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APRIL IS CENTENNIAL "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" MONTH

"Mr. Mont" enlightens our club about the Longfellow School in Rochester - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Speaker Paul Montanarello, Tom Welgen (Fairport), Bill Smith, Susan Judson, Mark Fandell, Robert Metzker, and Dave Ferris (Rochester).

ATTENDANCE – 43 members, 4 guests, 3 visiting Rotarians and 1 Honorary Member

MEMBER NEWS



Please forward any member news to Rick Haverty – email, phone, and napkins all work.

Sadly, Penfield Rotary Club's President Elect Diana Torrens passed away last week.

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for March – **81 %** * Be sure you receive credit for your make-ups by either email or other notice to our club secretary (Jim Cameron - graphics@frontiernet.net).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT: If you have an announcement to make at a club meeting please provide the details to Rick Haverty in writing for inclusion in the newsletter. The deadline is noon Wednesday for that week's edition. Email rhaverty@rochester.rr.com or a written note at the meeting will do.

HELP OUT DISTRICT INTERACT STUDENTS & CAMP HACCAMO – PLEASE!: Pat Mallery is coordinating volunteers to help the District Interact Student Council with their Work-A-Thon and Assembly at Camp Haccamo this Saturday, April 30 (the same day as the district Rotary assembly). Please see Pat for more information.

GET YOUR APRIL COMMUNITY SERVICE / VOLUNTEER HOURS IN: All I need is the number of hours of community service you performed in April. Remember Pat is looking for lots of help this Saturday. Curt Fey asked me if the March of Dimes walk counts – Yes! Any community service you perform, Rotary connected or not, is acceptable. The total numbers for our club will be submitted to

Rotary next week for inclusion in a report at the RI convention in Chicago. You can email them or just jot them down and hand them to me at next weeks meeting.

KIDS FISHING DERBY MAY 7th: All members are asked to participate if they can. On Saturday, May 7, 2005, the Rotary Club of Pittsford will hold its ninth annual Fishing Derby from 8 to 10 am at Powdermill Park. All children up to and including 15 years of age are welcome. Registration begins at 7 am at Powder Horn Lodge and there is no fee. Hot chocolate, coffee and donuts are free also. Prizes for the longest fish for girls and boys will be awarded at 10:15. The event will be held rain or shine. For all you new members - and maybe some of us older ones too – what is this all about?? The club has been sponsoring this event for the past nine years. The father of the event is Harry Womeldorf. You don't see Harry at club meetings much anymore due to health issues, but you should have a chance to meet him at the derby. It costs the club about \$1,000 to put it on and we do it purely to provide some good clean family fun, promote fishing, and generate some goodwill in the community. We pay to stock the stream, rent the lodge, purchase some refreshments, and supply trophies for the winners. Dunkin' Donuts is donating the doughnuts this year. It's a feel good fun event and you should be there if you can. If you have children in the right age category bring them along too. Kids from all around the area are welcome to participate - we've seen upwards of 200 participants on any given year.

MARCH OF DIMES WALK RAISES OVER \$300: Fred Kopp hung in there and walked along with Curt Fey, Ed Francis, Ed's niece Andrea, Bruce Spector, and Bruce's daughter. Some friends from the Spencerport Rotary also walked. Fred is doing his final tally, but figures he was able to raise over \$300. With so many other distractions this time of year Fred did a great job putting the Rotary effort together for this walk. Thanks Fred.



Fred Kopp, Ed & Andrea Francis, and Curt Fey at the March of Dimes Walk

EAST STREET ROAD CLEAN-UP: Matt Wahl announced a road clean-up for Saturday May 14th from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Meet at Habecker Field. If you didn't sign up it's ok – Matt will find something for you to do!

CAMP HACCAMO REPORT FROM BRUCE: At the April 26 meeting of the Camp Haccamo Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee proposed a slate of directors for a two-year term beginning on July 1st. This slate will not be distributed widely until each of the applicants for the board positions has been notified in writing. Also, the nominating committee unanimously recommended that current Vice President and leader of the Board, Chris Franco, be elected President of the Board for the remainder of the current term through June 30 and this was approved by the Board. Consequently, there will continue to be a five-member Executive Committee including a Past President, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

There will be a notification to Rotary clubs of a proposed change to the By-Laws which would allow the election this year to occur at the next Board meeting, on May 31. Also, in the future, we expect a proposed change to the By-Laws to end the fiscal year on March 31, and to hold elections at the preceding February meeting. These changes will help to ensure that accounting is aligned with the revenue/expense streams, and to ensure a smooth transition of the Executive Committee.

At the Day of Caring on Friday, April 29, there will be approximately 40 employees from Gleason Works, and approximately 20 employees from First Niagara Bank helping to maintain and improve various parts of the camp. Also, on Saturday, April 30, Pat Mallery and about 100 members of Interact will spruce up the area around the stream. Pat Mallery worked with Chris Franco to fully disclose the activities to the

DEC, and last Monday the DEC mailed their permit to Chris Franco.

The Camp Haccamo Board approved the proposal for a memorial garden honoring Lou Christakos, to be built in the area of the sign at the entrance of the ball field. Lou's wife, Shula, and children have already seen a preliminary design, and with their approval and the approval of the Pittsford Rotary Board, I will ask Chris Franco to sign off on the contractual commitment to Ted Collins landscape company, with a target implementation of late June. A dedication ceremony will follow.

Regarding maintenance of the Ball Field, Gary Zimmer, the Brockport Rotary President, and Bill Sweeting who manages Transportation and Grounds for Brockport Central Schools, visited the Ball field on April 19. Bill and his friends will provide significant assistance to Andy List in preparing the ball field between now and the start of camp. This is in addition to the maintenance plans put forward by Bob Thompson.

The Camp Haccamo Board approved the acquisition of computers to be selected from a list of excess EDS equipment, and also associated hardware to ensure their proper functioning including internet access with proper parental control software. The computers are the Board's response to recommendations received in planning workshops, from the families of campers, and from the counselors. Also approved at the April 26 meeting were several acquisitions that address safety concerns, including the sidewalks and mandatory screen implementation. The cost of the screens will be allocated back to the Rotary clubs for their respective buildings.

GOLF TOURNAMENT NEW HOLE SPONSORS & THE RAFFLE ISN'T JUST FOR GOLFERS: Gerry Vesling announced two new hole sponsors, Christa Construction and Occari (?) for a total of 42 sponsors. This is a Pittsford Rotary record and helps to ensure a successful tournament.

Plenty of raffle tickets are available for sale - or better yet – for you to sell. See Rick Haverty or Jim Murphy if you need tickets. The raffle prize is not just for golfers. Although the vacation includes five rounds of golf, a non-golfer would enjoy this great trip too. Here is a quick look at one of the hotels; the winner will spend three nights here and another three in Dublin City – The new Ballyliffin Lodge & Spa, only 40 minutes from Londonderry in Northern Ireland, is due for completion in June 2005. Built to 4 star standards and situated on 2½ acres the hotel will have stunning views of Pollan Bay, Ballyliffin Golf Club and the Glashedy Rock. With 40 en-suite bedrooms, spa/leisure facilities including swimming pools, gym, spa bath, sauna and steam rooms it should prove a very comfortable base for guests enjoying the area's natural beauty. The nearby golf club offers two excellent and contrasting courses: the classic Old Links and the newer Glashedy Links (opened for play in 1995). Cecil Doherty, former General Manager of the golf club, is the hotel's Managing Director. You can check it out at <http://www.ballyliffinlodge.com>.



Win a vacation at this luxury spa

LPGA VOLUNTEERING AND ROTARY MEETING: Brian Marcellus noted the LPGA is still looking for more volunteers. You can call the tournament office. There will also be a Rotary luncheon meeting at Locust Hill on June 14th. They are hoping all the Monroe County clubs will make that their meeting for the week. No word yet if this will replace our weekly meeting or not?

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY APRIL 30th: This half-day event will be held at the Honeoye Central School - Rt. 20A Honeoye, NY – the closest it's been to Pittsford in some time. If you haven't been to a District Assembly now's the time to try it out. If you have been I'll bet you're going back again this year anyway. Jim Cameron is collecting names for the event and will plan the car pooling from Pittsford Village.



THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: "America The Beautiful"

PROGRAM: Pat Mallery introduced the principal of the Longfellow School (#36) – Paul Montanarello. The Longfellow school was identified as a budget cut last year, but fortunes were reversed. Paul is known at the school as "Mr. Mont". Located on St. Jacob Street in the city, this elementary school is in a very rough part of the city. There are challenges on a daily basis regarding safety in the area. The school is an island of learning in the midst of all this. They are very much involved with community activities and have been progressive in their learning. Mr. Mont has secured funding for computers and internet access in every classroom. He also pays visits to his student's homes – over 300 such visits this year alone. Of 422 students over 200 are served breakfast at the school each morning. There are an abundance of activities including the usual sports as well as a chess club, garden club, choir and band. There are evening activities every week night including computer classes. About 375 of the students are involved in after school programs.

Paul came to our meeting to talk about the school and solicit our help as volunteers with the students. Just being a surrogate "room parent" for instance would be a great help. Are you a chess expert? Do you like to read to kids? Maybe you have another special interested that would help out the school? There is a long list of volunteer agencies that Paul has worked with and he'd like to add Rotary and / or Interact to the list. The school also accepts donations of almost any sort – cash, clothing, or other goods. Paul made a great speaker and he is obviously dedicated to helping those who need his help the most. He was quite inspiring – thanks Paul. Does anyone wonder if the Rochester club includes school 36 in the dictionary project?



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Roger Zaenglein and Bobbie Gardiner paid fines for not having pins. Pat Mallery gave a happy dollar for Chris Franco's efforts with Camp Haccamo. Elthea King's son from Alaska came in last night for a visit. Bill Pieper's daughter Michelle is settled into her new job in Las Vegas. Robert Metzker gave a happy dollar because his aunt taught at an intercity school and he could relate to the speaker. Ed Francis paid a slider dollar for being late this morning and was happy about the attendance at today's' meeting. Peter Brizee paid two happy dollars, one for people like Paul who do so much and one for A-Rod who knocked in 10 runs at

last night's Yankee's game. Jackie Swift took a trip to Florida and came back by way of Mississippi and the central US. Mary Alice Price gave for a wonderful vacation in South Carolina with another Rotarian – Gaven made a wise crack that was pretty funny, but I won't put it in writing. Susan Judson gave in memory of her son David who died when he was 15 and was a product of an inner city school. Jack Pickering was in Florida. Matt Wahl gave for the all the energy in the room (or something like that). Paul Montanarello gave for his autistic son. Bob Vukosic dropped a buck to thank our speaker and for reminding us that we need people like him who care. Ric Juskiewicz gave because his family lived on St. Jacob St. when they first came to this area. John Bernacki gave a \$10 bill for Paul's efforts at the school.

50/50 DRAWING: Gaven had the first number but drew a 5. Matt Wahl drew the second number but drew a 4. The pot will grow again next week.

ROTARY INFORMATION: Rotary Foundation Facts:

1. All Foundation Contributions can be gift aided
2. There is three-year cycle for the money contributed- what goes in, in 2003-2004 can be taken out in 2006-2007
3. Contributions to Foundation go 50% to the World Fund and 50% to District Designated Funds (D.D.F.)
4. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation (T.R.F.) can be counted towards Paul Harris Recondition points Applications for P.H.F. can be made at any time, and awarded to Rotarians and non-Rotarians. Copies of application forms must be sent to District Foundation Chairman
5. World Fund funds grants to Individual Rotarians, Group Study Exchange Teams, Matching Grants, and Peace Scholars

6. Individual Rotarians or groups of Rotarians can apply for funding to research or carry out projects working with a Rotary Club in another country
7. Matching grants from the World Fund are supported by 1:1 against D.D.F. and .5:1 cash contributions
8. D.D.F. supports Matching Grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships, and enables a district to contribute to T.R.F. World Projects such as Polio Eradication, Peace Scholars, Low Pool scholarships and provides the District Simplified Grants
9. Ambassadorial Scholarships are for students who have just completed their first degree to undertake a postgraduate qualification in another country
10. Application forms for T.R.F. grants can be found on the [R.I. website](#).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."* - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

JUST FOR FUN: A few jokes from Glasgow...

This bloke is sitting reading his Daily Record newspaper when his wife sneaks up behind him and whacks him on the head with a frying pan. "Whit wis that fur?" he cries. "That wis for the piece of paper in yir trouser pockets with the name Mary-Rose written oan it," said she. "Don't be daft," he explains, "two weeks ago when I went to the races Mary-Rose wis the name of one o' the horses I bet on." She seems satisfied and, apologises, and goes off to do work around the house.

Three days later he's again sitting in his chair reading when she nails him again with the frying pan, knocking him out cold. When he comes around, he says, "whit the heck wis that fur?" "Your horse phoned!" she said.

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A wee Glesga man and a woman who have never met before find themselves in the same sleeping carriage of a train. After the initial embarrassment, they both manage to get to sleep, the woman on the top bunk, the man on the lower. In the middle of the night, the woman leans over and says, "I'm sorry to bother you, but I'm freezing and I was wondering if you could possibly pass me another blanket." The man leans out and with a glint in his eye, says,

"I've got a better idea...let's kidd-on wir married." "Why not," giggles the woman.

"Good", he replies. "Get your own blanket

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A wee Glesga boy comes home from school and tells his mother he's been given a part in the school play. 'Wonderful. Whit part is it?' The boy says, 'I play the part of the Scottish husband.'

The mother scowls and says, 'Go back an' tell that teacher you want a speaking part!'

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One day the Primary 1 teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to accumulate the building materials for his home. She read, "...And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said, "Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?"

The teacher paused then asked the class, "And what do you think that man said?"

One little boy raised his hand and said, "I think he said ***** hell! A talking pig!"

The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **April 30** District Assembly (8:30AM, Honeoye Central School)

- **June 11** HORSEHEADS CENTURY BIKE RIDE - contact Dan Brojakowski (607) 734-3450 or email Rotary.Century.Ride@verison.net
- **June 19-22** Rotary International Convention (Chicago, IL)
- **June 26** District Changeover Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On-Going –

29 April – Camp Haccamo Day of Caring

30 April – Camp Haccamo Interact stream clean up

7 May – KID'S FISHING DERBY – Powder Mill Park

14 May – East Street road clean-up – See Matt Wahl

25 May – Hospice Angel Gala – See Peggy Martin for tickets & information

8 June – LPGA Work Night at Locust Hill Country Club. Wear work cloths – hot dogs and soda will be provided. Wednesday evening ~ 5:30 – 7:30.

14 June – LPGA Luncheon at Locust Hill Country Club. Tuesday at noon. Happy Flag Day!

Watch this space for Ronald McDonald House spring clean-up; East Street road clean-ups; Canal clean-ups; Little League events; LPGA events; and other Pittsford Rotary spring time events. If you are a chair person of one of these please get your information into our club calendar.

30 July – ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE – Shadow Lake Golf & Racquet Club

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker contact Lynn Freshman for scheduling.

Attendance Assignments: March - Peggy Martin * April – Robyn McMaster * May - Doug Trolley * June – TBD

CLUB BOARD MEETINGS – First Thursday of each month @ Pittsford Wegman's Market Café (upstairs) 7:00 am

FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS – Following the regular meeting on the third Wednesday of every month.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	ORGANIZATION	GREETER
5/04/05	Ted Curtis	News about the Erie Canal	Sam Patch	Peter Crooker
5/11/05	Elliott Spitzer Kevin O'Grady	NYS Attorney General	NYS Government	Ray Cornelius
5/18/05	O'Grady	Know Your Member	RC of Pittsford ROC City	Mike Doughty
5/25/05	Kelly Saucke	Rochester in the Making	Coalition	Hank Ferris
6/1/05	Russell Crook	Know Your Member	RC of Pittsford	Curt Fey
6/8/05	John Bernacki	Club Assembly	RC of Pittsford	Ed Francis

HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

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

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

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

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Chair – Matt Wahl (6/30/05)	Other Voting Members:	Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)
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