Owego Rotary Club was able to raise over $500 for Embrace Your Sisters! Together, we're raising awareness, supporting those in need, and reminding everyone affected by breast cancer that they are not alone.

SHARE THE ROTARY SPIRIT: AN INVITATION TO CONNECT

Designed to increase awareness, education and advocacy around Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, Rotary engagement in the annual local Alzheimer's Walk empowers Owego Rotarians to serve as champions for the mission to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Funds raised help fight Alzheimer's disease through vital research, advocacy efforts and essential support programs and services in our community. Help stamp out Alzheimer's. To donate or join the team, visit: http://act.alz.org/goto/OwegoRotaryAgainstAlzheimers

By joining the annual local Alzheimer's Walk, Owego Rotarians turn awareness into action, raising critical funds that fuel research, advocacy, and essential support services for families in our community. Every dollar raised brings us one step closer to a world free of Alzheimer's disease.



Alzheimer's Walk 2026

> Believe you can and you're halfway there.
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> *Theodore Roosevelt*





Orv Wright - U.S. Navy

SALUTING OUR VETERANS, INCLUDING OUR OWN

This Veterans Day, Owego Rotary honors the brave men and women who have served our country, including fellow Rotarians and members of our community. We are grateful for their service, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting our freedoms. To all who have worn the uniform, thank you for your courage and commitment. We honor you today and every day.

Special recognition to our Veteran Rotarians:

Kevin Millar — USMC, 1966–1970; U.S. Army Reserve, 1988–1993

Orv Wright — U.S. Navy, Helicopter Squadron Commander, 1952–1979

Max Della Pia - US AirForce, 1975-2008, Commander of the 109th Airlift Wing 1999 to 2006

Pumpkin Oatmeal Cookies

- 1 cup gluten free oats
- 3/4 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1 tsp cinnamon

1. Gather your ingredients and preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Combine all ingredients in a bowl.
3. Scoop cookies onto baking sheet using a cookie scooper or your hands. Gently flatten cookies slightly.
4. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until lightly browned. Enjoy!

ENDING POLIO TOGETHER THROUGH ROTARY'S GLOBAL IMPACT

World Polio Day, observed each year on October 24, raises awareness about the importance of polio vaccination and honors the volunteers and health workers striving to eradicate the disease. The date commemorates the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the team that developed the first effective polio vaccine. This annual observance highlights the collective effort required to protect every child from this preventable illness.

Rotary International has been a driving force in the fight against polio for over 45 years, beginning with a pioneering vaccination project in the Philippines in 1979 . Through its PolioPlus program, launched in 1985, Rotary has contributed more than $2.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize over 3 billion children in 122 countries . As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary's sustained commitment has helped reduce global polio cases by 99.9%, bringing the world closer than ever to eradicating the disease



WOBBLE BEFORE YOU GOBBLE AT THE OWEGO ROTARY TURKEY TROT 5K

Start your Thanksgiving with a little exercise and a lot of community spirit at the Owego Rotary Turkey Trot 5K, held Thursday, November 26, 2026, at Marvin Park in Owego. Remember to wobble before you gobble as you work up an appetite before the football games and the big feast, all while supporting a great cause. Bib pickup opens at 8:00 a.m., and the race begins at 9:30 a.m.

The course is an out-and-back route that starts and finishes in Marvin Park, and the race is capped at 100 participants, each of whom will receive an Owego Rotary Turkey Trot medal. Proceeds from the Turkey Trot go to Owego Rotary, helping the club continue its work supporting local and community causes. To register: https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Owego/OwegoRotaryTurkeyTrot5k.

National Sock Day

December 4th

Fun & Meaningful Ways to celebrate National Sock Day:

Do your socks match? If they do, celebrate them!

Wear your favorite pair of cozy socks

Donate socks to your local non profit in need

Share your favorite pair of cozy socks online!

