



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding: President Pat Mallery, Greeter and Invocation: Bruce Spector, Set up & Take down: Peter Crooker, Money Collection & Attendance: Kevin O'Grady, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollar Collection: Peter Crooker

Our Program: Bill Brost, Mercy Flight Central

Today's Attendance: 38 members, 5 guests, 1 visiting Rotarian, 1 honorary member. Guests: Dave Ferris (Rochester), Barbara Heffernan (prospective member), Bob Brumm (guest of Ray Robbins), André Fairn and host mother Sue Calcagna, Manuel Pontes Gestal, his brother Rogerio and host father John Robbins.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT: If you have an announcement to make at a club meeting please provide the details to the newsletter writers either by paper copy or by email to bruce@spectors.org.

Announcements:

Our club received "thank you" notes:

- 1) From staff and cook at Hicks & McCarthy for gift cards which we gave to them over the holidays.
- 2) From Rush-Henrietta Rotary for our continued support of LPGA ticket sales.
- 3) From DayStar for our support.
- 4) From Pittsford Community Library Foundation for our gift toward the Rotary Centennial Garden.

Club members donated about \$1200 for the Ed Francis Scholarship Fund at Xavier University. The Foundation Board will consider a recommendation from the Club Board to match \$1000 of the donations.

Fred Kopp agreed to be the interim chairperson for Community Service – Pittsford.

The waiting list is getting shorter to reserve our club's copy of the book If the World Were a Village so let Pat Mallery know when you want to take a turn. Hint: Our club will send a report to District Governor Eric Parker, documenting how many members have read the book.

Thanks to Russ Crook for securing a copy of the charter of Rotary Club of Pittsford, NY, 11/20/1940.

Please give Peter Crooker any club-related pictures in an electronic format, to be saved for posterity.

Gaven Hurley reminded us that January is Rotary Awareness Month. Gaven thanked Jim Murphy for bringing Ed Francis into the club. Gaven encouraged us to bring someone to Rotary. Share Rotary.

Gaven Hurley reported 104 Taste of Pittsford tickets sold, with 10 Rotarians having bought tickets.

FEATURES



THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

Peter Crooker introduced Bill Brost, visiting Pittsford Rotary behalf of Mercy Flight Central.

This region's air ambulance service is in its 15th year with bases in Canandaigua and Marcellus, and 85 employees, three helicopters and two turboprop planes. With a budget approaching \$7 million yearly, Mercy Flight Central serves 22 counties in central New York from Elmira to Massena. Bill invited us all to visit the base, which is open 24 hours per day. The service is dispatched about 900 times per year to 40 hospitals. Half of the time, the service is responding to accidents, and the other half involves transferring patients from hospital to hospital. Historically, 85% of the clients have been adults. The longest flight was to Newfoundland, to bring a Rochester area man back to Strong Memorial Hospital where he was successfully treated.

To our west, a different organization named Mercy Flight serves the Buffalo area to Livingston County. Mercy Flight Central serves central New York from Livingston County to the Albany area.

Mercy Flight Central is not just a fast trip to the hospital. It brings a Level 4 Flight Paramedic and Registered Nurse to the scene, including \$80,000 of hospital resources with 100 medications. Two-thirds of costs are paid by insurance and other charges, and one-third is from philanthropy.

Rising fuel costs affect all of us, including Mercy Flight Central. The fuel budget will fall about \$100,000 short this year. Bill asked us to consider joining the Full Tank Program, with a \$25 donation providing 9 gallons of fuel, and a \$1000 donation providing 350 gallons of fuel for this life-saving service. As part of this program, participating companies will be listed in advertising.

Thanks to Bill Brost for visiting our club, early on the morning of January 11.

HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINES:

Jim Cameron \$1- Son in Spain for the January term

Dennis Price \$1- Mary Alice scooter dollar

Roger Zaenglein \$1- for MITA Brain based thinking (Robyn McMaster and Ellen Weber) presentation to the Women's club at Hutcheson House

Rick Haverty \$1- for Peter Crooker picking up all the files of Rotary stuff

Robyn McMaster \$1- Glad to be back

Gaven Hurley \$1- for Jim Murphy bringing Ed Francis into club, we sure do miss him

Don Henderson \$1 out of town in Colorado

Peter Crooker \$1- sad dollar no Ferry

Jack Pickering \$1- Happy dollar no Ferry

Pat Mallery \$1 – for great attendance at Ed's wake

No pin today \$1 from each- Jim Cameron, Bill Pieper, Don Henderson, Brian Marcellus

50/50 DRAWING: \$28 jackpot won by Matt Wahl



Blast from the past for the second week in January:

TEN YEARS AGO: In the weekly meeting at The Depot Restaurant, President Elthea King reported receiving a "thank you" note from the SE YMCA for an annual contribution.

FIVE YEARS AGO: The club was struggling with recording accurate attendance.

ROTARY INFORMATION: January is **Rotary Awareness Month**. Please check out <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html> for more information.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The January 13, 2006 *District Newsletter* has been published to the [Rotary District 7120 website](http://www.Rotary7120.org). You may also read it on-line by visiting <http://www.Rotary7120.org/DistrictNewsletter.cfm>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CHAIRPERSONS – PLEASE SEND THE DETAILS OF YOUR EVENT – Date, Time, & Location.

JANUARY	ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH	
11	Foundation Board Meeting	
12	PS 36 after school	
17	Intervol Sorting Party, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	
TBD	Ronald McDonald House Dinner Preparation	

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker, contact Peter Crooker for scheduling.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	GREETER
1/18/06	Jim Cameron	Know Your Member	Jeff Staples
1/25/06	Ellen Post	Wild Wings	Jackie Swift
2/1/06	Bill Brizee	Pittsford Planning, Past and Present	Paul Stuart

HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

<http://www.rotary.org/> - Rotary International

<http://www.rotary7120.org/> - Our District

<http://www.pittsfordrotary.org/> - Our club's website

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The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York

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FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2005-2006)

Chair – Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)	Other Voting Members:	Don Henderson (6/30/07)
Club President – Pat Mallery (6/30/06)	Jim Murphy (6/30/06)	Rick Haverty (6/30/08)
Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein (6/30/06)	Brian Marcellus (6/30/07)	Ric Juskiewicz (6/30/08)