



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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February is World Understanding Month

Today's Rotary Team: President Lynn Freshman, Set Up: Nina Rummel, Jim Cameron and Peter Crooker, Greeter/Invocation: Martin Bugler, Collection & Attendance: Pat Mallery, Happy Dollars: Pete Crooker, Song: "God Bless America", 50/50 Raffle: Paul Stuart.

Program: Veterinary Medicine by Dr. Andrew Newmark

Attendance: 33 members; speaker Dr. Andrew Newmark; two honorary members, Jan Smith and John Robbins; and three exchange students—Chiara, Julia and Ana; totaling 39 in attendance.



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.

President Lynn Freshman announced the member birthdays over the past month of February, namely, Doug Trolley, Warren Richards, and Jack Pickering.

Pete Crooker gave us more details on the March 3 Free Throw Shooting Contest coming up this weekend. The contest details have been published in the Brighton-Pittsford Post. There will be three boy and three girl winners in different age groups, and all will receive trophies for their winning efforts. We definitely need more volunteers from the club. The volunteers need to arrive at the Sutherland gym at 8 AM, and registration of the candidates starts at 8:15. Five kids will shoot at one time, and the Interact members will help our volunteers by chasing after errant basket balls. Please wear your Rotary hat or shirt at this function.

Gaven Hurley mentioned ticket sales have been brisk for the Taste of Pittsford with only about 20 of the 400 tickets left unsold. Peggy Albrecht has been very helpful dealing with the restaurants and coordinating their efforts, so thank you Peggy! A reminder to all Rotarians--please thank the restaurants for their participation as you pass by their stations. There will be no free tickets; even the District Governor will be paying for his ticket. There are still positions to be filled by volunteers such as greeter, wine pourer, etc.

The annual District assembly will be held at East Rochester High School on March 31 at 8 AM to 1PM. Registration is at 8 AM and the first session starts at 8:45 AM. We have three or four speakers from our club, and the assembly would be most beneficial to incoming board members.

Lynn Freshman gave us a message from Tom Gunter-Kremers that Habitat for Humanity will be having a fund raising dinner at St. Louis Church in Pittsford on March 31 from 6 to 9 PM. It will be catered by Mario's and the cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids (ages five to twelve).

On April 14 the Honeoye Falls—Mendon Club will be arranging a winery tour in the Finger Lakes, most likely around Keuka Lake. Please let Lynn know if you are interested in joining.

Lynn gave us a reminder of two future events. The Triple District Conference will be held the weekend of May 4 to May 6 at Turning Stone near Verona, NY. "Positively Pittsford" will be held again in the parking lot behind the library on Saturday June 9. We will have our "Birds for Words" chicken barbecue as we had last year.

Bruce Spector thanked all of the participants of the Ronald McDonald House dinner, namely Lynn and Manny Freshman, Donna Spector, Jerry Gambino, Jim and Laura Murphy, Pete and Jill Crooker, Peggy Martin, Bobbie Gardiner, and Hank Ferris for their culinary efforts.

Bruce also gave a review of Camp Haccamo events. There will be a Haccamo Recognition night on March 20. The Camp Haccamo management team and Board of Directors are busy preparing for the upcoming camping season. Staff recruitment has begun at area colleges and a mass mailing was completed February 15. The budget is almost finalized. Rotary clubs are asked to sponsor one of eight weeks, so this will work out to two clubs per week. Clubs are being asked to bring treats to camp during the week and will respond to requests from camp management as needs arise.

Jim Murphy updated us on the Rotary foundation and left the financial information on the breakfast tables for members to peruse. Jim went on to remind us the Rotary Golf tournament was switched from a Saturday to Monday, specifically Monday August 13 and it will be held at Victor Hills. It is not too late to sign up golfers, and fortunately this year there will not be a minimum number of golfers required, as in the past.



Lynn Freshman reminded us we are still looking for a Camp Haccamo representative and a Rotaract adviser from the club.

←We welcome back Ray Cornelius from Florida and take special note of his retirement garb—quite a contrast from his working days!

The Penfield Rotary Club will sponsor its 5th annual Euchre Tournament on Sunday afternoon March 25. It will take place at St. Joseph's Parish Resource Center on Gephardt Road. Registration will begin at 12:30 PM and play will be underway at 1 PM. The registration fee is \$20 and includes snacks and a late 4 PM lunch. Proceeds will go to Camp Haccamo and other Penfield Rotary service projects. Please contact Jack Best at 671-4757.

The entire Pittsford Rotary Club wishes member Nina Rummel best of luck in her tour of Iraq during the next few months. Nina said she would be stationed in Basra with British troops and she will be representing her home country Denmark, working as a surgical doctor. She will be there for six weeks between March 12 and May 3, and would welcome any correspondence by email. Her address is: RLG Nina Rummel, SANDEL/LOGCOY, DANCON/IRAQ, FELTPOST 150, DENMARK. Nina will try to update the club weekly if time permits.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

February	World Understanding Month	
March 3	Free throw shooting contest, Rotarians arrive at 8 a.m., student registration at 8:15 a.m., contest is expected to end between 10 a.m. and noon.	Pittsford Sutherland High School Gym
12	Taste of Pittsford, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Nazareth College Shults Center
31	District Assembly, registration 8 - 8:45 a.m., opening session at 8:45, breakout sessions 9:30 to 12:30, closing at 12:40 followed by lunch.	East Rochester High School
31	Pittsford HIP supporting Habitat for Humanity will have a dinner to help to fund a new house.	St. Louis Church
May 4 to 6	Rotary's First Triple District Conference	Turning Stone Conference Center, Verona, NY
One week trips, May 30 and June 7	Rotary District members traveling to New Orleans to rebuild a high school. Contact Chuck Chapin (Brighton Rotary) for details.	New Orleans
June 9	Positively Pittsford, our club will staff the chicken barbecue table.	In back of the Pittsford Library.
August 10	Camp Haccamo Carnival, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday evening.	Camp Haccamo
13	Golf Tournament	Victor Hills Golf Club
16	Camp Haccamo Senior Ball	Camp Haccamo

Veterinary Medicine by Dr. Andrew Newmark



Vice President Bob Vukosic introduced our speaker Dr. Andrew Newmark, a LSU veterinary medicine graduate. It takes eight years of intense schooling to become a veterinary doctor. Dr. Newmark worked in private practice in New York City for nine years, and moved to Rochester in 1995. He practiced in Hilton and Henrietta, and in 1999 joined the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm.

Dr. Newmark related that his wife recently remarked that he made three excellent decisions in life: marrying her, moving to Rochester, and obtaining a job at Lollypop Farm! He started with Lollypop Farm in a volunteer role as he was working in Hilton and Henrietta. Dr. Newmark became the first full time veterinary doctor in the 120 year history of the Rochester area Humane Society. In the beginning it was necessary to be imaginative due to a lack of resources. He used a shower curtain and desk lamp to help out during the surgical procedures. Now he has a fully equipped operating room and assistants to help him with his responsibilities. The Humane Society has two veterinary doctors, five vet techs, and two vet assistants.



15,000 animals come into Lollypop Farm every year, and about 8,000 are adopted. Unfortunately that leaves 7,000 that are candidates for a humane ending. In attempting to solve this problem in the long run, much of their time is spent spaying and neutering dogs, cats, rabbits, and pot bellied pigs. Dr. Newmark dreams that some day there will not be a need for Lollypop Farm.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Dennis Price—A scooter dollar for Mary Alice.
Pam Wright—back from a Caribbean Sea cruise.
Gaven Hurley—for Dr. Newmark.
Fred Kopp—good luck to Nina in Iraq.
Bob Brumm—will be going to Arizona.
Paul Stuart--\$2 for his insensitive brick on a tarantula remark, and his big concert this coming weekend.
Peter Crooker—for his unthinking comment about flushing the tarantula down the toilet.
Nina--\$2 for Henrik’s award and back from skiing in Vermont.
Billy Pieper—daughter accepted to graduate school.
Dr. Newmark—just back from a trip to Las Vegas.
Matt Wahl—exchange students wish Nina a safe tour of duty.
Jerry Gambino—back from a vacation in NY City and New Hampshire with his kids.
Malcolm Bugler—a report he just published, back from Dallas, wishes Nina luck, and great presentation.
Elthea King—hopes Nina has a safe tour.
Kevin O’Grady—a safe tour for Nina.
Dennis Price—a great presentation by Dr. Newmark.

50/50 DRAWING: \$31, Ray Robbins and Ray Cornelius selected no aces

ROTARY INFORMATION: Please check out <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html>

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The February 2007 *District Newsletter* has been published at <http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictNewsletter.cfm>

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker, contact Bob Vukosic for scheduling.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	GREETER	RAFFLE TICKETS
3/7/07	Rich DeAsis, Brian Butry	District 7120 Water Project	Jim Cameron	Malcolm Bugler
3/14/07	Rome Celli	Front Line School Issue	Richard Colby	Jim Cameron
3/21/07	Mr. Mont.	School 36	Peter Crooker	Richard Colby
3/28/07	Jamie Windbrake	Hydrogen Energy – New Energy Technologies		Peter Crooker

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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FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2006-2007)

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