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March is Literacy Month

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

Program: District 7120 Water Project

Attendance: 32 members, speaker Rich DeAsis, Nazareth Rotaract member Elise Amendolare, Kirk Locus (Canandaigua Rotary), Tom Welgin (Fairport), exchange Students Ana Jimenez and Chiara Fancello, Liz's mother Debbie Martin-Merrill, and honorary member Jan Smith, totaling 40.



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.

Lynn Freshman asked us to celebrate the first anniversary of our move of our weekly club meeting to the Pittsford Library, with superb catering by Lisa Hernes.

Gaven Hurley announced that 360 tickets are sold for the Taste of Pittsford of 400 available. The sign-up sheet is complete for Rotarian room captains, greeters and wine pourers. Our job at the Taste of Pittsford is to thank people for coming, thank restaurants for participating, and answering questions. See you there!

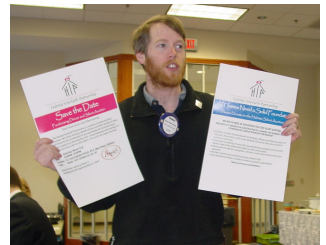
The annual Free Throw Contest was held on Saturday, March 3. Peter Crooker thanked the following people for their help: David Spaker, Malcolm Bugler, Fred Kopp, Jim Kubarek, Bobbie Gardiner, Paul Stuart, Matt Wahl, Lynn and Manny Freshman, Jill Crooker. Student participation was not as high as expected, but Pat Mallery suggested that Interact members spread the word next year to increase turnout.



← Nazareth Rotaract member Elise Amendolare received our club's \$400 donation for Kenya Kids, to help build a restaurant.

Thomas Gunter-Kremers asked us to consider, after attending → District Assembly, having dinner catered by Mario's, at St. Louis Church at 6 p.m. on March 31, to benefit Pittsford HIP and Habitat for Humanity. Every 3 years, a coalition of churches and Rotary

build a house, and \$65,000 is required. Proceeds from the dinner and silent auction will be used to build a house which will be built starting in August. Please contact Thomas for details.

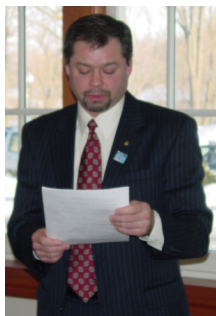


Our club received a certificate of appreciation from Cub Scout Pack 2 for our continued support over 60 years. Thanks to Thomas Gunter-Kremers for his work with the scouts.

Thanks to Paul Stuart and Peter Crooker for volunteering to set up for club meetings in March.

The District 7120 Assembly will be on Saturday, March 31 at East Rochester High School. Registration will be from 8 - 8:45 a.m. The opening session is at 8:45 a.m., with breakout sessions from 9:30 -12:30. Closing is at 12:40, followed by lunch. All members are encouraged to attend. **Incoming Board members must attend.** There is **no fee for members who joined after April 1, 2006** and they are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend.

District 7120 Governor-Elect John Hall asked us to consider advertising in the District directory, which will be distributed to all District Rotarians.



← Kirk Locus invited us to Rotary’s First Triple District Conference, Turning Stone Conference Center in Verona, NY from May 4 to 6. Accommodations will be excellent. Attendees include inbound and outbound GSE teams, Interact members, Rotaract members, and the past president of Rotary International. There will be food, fun, a talent show, golf and shopping. With three districts competing for rooms, we are advised to get reservations soon. For more information, please call 585-396-0926 or email rshepp716@frontiernet.net .

Our Club is still looking for a volunteer as our second Camp Haccamo board member, and also for a Rotaract adviser for Nazareth College.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

March	Literacy Month	
March 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 at 6 p.m.
April 14	Finger Lakes Wine Tour, wine tasting with the Honeoye Falls – Mendon Rotary Club.	
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. “Birds for Words”	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



← Rich DeAsis, President of the Dansville Rotary Club, is leading a 4-district effort to provide safe drinking water for Honduras. Each year, 50,000 children in Honduras die due to lack of access to clean water. The problem is enormous in scale and tragic in consequences. Only Haiti has more poverty than Honduras, within the Western Hemisphere. 66 percent of Hondurans live in rural areas, 38 percent of these people have zero access to health care. There is 50% unemployment. They live on one dollar per day. The tropical climate produces much rainfall, but the lack of sanitary procedures allows bacteria to enter the water supply.

The United Nations identifies pure water as a basic human right. Rotary is contributing through District Governor designated funds, matching grants and contributions by clubs. The solution is the in-region construction and distribution of water filters made of concrete, plastic pipe, sand and gravel. This low-technology solution has been proven over centuries of effective use. Working with the Peace Corps and Honduran Rotarians, the construction and distribution of these filters are providing jobs and saving lives.

Since the project began in February 2005, over 2500 filters have been installed. The \$35,000 raised by the 4 districts through the leadership of Rich DeAsis will fund 500 filters, which will help 3000 Hondurans, based on an average of 6 to a household. Thanks to Rich DeAsis for leading this multi-district Rotary effort to save the lives of thousands of people less fortunate than us.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Fred Kopp: scooter

Bruce Spector: for Bob Vukosic getting good speaker/guests and also for Equinox Symphony

Peggy Albrecht: back from Florida, Helmut attended a German Rotary meeting, also for Taste of Pittsford

Marjorie Bleeg \$5: happy to be back, was away taking care of family matters

Pam Wright: for Nina Rummel, have a good tour

Jack Bent: back from Florida

Roger Zaenglein \$2: back from Florida

Mary Alice Price: scooter dollar

Pat Mallery \$2: for Peter Crooker and Free Throw Contest, next year Interact will get the word out, and also welcome Debbie Martin-Merrill, Liz Merrill's mother who will be the Rotary liaison with Youth Exchange while Nina Rummel is in Iraq

Gavin Hurley: special thanks to Pam Wright and Peggy Albrecht for helping out with the Taste of Pittsford

Jim Murphy: late, forgot Free Throw contest, and also for District Water Project

Malcolm Bugler \$5: Equinox Symphony Orchestra wit Lyric Chorale, Free Throw Contest, presentation, and he is buying a house

Bob Vukosic: presentation by Rich DeAsis

Nina Rummel: thanks for everyone's support and for Debbie helping out

Lynn Freshman: going to Salsburg, Austria with Manny, Peter will be taking over as acting President

Richard Colby: cell phone, and asked us to listen to WXXI radio station regarding a doctor back from Iraq

50/50 DRAWING: The jackpot was \$46. Jerry Gambino chose cards twice, but 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
3/14/07	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
4/4/07	Lynn Freshman	Club Assembly		
4/11/07	Brian Domke	Calkins Road School Architectural Features		
4/18/07	Kathy Pearce	Cameron Community Ministries		
4/25/07	Kathy Connor	Rochester Without George Eastman		
5/2/07	Ray Cornelius and Natella Reinstein	From Russia with Love		
5/9/07	Chiara Fancello, Ana Jimenez, Julia Plaza	Year End Student Reports		
5/16/07	Rev. Errol E. Hunt	Frederick Douglass		
5/23/07	Ron Johnson	Clean Money / Clean Elections		
5/30/07	Len Stathan	Partners in Community Development		
6/6/07	Interact Leaders	Interact Clubs Report		
6/13/07	Exchange Students	Year End Student Reports		
6/20/07	Lynn Freshman	Club Assembly		


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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