



# 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: Jackie Swift, Set up & Take down: Peter Crooker, Money Collection & Attendance: Kevin O'Grady, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollar Collection: Peter Crooker



**Our Program:**

**Wild Wings**

Today's Attendance: 35 members, 1 guest, 2 speakers, 1 honorary member. Guests: Ellen Post and Terry Kozakiewicz, Bob Brumm (prospective member), GHO (great horned owl) and Barf (turkey vulture).



## 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](mailto:bruce@spectors.org) .

### Announcements:

Brian Marcellus asked us to sign up for additional LPGA ticket sales at Marketplace Mall, from 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday, February 17. Each club is expected to sell 100 Hall of Fame tickets at \$65 each with \$1000 being returned to each club. The club with the greatest sales above 100 tickets will receive an additional \$1000. Please let Brian know if you can help on February 17, or if you want to personally purchase some Hall of Fame tickets. Brian also stated that our LPGA work night is June 14 at 5 p.m.

Bill Pieper thanked Peggy Martin for providing three bags of tennis balls, to be used at PS36. Also, Bill passed around a sign-up sheet for the Ronald McDonald House dinner on Tuesday, February 14. Thanks to all who signed up, with delivery of casseroles either to Ronald McDonald House at 5:30 p.m. or to Donna Spector, 28 Sutton Point by 5 p.m. on February 14.

Jack Pickering thanked Amica Insurance for their \$1000 check toward the Golf Tournament, which continues their platinum-level sponsorship of this major Pittsford Rotary event.

Lynn Freshman read us a thank-you note from Saints Place, thanking our club for donating \$500.

Pat Mallery read a note from Meg Merzilus of the Living Hope Mission in Cap-Haitien thanking Pittsford Interactors for a recent shipment of school supplies (just in time to begin the second half of the school year). She went on to say, "Your Interact club sounds really great. Not only are the kids learning to reach out right now, but you are instilling this way of life in them for the future. I know it will have a long term effect. Please express our thanks to all the kids who contributed and took the time and energy to think of the kids here in Haiti. We really appreciate it!"

Gaven Hurley noted that the Pittsford Rotary Foundation is able to provide charitable donations to many worthy causes, using proceeds from many events including the Taste of Pittsford. Our club expects to net about \$13500 from the Taste of Pittsford, an event viewed favorably by attendees and food purveyors, requiring a \$40 ticket with no other raffles, 50/50's or other reasons to bring a wallet. Linens and glassware are the major expenses for this highly visible Rotary event. Let's sell out again, this year! We need greeters, room captains, photographers, and help with valet parking. There will be a sign up sheet.

Bob Vukosic said that the Rotary Youth Exchange is going well. André Fairn will have a planned move from the Calcagna's to the home of Matt and Sue Wahl. Planning is beginning for next autumn. Please let Bob know if you can host an exchange student for 3 months between late August and June, and non-Rotarians are welcome to help. If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student, you can also contact John Robbins and Thomas Gunter-Kremers.

Bruce Spector stated that Camp Haccamo hired a new Camp Manager, Assistant Camp Manager and Associate Camp Manager. Each of these enthusiastic and well-spoken City School District teachers has a Masters' Degree, experience working with people having disabilities, and experience leading camp activities. We are looking forward to a fine camping season. Also, the Board is beginning the process of filling the position of Vice President, so please contact Bruce if you know someone who is interested.

## FEATURES



### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

**Wild Wings** <http://www.wildwingsinc.info/index.htm>

Ellen Post and Terry Kozakiewicz described Wild Wings, a 501c3 corporation established in 1995 to promote a better understanding of our natural world, using birds of prey (raptors) as teaching aids. Thousands of raptors are injured annually. The fate of many of these birds is euthanasia because they can no longer survive on their own. The alternative is placement in an education facility such as Wild Wings. Wild Wings houses and cares for permanently injured and non-releasable birds of prey including eagles, hawks, falcons, vultures and owls. Education is a top priority at Wild Wings, fostering the advancement of knowledge and respect for the cycle of life.

We thank the management of Hicks & McCarthy for permitting Wild Wings to bring GHO (great horned owl) and Barf (turkey vulture) to visit. GHO came to Wild Wings after a car accident resulted in a spiral fracture to his wing, making it impossible for him to fly. Barf was originally purchased by humans to be a pet, and then he was abandoned after human imprinting made it impossible for him to survive in the wild. We were a bit uneasy because Barf's name was derived from the natural defense mechanism of turkey vultures, and because he often attacks male humans. Both were well behaved, and fascinating to watch.

Wild Wings is funded by donations from a caring public and fees charged for educational programs. Each year, Wild Wings visits about 65 schools, as well as many recreation centers and scouting meetings. There are 20 volunteers and 2 paid staff. The new Mendon Ponds facility will be open to the public on February 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. except on Wednesdays. Please visit them!

Thanks to Ellen and Terry for visiting with two of their raptor friends.

**HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINES:**

Ellen Webber : for LPGA and Taste of Pittsford volunteers and their grand efforts  
John Bernacki : slider dollar  
Bob Vukosic : for Jim Kubarek, who joked at the bird when told it didn't like men  
Pete Crooker : for Jim Cameron creating a flyer for Free Throw Contest, and thoughts for Ed Francis  
Jim Murphy : Special Olympics, has tickets for brunch Thursday night at Woodcliff if anyone is interested  
Gaven Hurley : for Jim Murphy to say deer whistles work even in Australia with Kangaroos  
Bill Pieper : \$2 for Peggy Martin donating all the tennis balls, and also he took down Christmas lights  
Peter Brizee : a darn good poker night (plans to buy many Taste of Pittsford tickets- just a thought)  
Pat Mallery : thanks to Billy Pieper for helping drive the kids downtown  
Jackie Swift : \$5, missed a few meetings and also to say Don Henderson broke his arm skiing.

A special thanks to Ray Robbins for donating \$50 to the foundation for his birthday. Ray would like to make it a tradition, not just him but for all members.

Pete Crooker will be away for 3 weeks and has passed down the set-up duties to Peter Brizee. So from one Peter to another : Carry on !

**50/50 DRAWING:** None this week.



**Blast from the past for the fourth week in January:**

Five Years Ago –  
President Bill Pieper presiding; a Gaven Rotary Moment, and 24 members in attendance.  
Ten Years Ago –  
There was an effort to get 8 to 10 members to play as a team in an Easter Seal Volleyball Marathon.

**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/DistrictNewsletter.cfm). 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.**

FEBRUARY	ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH	
2	Board Meeting	
2	PS 36 after school	
7	Intervol	
8	Foundation Board Meeting	
14	Ronald McDonald House dinner	
17	LPGA Ticket Sale, 2-6pm, Marketplace Mall	
March 4	Foul Shooting Contest	
March 13	Taste of Pittsford	

# MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS


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

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	GREETER
2/1/06	Bill Brizee	Pittsford Planning, Past and Present	Paul Stuart
2/8/06	TBA		Bob Vukosic
2/15/06	Peter Brizee	"Know Your Member"	Matt Wahl
2/22/06	Kristen Miranda	GSE to Sweden	Roger Zaenglein
3/1/06	TBA		Jack Bent

**HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:**

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

<http://www.rotary7120.org/> - Our District  
[NAZARETH ROTARACT](#) - Rotaract

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<b>FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2005-2006)</b>		
Chair – Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)	<i>Other Voting Members:</i> Jim Murphy (6/30/06)	Don Henderson (6/30/07)
Club President – Pat Mallery (6/30/06)	Brian Marcellus (6/30/07)	Rick Haverty (6/30/08)
Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein (6/30/06)		Ric Juskiewicz (6/30/08)