



# The Accelerator



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**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH**

## Russ Crook was a member of Rotary long before he moved to this area - story below



Russ and family man the sno-cone stand at last year's Camp Haccamo Carnival

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Eric Elwell (guest of Thomas Gunter-Kremers) and prospective member Bill Smith.

ATTENDANCE – 39 members, 2 guests, 1 honorary member, total 42

### MEMBER NEWS



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

**PITTSFORD SCHOOLS TOPS IN NY STATE:** Mary Alice Price is steering our school's ship in the right direction. After several personal honors this spring, the dropping of a motion against the building of the new middle school, and Newsweek ranking both Pittsford high schools in the top 100, Pittsford has now been named top upstate school district by Buffalo's Business First newspaper. The rankings cover 49 upstate counties. Business First has been ranking schools since 1992 and uses a formula that analyses standardized tests in elementary, middle, and high schools. Superintendent Price says, "It may be the No. 1 reason people come here. Pittsford certainly is a wonderful community with a wonderful quality of life, but you regularly hear people talking about moving here for the schools." Congratulations and thank you Mary Alice for providing a top-ranked educational experience for our children. You can view the entire article on the web at: <http://buffalo.bizjournals.com/buffalo/stories/2005/05/16/daily34.html>

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for April – 82 % \* Be sure you receive credit for your make-ups by either email or other notice to our club secretary (Jim Cameron - [graphics@frontiernet.net](mailto: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](mailto:rhaverty@rochester.rr.com) or a written note at the meeting will do.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS & MORE ABOUT THE RAFFLE PRIZE:** For the Golf Outing, many Rotarians missed the early bird deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> for submitting checks for the foursomes. The golf committee has agreed to extend the early-bird offer to July 1<sup>st</sup>. That's a savings of \$40 per foursome! There are over 50 hole sponsors and more are welcome. Gerry Vesling has done a superb job pulling this together this year and helping to ensure a great success for the fund raiser. Also, a big "thank you" to Bonadio Group for becoming a gold sponsor, joining gold sponsor Innovative Solutions and platinum sponsor Amica Mutual Insurance Company. Jim Murphy has a list of the volunteers for the Golf Outing, and we will soon begin organize the detailed assignments.

The raffle for a trip to Ireland has garnered over \$1,000 in sales, just over half our break-even point. Jim Murphy distributed tickets to the meeting attendees to accelerate ticket sales. Last year we sold about 425 tickets (\$4,250).

**POST OFFICE FOOD CUPBOARD DRIVE:** Peter Crooker asked for volunteers to help on June 6<sup>th</sup>, transporting tubs of canned food from the Post Office on Marsh Road to the Pittsford Food Cupboard beginning at 4:15 p.m. (3 drivers and vans/SUVs needed), and to stock some of the cans on shelves at the Food Cupboard at 4:30 p.m. (3 people needed). The commitment is for one hour, at most.

**LPGA WORK NIGHT JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>:** The LPGA Work Night is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, starting at the Operations Garage (Green building on Jefferson Road, across from the club house). Bill Pieper is asking for volunteers. There should be hot dogs and that famous hot sauce – wear work clothes.

**POSITIVELY PITTSFORD JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>:** Once again the Rotary and Interact clubs will participate in this event and we'll need some volunteers to help out. Lynn Freshman said we'll be judging the sidewalk chalk contest again. She will be asking for volunteers to cover two hour shifts between 1:00 and 7:00pm. Pat Mallery can also use help with the Rotary information booth at the event.

**LPGA ROTARY MEETING JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>:** The club has already paid for about 18 members. If you're planning to come please let Jim Kubarek know so he can get you on the list and collect your check (made out to Pittsford Rotary). We will be at Locust Hill Country Club in the Champions Pavilion on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 to 1:30. Tickets are \$12 and Don Alhart will be the keynote speaker. This meeting will replace our regularly scheduled Wednesday morning meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend the Tuesday luncheon in lieu of the Wednesday breakfast. You can also sponsor a special Olympian or a coach for \$12.

**CHANGE-OVER DINNER JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>:** It's time to make your reservations for the change-over dinner. It will be held on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Locust Hill Country Club. The cash bar opens at 5:30pm and dinner will be served about 6:15pm. Please complete the reservation form and give it to Jim Cameron along with your check. The cost is \$30 per person and includes your choice of Prime Rib, Salmon, or Stuffed Chicken. As always spouses, friends, relatives, and complete strangers are welcome. The annual community service award and Paul Harris award will be announced at the meeting as we say farewell to John Bernacki and the board of directors and welcome in Pat Mallery and his new board (well, sort of new). There will be no morning meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ROTARY NIGHT AT THE RED WINGS JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date for this year's Rotary Red Wings game. The home town club will be playing the Durham Bulls. The 5:00pm game has a special Rotary admission price of \$4.50 per ticket. If you'd like to enjoy the picnic the price is \$15 per adult and

\$10 per child – and that includes your admission! Tickets can be purchased through our club representative or Norm Boughton – email: [NBought1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:NBought1@rochester.rr.com) . IS THERE A VOLUNTEER IN THE CLUB WHO WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE THIS FOR OUR CLUB? See Pat Mallery.

**CAMP HACCAMO UPDATE FROM DELEGATE BRUCE SPECTOR:** At the Camp Haccamo Board meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>, the By-Laws were changed, with the fiscal year and Executive Committee term of office now both from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. This makes more sense than the previous July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year, because LPGA money arrives in April, the Executive Committee can plan the budget and camping season, then see it through. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill Wilcox (Fairport) will be the President, Dan Cashman (Fairport) will be the Vice President, Victoria Ferren (East Rochester) will be the Treasurer and Dolly Kujawa (Webster) will remain the Secretary. The new budget was approved, and there is a \$15,000 planned surplus. Required electrical upgrades are complete, the inspection is complete, and we await the formal document of inspector's approval. New screens and blacktop resurfacing has been contracted. Staffing is complete. Camper applications are on track. Ball field maintenance is progressing. The memorial to Lou Christakos will be planted by Ted Collins Landscape in mid-June.

**NEWSLETTER HELP:** Pat Mallery asked for volunteers to help with the award-winning Accelerator, due to Rick Haverty's changing work schedule. Bruce Spector and Jim Cameron volunteered to take Club meeting notes (thank you Bruce & Jim) and forward them to Editor Haverty for final proofing, formatting and distribution. If you would like to work with the newsletter staff – and even take over the editor's position please let Pat or Rick know.

## FEATURES



### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** "This land is You Land" by Woody Guthrie

**PROGRAM:** Russell Crook is a Polymer Engineer, a Master's Degree, a Doctorate, and is a self-acknowledged 100% certifiable geek. He was born in Royal Oak, Michigan and nurtured a love for marine biology by trips to visit family in Nova Scotia. When he visited a whaling plant there, he asked for and received a whale eye, which was a treasured possession until he married Roberta Marie Osborne, who wanted him to only have eyes for her. Russ met his future wife at Wayne State University. After several years of being together, a decision on future educational institutions and locations was looming. The marriage proposal was the result of Russ' usual analytical study, followed by more years of studying, mainly at Texas A&M. His first job was at Thiokol Propulsion in Brigham City, Utah from 1991-1998. Russ shared many beautiful scenes of Utah mountain formations with us. Their daughter Natalie was born in 1997. Russ also worked for Corning, then for the Microelectronics Group at Lucent, then for Kodak, and his Kodak division was recently purchased by ITT. He has 11 issued patents and 18 peer review publications to his credit. He also received the "Hero of Chemistry Award" from the American Chemical Society. We heard about Russ' focus on creating environmentally friendly chemicals to enhance bonding. We all appreciate what Russ has done, though some of us do not fully understand it all.

On the Rotary front, Russ was a Rotarian long before moving to Western NY and joining the Pittsford Club. Although he lives in West Irondequoit, Russ was interested in a morning club and with much study and scientific experimentation (he visited all the local morning clubs to try them out) he chose Pittsford as his home club. He will become our club secretary in the 2005-2006 Rotary year and has been our liaison to Rotaract. There is a lot more behind the scenes work there than meets the eye. Thanks to Russell Crook for doing his part to make our club better and for sharing his story this morning!



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** Bobbie Gardiner gave \$3 for a three-part trip; first to Kentucky for a wedding, second to South Carolina for a graduation, and third to visit a friend after 23 years. Robyn Masters gave \$1 because she wasn't here last week but found out an uncle has been a Rotarian for 36 years. Robyn did a makeup at the

Penfield club. Roger Zaenglein gave a happy dollar for weekend visitors from Michigan. Jim Cameron gave because his son Alex is back from college for the summer and has made dean's list again. Ellen Weber gave for Russ's presentation. Gavin Hurley gave for Russ's presentation and his contribution to the Rotary Foundation, enough so to make him a Paul Harris candidate.

**50/50 DRAWING:** Peter Brizee drew an Ace for a jackpot of \$255. Congratulations! Did anyone mention to Peter there is a commission for Lynn – sort like being a Realtor?

**ROTARY INFORMATION: Where do my dues go?**

You'll be getting your 2005-2006 membership bill soon. Pittsford will continue to hold the line on our dues of \$150 – it's been at this rate for at least six years even though both RI and district dues have risen (the District went from \$18 to \$25 a few years ago). Here's a breakdown of where your dues go;

District Dues - \$25 per member

Rotarian Magazine - \$12 per member

Rotary International Dues - \$44 per member

Pittsford Rotary - \$69 per member

In the case of the Pittsford Club the \$69 per member pays for guest meals, speaker gifts, logo items (like hats), supplies (like banners, badges, etc), and any club education we undertake (Leadership Institute, District Assembly, PETS, etc.). It also helps the club "chip in" for a few of our fellowship events. It is purposely separate from our Foundation to keep charity money and operating money apart.

Rotary International uses the dues to fund its operations, which includes a paid staff. A few of the things they do benefit our club directly – like pay for Rotary Insurance. The insurance covers the usual things like bodily injury, property damage, liquor liability, and so on. It covers our club, our foundation, and the youth groups (Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and exchange programs).

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** *"Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use."* - **Charles M. Schultz**

**JUST FOR FUN: (from Jim Cameron)**

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that's red and has thorns." "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **June 4** Fairport Rotary Antique Show – Perinton Park
- **June 6** Penfield Rotary Golf Tournament. Shadow Lake @ 11:00am - Contact Bob Sandholzer at 530-0835.
- **June 6** Greece Rotary 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Ridgemont Country Club, Registration open at 11 am, Contact Andy Gray [agray@usapayroll.com](mailto:agray@usapayroll.com)
- **June 11** HORSEHEADS CENTURY BIKE RIDE - contact Dan Brojakowski (607) 734-3450 or email [Rotary.Century.Ride@verison.net](mailto:Rotary.Century.Ride@verison.net)
- **June 19-22** Rotary International Convention (Chicago, IL)
- **July 23** District Rotary Red Wings Game – Frontier Field 5:00pm

- **July 25** CISCO/Rotary Camp Honeoye Charity Golf Tournament. Island Oaks Course, Lima Country Club 9AM registration, 10AM shotgun start (four-person scramble), 4:30PM Reception/Dinner and Awards. [www.honeoyelakerotary.org](http://www.honeoyelakerotary.org) for registration details.
- **August 13** Avon Rotary Club Corn Festival. 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Street vendors, food and entertainment, Genesee Street, Avon. 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM free concert by the Skycoasters. Milex parking lot located off Genesee St, behind the Fire Station

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### On-Going –

- 6 June – Post Office Food Cupboard drive** – See Pete Crooker
- 8 June – LPGA Work Night** at Locust Hill Country Club. Wear work clothes – hot dogs and soda will be provided. Wednesday evening ~ 5:30 – 7:30.
- 12 June – Positively Pittsford** – See Lynn Freshman or Pat Mallery to help out.
- 13 June – 19 June – LPGA.** See Jeff Staples to sign up for your day(s).
- 14 June – LPGA Luncheon** at Locust Hill Country Club. Tuesday at noon. Happy Flag Day!
- 29 June – Installation (Change-over) Dinner @ Locust Hill** – Reservations to Jim Cameron
- 30 July – ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE** – Shadow Lake Golf & Racquet Club
- 11 August – Camp Haccamo Carnival Night** (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) at the camp

## MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker contact Peter Crooker 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
6/8/05	Phil Weisberg	Social Security Fix Options - plan to be at Locust hill in the evening for our work night!	Weisberg Financial Services	Ed Francis
6/14/05	Don Alhart	Joint Meeting – noon at Locust Hill CC	District 7120	N/A
6/15/05		NO MEETING TODAY – go on 6/14		
6/22/05	John Bernacki	Club Assembly	RC of Pittsford	Lynn Freshman
6/29/05	John Bernacki	Club Change-over Dinner – 5:30PM Locust Hill Country Club	RC of Pittsford	Jerry Gambino


### HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

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

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

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

[NAZARETH ROTARACT](#) – Rotaract

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FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2004-2005)		
Chair – Matt Wahl (6/30/05)	<i>Other Voting Members:</i>	Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)
Club President – John Bernacki (6/30/05)	Ray Cornelius (6/30/05)	Jim Murphy (6/30/06)
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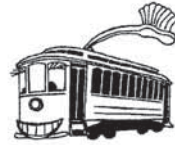
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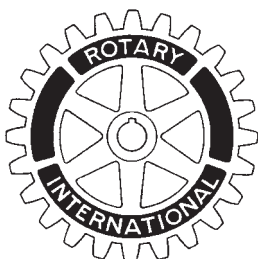
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