



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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July is Rotary Literacy Month

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding: President Lynn Freshman, Greeter and Invocation: Jim Kubarek, Money Collection & Attendance: Kevin O'Grady, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollar Collection: Russ Crook, Music: Lynn Freshman.

Our Program, Frank Hubbell's discussion on Artificial Intelligence

Attendance: 29 members, 3 guests, 3 visiting Rotarians, and 1 honorary member totaling 36 attendees. Guests and visiting Rotarians include Alfredo Gonzales, Dr. Bruce Wooley, Alan Shukov, Marjorie Blegg, Bob Metzger, Bill Marga, and Frank Hubbell.



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.

Announcements:

President Lynn Freshman presided over today's meeting. She introduced Bruce Wooley, Director of Financial Aid at Nazareth as one of our guests. Gaven Hurley presented a \$1000 Community Service Award from Pittsford Rotary as a token of our gratitude for Nazareth's participation in our successful "Taste of Pittsford". Bruce mentioned it would be given to a young college student very involved in community service. She is majoring in music therapy.



Helmut Albrecht issued an invitation for all members to help with the Intervol program at Genesee Hospital. The hospital is still a treasure trove of medical supplies and there is a marvelous opportunity to ship goods to third world countries. Our window of opportunity is only till the end of July. On Tuesdays and Thursdays members can meet to carpool at the library at 4:30 PM or directly at the hospital near the Emergency entrance at 5PM. This volunteering effort lasts till 8PM.

Jack Pickering implored the club to continue to search for more foursomes and hole sponsors. There are currently 16 foursomes. Doug Emblidge will give us PR on television and radio. He will be our MC but cannot play due to another commitment.



Lynn Freshman stated two tables are booked for the Eastern Cities Dinner on September 11. The dinner will take the place of the weekly meeting normally scheduled for September 13.

Bruce Spector is selling Camp Haccamo discount cards that enable price breaks at several local service establishments. The card costs \$10 with \$5 going to the Camp, and \$1 to our club.

Lynn Freshman is looking for phone numbers and addresses of prospective members in our "Index Card" drive. She passed around "Lead the Way" pins, which is the theme for Rotary International this year. District 7120 is looking for GSE team members. GSE stands for Group Study Exchange, a unique business exchange for people aged 25-40. It involves a four to six week exchange with people in the same vocational work in another country. Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Northern Mozambique are the exchange countries this year. The team leader in the GSE group needs to be a Rotarian, but others in the exchange do not.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Bob Vukosic introduced our speaker, Frank Hubbell, whom he has known for the past thirty years as a colleague at Eastman Kodak Company. Frank researches emerging technologies and has the ability to explain in "Readers Digest" terminology. He owns Hubbell Consulting which is involved in custom software development and Microsoft Office training.

The term Artificial Intelligence (or AI) was coined in 1956. In the past there have been too many exaggerated claims about what it can really do. What is intelligence? It is "smart" behavior. An example of Artificial intelligence is a machine that can think, reason, and solve difficult problems unsolvable by humans. The attributes of an AI program are the solution of difficult and a large group of problems; the ability to solve new problems; solutions without a specific set of instructions and in a reasonable amount of time; an explanation how the problem is solved, and recognizing it when it occurs in a different context. In conventional computer programs there is a specific set of instructions which are expensive to formulate, inflexible, and limited in ability to solve problems. In AI the rules of the game are programmed but there is no specific programmed logic for playing the game.



Scientists want to build a machine that can "think" in order to learn more about intelligence, find out about knowledge and how to use it best, and learn about the human ability to think and process knowledge. Some of the applications include the Mars Rover vehicle, and in the medical field to help with quick processing of symptoms in the emergency room to augment doctor's efforts.

HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINES:

Jim Cameron—no pin, and new music released named Mary Alice Price.
Dennis Price—scooter dollar and back from N. Carolina trip with motor cycle.
Russ Crook—back from Cambridge, Mass. Trip.
Don Henderson—scooter dollar.
Hank Ferris—motorcycle broke down as transportation to LPGA.
Jerry Gambino—inappropriate cell phone use at the meeting.
Helmut Albrecht—for those who helped and showed up at hospital for Intervol.

50/50 DRAWING: The jackpot was \$11. We are back to a card which is ripped after being chosen. Today's participant was Bobbie Gardiner, and there was no jackpot, but a lot of ripping!

ROTARY INFORMATION: Please check out <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html>

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The April 2006 *District Newsletter* has been published in the [Rotary District 7120 website](http://www.Rotary7120.org). You may also read it on-line by visiting <http://www.Rotary7120.org/DistrictNewsletter.cfm>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

July	Rotary Literacy Month	
13	Intervol at Genesee Hospital	5PM Genesee Hospital
18	Intervol at Genesee Hospital	5PM Genesee Hospital
20	Intervol at Genesee Hospital	5PM Genesee Hospital
25	Intervol at Genesee Hospital	5PM Genesee Hospital
27	Intervol at Genesee Hospital	5PM Genesee Hospital
29	Rotary Golf Tournament at Shadow Lake	Shadow Lake Golf Club
Aug 2	Firemen's Band at Camp Haccamo	Camp Haccamo
3	Board of Directors Meeting	Amica Insurance
10	Camp Haccamo Carnival	Camp Haccamo

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker, contact Peter Crooker for scheduling.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	GREETER
7/19/06	Dr. Sam Walton	Education Transformation	Elthea King
7/26/06	Paul Stuart	Know Your Member	Fred Kopp
8/2/06		No club meeting in lieu of Fireman's Band	Robyn McMaster
8/9/06	Bill Schwappacher	Understanding terrorist networks	Pat Mallery
8/16/06	Louis Perticone	Artisan Works	Peggy Martin
8/23/06	Sherri Wood	Chasing down deadbeats	Jeff McLeod

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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