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KID'S FISHING DERBY Saturday May 7th

Skipper of the Sam Patch, Ted Curtis tells us what makes his boat float - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Prospective member Bill Smith, Speaker Ted Curtis, Dave Taylor (Greece), Chuck Chapin (Brighton)

ATTENDANCE – 38 members, 1 guest, 2 visiting Rotarians and 1 Honorary Member

MEMBER NEWS

News

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

A big welcome back to Bob Thompson who returned from Florida this past 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.

KIDS FISHING DERBY MAY 7th: THIS WEEK !!! 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. The event will be held rain or shine. 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.

PAUL HARRIS AWARDS: Gaven Hurley asked that everyone get their nominations and donations of any amount in to him. Remember that our club will match your donation and you will get full credit from RI for the donation.

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 to show up anyway – Matt will find something for you to do!

CANAL CLEAN-UP: Pete Crooker announced that we have approval to plant wild flowers along our section of the canal. No date has been set yet, but let Pete know if you're interested in participating.

RPO TICKETS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT: Russ Crook has two tickets for Allen Vizzutti with Jeff Tyzik and the RPO this coming Saturday May 7th 8:00pm at the Eastman Theater. Allen is a talented Jazz Trumpet player (See Clip Link)

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<http://switchboard.real.com/player/email.html?PV=6.0.12&&title=Firedance&link=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.trumpetstuff.com%2Fimages%2FVizzutti%2FV%5FFireDance.ram>

Russ and his wife can't use the tickets so he has offered to donate them to the club. If you buy them (they are \$80 face value for the pair) the money will go to the Pittsford Rotary Foundation. It's this Saturday so contact Russ quickly if you're interested.

GOLF TOURNAMENT NEW HOLE SPONSORS & MORE ABOUT THE RAFFLE PRIZE: A correction from last week - the 42nd hole sponsor was Okar Equipment Company which is located on Brooks avenue in Rochester. I didn't have a clue how to spell it at press time – sorry. John Bernacki noted that Dave Spaker has signed up Innovative Solutions as a gold sponsor again! Thanks Dave for doing this year after year. Here are a couple more new sponsors, these were brought in by Peggy Martin; Nurse Services of U of R and Pittsford Little League through the generosity of Tom Durkin of Allstate Insurance.

During the stay in Dublin our raffle winner (and their guest) will play a round of golf at the Carton House Montgomerie course. The course is located only 14 miles from Dublin City center and the surrounding area is steeped in history. There are castles nearby as well as the Carton House itself over looking the course (see photo below). The 2005 Nissan Irish Open will be played on these palatial grounds. The prize includes six nights stay, but the trip can always be extended if you have the time and extra money. Our primary sponsor – www.golfvacationsireland.com would be happy to make any arrangements. For more on the Carton House visit: <http://www.carton.ie/>



LPGA VOLUNTEERING AND ROTARY MEETING: Ken & Jan Smith were recognized by the LPGA for their service to the tournament. There will be a Rotary luncheon meeting at Locust Hill on June 14th. Tickets are \$12 and Don Alhart will be the keynote speaker. 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?

EXCHANGE STUDENT REPORT: Bob Vukosic read a note from Shelley, our exchange student in Brazil.



FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: In honor of our speaker we sang "The Erie Canal".

PROGRAM: Ted Curtis is the operator / commodore of the Sam Patch and has been for the past 15 years. Ted started us off with a little canal history. The Erie Canal was instrumental in moving the fine flour grown and milled in the Genesee Valley back east. Queen Victoria heralded Rochester Flour as the finest available and ordered 400 barrels for her cakes. In the canals early days it was the link from east to west and helped build New York into the Empire State.

Ted was on the visitors association back in the 1980s. Visitors to the area would ask if they could take a ride on the canal, and the answer back then was "no." Ted decided to do something about it. The first step was to get the city to put in a dock. The next step was to find a boat. After looking at and finding some disappointment along the way they settled on building a new steel hulled boat at a cost of about \$135,000. On Memorial Day 1991 the Sam Patch, a replica packet boat, was launched. A new boat is coming in about two weeks to supplement the Sam Patch. The Mary Jemison – will help to service the new Corn Hill Landings project. She was built in 1931 in Norfolk Va. and spent some time as a tour boat on Long Island Sound. More recently the Mary J was operated out of Syracuse. Ted added some very interesting information about the boats namesake – Mary Jemison. Ted said the boats have several purposes. One is to provide education – Amos Eaton and the traveling school of science is one such program. Another, of course, is to provide a tourism attraction. The operating company of the two boats, Corn Hill Navigation, is a non-profit organization. The Sam Patch has been a great addition to the canal area in Pittsford and the Mary J will soon add her charm to the Genesee River near downtown Rochester. The new boat has double the capacity of the Sam Patch and with an upper deck Ted says the phrase "low bridge" will really mean something to those up above. Thanks Ted for your vision and the fortitude to carry out a dream. For more on Corn Hill Navigation visit: www.samandmary.org



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Jim Murphy gave a buck for the Raffle for a trip to Ireland and for the work of Pat Mallery and the Interact volunteers who worked at Camp Haccamo on April 30. Pat Mallery gave for the 80 Interact volunteers who worked all day in the rain to beautify the stream at Camp Haccamo, and also noting that many Rotary clubs sponsored the event at no cost to the volunteers. Pat also reminded us that Interact flower pickup is from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 7 at the Rec Center. Jim Cameron chipped in for the District Assembly last weekend.

Don Henderson paid a fine for not having his pin. Gaven Hurley gave for upcoming wine cruises on the Erie Canal. Jack Pickering gave us news of a new grandchild on the way. Bob Thompson gave his happy dollar because it is good to be back, except for the outdoor temperature Ed Francis gave a buck because he is going to the Kentucky Derby.

50/50 DRAWING: \$182.50; Fred Kopp drew the 7 of hearts and Bobbie Gardiner drew the 9 of hearts

ROTARY INFORMATION: THE SPONSOR OF A NEW MEMBER (from the ABC's of Rotary)

The bylaws of Rotary clearly outline the procedure for a prospective member to be proposed for Rotary club membership. The "proposer" is the key person in the growth and advancement of Rotary. Without a sponsor, an individual will never have the opportunity to become a Rotarian. The task of the proposer should not end merely by submitting a name to the club secretary or membership committee. Rotary has not established formal responsibilities for proposers or sponsors, however, by custom and tradition these procedures are recommended in many clubs. The sponsor should:

1. Invite a prospective member to several meetings prior to proposing the individual for membership.
2. Accompany the prospective new member to one or more orientation/informational meetings.
3. Introduce the new member to other club members each week for the first month.
4. Invite the new member to accompany the sponsor to neighboring clubs for the first make-up meeting to learn the process and observe the spirit of fellowship.
5. Ask the new member and spouse to accompany the sponsor to the club's social activities, dinners or other special occasions.
6. Urge the new member and spouse to attend the district conference with the sponsor.
7. Serve as a special friend to assure that the new member becomes an active Rotarian.

When the proposer follows these guidelines, Rotary becomes stronger with each new member.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"When a man is wrapped up in himself he makes a pretty small package."* - John Ruskin

JUST FOR FUN: Some fun from that wild and crazy guy, Fred Kopp...

1. How Do You Catch a Unique Rabbit?
Unique Up On It.
2. How Do You Catch a Tame Rabbit?
Tame Way, Unique Up On It.
3. How Do Crazy People Go Through The Forest?
They Take The Psycho Path
4. How Do You Make Holy Water?
You Boil The Hell Out Of It.
5. What Do Fish Say When They Hit a Concrete Wall?
Dam!
6. What Do Eskimos Get From Sitting On The Ice too Long?
Polaroid's
7. What Do You Call a Boomerang That Doesn't work?
A Stick
8. What Do You Call Cheese That Isn't Yours?
Nacho Cheese.
9. What Lies At The Bottom Of The Ocean And Twitches?
A Nervous Wreck.
10. What's The Difference Between Roast Beef And Pea Soup?
Anyone Can Roast Beef.
11. Where Do You Find a Dog With No Legs?
Right Where You Left Him.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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 –

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.

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
5/11/05	Elliott Spitzer Kevin	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

[NAZARETH ROTARACT](#) – Rotaract

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