



# The Accelerator



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**JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH**

## Phil Weisberg of Weisberg Financial Services talks about Social Security - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Speaker Phil Weisberg, Dave Ferris (Rochester), and prospective members Lynn Hasman and Bill Smith.

ATTENDANCE – 40 members, 3 guests, 1 honorary member, total 44

### MEMBER NEWS

News

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

**CLUB MEMBERS HONORED:** Members Pat Mallery and Matt Wahl each received their awards this week (as noted in the 5/25/05 Accelerator). Pat was the recipient of the Asset-Builders Award from the Pittsford School Community Partnership Council and Matt Wahl was awarded the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce's "Business Person of the Year". Congratulations to both of you and thanks for making our community a better place and our club look good!

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.

**SPECIAL VISITOR FROM CAMP HACCAMO:** Bill Wilcox, incoming President of the Camp Haccamo Board of Directors, visited today and was pleased to report that the required electrical repairs are complete and passed inspection, the sidewalks will be re-paved, screens will be installed, counselors are hired and will soon have orientation/training, campers have signed up, and Camp Haccamo is in good shape to open. He also asked for volunteers in the following areas: fund raising, marketing/public

relations, finance, camp facilities, camp program, human resources and web master. Please contact Bill at 223-4583 or [Wwilcox1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Wwilcox1@rochester.rr.com) .

**GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS & MORE ABOUT THE RAFFLE:** For the Golf Outing, let's get those checks in for foursomes! There are at least 52 hole sponsors, GO GERRY! Jim Murphy has a list of the volunteers for the Golf Outing, and we will soon begin to organize the detailed assignments. More raffle tickets have come in – thanks to all your efforts. Keep selling them! Leaflets will be distributed at Positively Pittsford (and other places) saying the tickets can be purchased at Forsythe Jewelers and Flaherty's Three Flags Inn in Macedon.

**PITTSFORD ROTARY GOES POSTAL:** Peter Crooker thanked the dozen volunteers who helped on June 6<sup>th</sup>, transporting 75 tubs of canned food from the Post Office on Marsh Road to the Pittsford Food Cupboard, and stocking the cans on shelves there.

**OTHER VOLUNTEER EVENTS THIS PAST WEEK:** Pat Mallery and Jim Murphy had a great and rewarding time at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics Track and Field event. Also, Pat Mallery and Bill Pieper helped at the Pittsford Triathlon on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Pat passed around pictures of these events, and of a tree planting at the East Street Little League Field.

**PITTSFORD SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Hey – what better way to tune up for the Pittsford Rotary Community Golf Tournament than to participate in another just a couple weeks before? Peter Crooker reminded us that the Todd P. Paolino Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Shadow Pines on July 18, to benefit the Pittsford School Foundation.

**INTERACT HONORED:** The InterVol Founders award is presented each year to the individual or group making the greatest impact on InterVol's success. This year's group award was given to Rotary Interact in appreciation for the volunteer time and contributions made during the past year by the high school Interact clubs of Brighton, Canandaigua, Honeoye, Pittsford Mendon, Pittsford Sutherland and Wheatland Chili. Brighton Rotarian Rick Blevins and Pat Mallery accompanied a representative group of Interactors from Brighton High School and Pittsford Sutherland in accepting the award.

Pittsford Sutherland Interactors Sarah Nevarez and Harvey Williams were each presented with the Charles and Mary Schmidt Volunteer Award for their work at InterVol throughout their four years in high school.

**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 ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If you have anything that you would like to announce at the change-over dinner please let President Bernacki know so he can put you on his agenda (and keep us on schedule).

**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.

**IT'S DUES TIME:** Pat Mallery asked us to look in the mail for our statement of 2005-2006 dues. The mailing will also include an option to purchase a \$100 breakfast card, good for 10 meetings with breakfast or 20 meetings without breakfast (or any combination thereof).

## FEATURES



### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** You're a Grand Old Flag

**PROGRAM:** Phil Weisberg contributed many years as a school teacher, in Western Africa, on Indian reservations and for 26 years in Penn Yan. He is now a part-time financial planner, and spoke on Social Security Fix Options. Social Security began as a retirement benefit, and since the 1950's included disability insurance, survivors' insurance and Medicare. The Social Security Trust Fund is currently invested in U. S. Treasury bonds which average 6% yearly return. Treasury bonds are the only investment choice due to the system's charter and Presidential directive. The Social Security program's cost of administration is 1% which is lower than a standard mutual fund management fee of 1.4%. Medicare administration costs are 3% which is lower than a typical 9.5% cost for a health care maintenance organization. If nothing changes, then within a few decades, the current surplus will become a deficit, and by 2041 it will only be possible to provide about 75% of current benefits to retirees. This future gap could be addressed by raising the Social Security tax or by decreasing benefits or a combination of both. An increase in the employee tax to 7% would ensure adequate funding through a 75-year horizon. A decrease in benefits to those with incomes over certain thresholds could also help. Phil stated that introducing private accounts to redirect a portion of Social Security taxes is an ideological approach to changing Social Security that does not pragmatically address the problem of looming shortfalls. While there is no specific legislative proposal regarding personal accounts, there has certainly been a lot of discussion. Migrating to partial personal accounts would require about \$4.9 trillion to cover the shortfall to current beneficiaries over the next 20 years. One benefit to individuals is an asset account for the family of a deceased wage-earner, when Social Security payments stop. This money would correspondingly reduce the solvency of Social Security. Privatization of part of the Social Security tax would place the burden of investment success and failure on individuals. Phil pointed out that the stock market has gained little during the last 5 years. Also, individuals would be left to make investment decisions, and buying high and selling low are not uncommon. The government of Chile tried private accounts, and individuals received reduced benefits due to the increased expense of these accounts. Phil is hopeful that a bi-partisan group in Congress can create a workable solution. Thanks to Phil for sharing this information with our club.



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** Ed Francis gave a very happy buck for Peggy Albrecht being back for a meeting. Peggy Martin gave for Peter raising \$250 for a donation to the Angel Fund. Peggy Albrecht gave bunches of dollars because she was glad to see all

her friends at Pittsford Rotary. Peter Crooker gave for Section 5 sports sectionals accomplishments by Pittsford schools - great job kids! Dave Ferris dropped a slider dollar for showing up late plus \$4 for his son's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Elthea gave for the heck of it - it is a nice day for Pittsford Rotary. Matt Wahl gave \$5 for being a happy business person (Congratulations once again for winning the Business Person of the Year award). Lynn Freshman gave for a graduation (Carley?) after 5 years ( is that right. at a 2 year college?)

**50/50 DRAWING:** up to a whopping \$25 (after Peter Brizee cleaned us out). Ray Robbins and Mary Alice (could be Dennis's ticket he left?) tried for the aces but no winner this week.

**ROTARY INFORMATION: The RI Budget – a follow up to “Where do my dues go?”**

2004-05 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Here is the 2004-2005 RI budget.

**Approved Budget**

**REVENUES**

Dues	45,756,300
Magazine	7,251,800
Publications & Supplies	807,000
International Convention	5,513,700
Meetings	138,400
Presidential Conferences	-
Council on Legislation	-
One Rotary Center Tenants	4,437,800
Net Investment Return	3,031,800
Direct Assessment Earned	905,800
License Fees and Royalties	2,038,600
Miscellaneous Income	390,100
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>70,271,300</b>

In this top section all the revenue for RI is itemized. About half of the revenue is from membership dues - \$45M. The remainder comes from various sources including the Rotarian subscription fees, tenant rentals from One Rotary Center, and some self-funding line items such as the international convention which takes in about \$5M but also costs RI about \$5M.

On the expense side is the cost of operating RI. The largest line item (\$8.4M) is for District Governors. After that costs for PR, facilities, the convention, and the magazine top the list. The bottom line is about \$300K short and that is funded from “reserves”.

**EXPENSES**

Administrative	1,409,700
Board of Director Activities	1,243,500
Board Support Services	910,600
Committees	1,154,100
Communication & Publ Relations	6,240,200
Cost of Publ & Supplies	1,807,200
Currency Exch Losses/(Gains)	-
District Conf Representatives	899,900
District Governors	8,418,700
Finance & Investment Services	4,469,100
Human Resources	1,619,800
International Assembly	3,618,100
Council on Legislation	-
International Convention	5,413,400
Magazine	5,121,600
Information Services	5,495,800
Membership Services	4,238,900
Office Support Services	2,581,200
One Rotary Center	5,731,700
PPH National	960,800
Pres & Pres Elect Offices	2,041,500
Programs and Meetings	4,311,100
Presidential Conferences	22,400
RI International Offices	5,658,600
Contribution to TRF	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>73,367,900</b>
<b>Excess Revenues over Expenses</b>	<b>(3,096,600)</b>

Like our club, this is only the operating budget. It's completely separate from the RI Foundation and its charitable purposes. From time to time when there is a surplus RI moves some money from the operations account into the RI Foundation in the form of a donation – but never the other way around (that would be illegal for one thing). There isn't an accounting here of the total “reserve” amount but in the past it has been about equal to one years full budget. The “net investment return” of over \$3M is a good clue as to its size.

Our club operates a bit more slender. On the operating side of our budget we carry over between \$3K and \$4K each year. This amount is just to help us pay bills early in the year before all our dues are collected. The first half of our RI dues are due on July 1<sup>st</sup> – that's why we ask members to get their payments in before the end of June. The District dues are theoretically due on July 1<sup>st</sup> as well, but they usually don't get a bill to us until late July or August.

Like incoming President Pat said this morning – look for your bill in the mail soon and please pay it in a timely fashion (before the end of June). Thanks!

Approved use of Operating Reserves up to	3,300,000
<b>Excess Revenues and Reserves over Expenses</b>	<b>203,400</b>

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** *"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."* - **Dalai Lama**

**JUST FOR FUN:** From Fred Kopp

Ways to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity at work...

- At Lunch Time, Sit in your parked car wearing sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.
- Page Yourself Over The Intercom. Don't Disguise Your Voice.
- Every Time Someone Asks You To Do Something, Ask If They Want Fries with That.
- Put Your Garbage Can On Your Desk And Label It "In".
- Put Decaf In The Coffee Maker For 3 Weeks. Once Everyone Has Gotten Over Their Caffeine Addictions, Switch To Espresso.
- Finish all Your Sentences With "In Accordance With The Prophecy."
- dont use any punctuation
- As Often As Possible, Skip Rather Than Walk.
- Specify That Your Drive-through Order Is "To Go."
- Go To A Poetry Recital And Ask Why The Poems Don't Rhyme
- Put Mosquito Netting Around Your Work Area And Play Tropical Sounds All Day.
- When The Money Comes Out The ATM, Scream "I Won!, I Won!"
- Tell Your Children Over Dinner. "Due To The Economy, We Are Going To Have To Let One Of You Go."

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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 –**

**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
6/14/05	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
		Club Change-over Dinner – 5:30PM		
6/29/05	John Bernacki	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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<b>FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2004-2005)</b>		
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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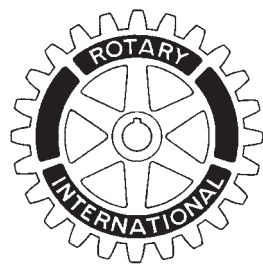


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