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## JULY IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding – President Pat Mallery – Greeter & Invocation Pat Mallery – Music Lynn Freshman – Set up & Take down help Bob Thompson – Money Collection & Attendance Kevin O'Grady – Sergeant-at-arms Frank Burns – Happy Dollar Collection?

## Get to know Club Member and CEO Ellen Weber - story below



Today's Attendance: 36 members, 1 Honorary Member, 3 visiting Rotarians & 2 guests.

We welcomed our assistant District Governor Don McGlynn, Ken Steadman (Geneva), Joe Hamelee (Rochester Rotary), Don Grover (Ken and Jan Smith's son-in-law) and prospective member Lynn Hasman.

## MEMBER NEWS



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

Pete Crooker continues to enjoy Red Sox games and lobster down in Maine. Jim Murphy is off on another vacation as well.

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for May – **83 %** \* Be sure you receive credit for your make-ups by either email or other notice to our club secretary (Russ Crook - [crookra@frontiernet.net](mailto:crookra@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.

**FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT NEXT WEEK:** Foundation treasurer Roger Zaenglein provided a copy of the Foundation year end report (our fiscal year began July 1<sup>st</sup>) that will be published in next week's news letter.

**FIREMAN'S BAND CONCERT** Elthea King recruited cooks (Ed Francis, Bob Thompson, Rick Jusckiewicz), clean-up help (Rick Haverty, Matt Wahl), and cold drink delivery person (Brian Marcellus) for the August 1 Firemen's Band Concert at Camp Haccamo. We will also dedicate the Lou Christakos Memorial Garden. There will be no meeting on August 3, and this event will take its place.

**CAN YOU HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?:** Ken Steadman asked for help placing a Brazilian Youth Exchange Student in a home this year.

**SEEN PITTSFORD ROTARY IN THE NEWS LATELY?:** Thanks to Bob Vukosic for ensuring that Pittsford Rotary activities are communicated to the Brighton-Pittsford Post. There have been several great write-ups lately!

**THERE ARE STILL SOME DUES UNPAID:** Kevin O'Grady provided a friendly reminder to several who have not yet paid the yearly dues. He also found out that names of late payers become public near the end of July.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT IS ALMOST HERE:** For the Golf Outing, let's get those checks in for foursomes! There are just over 60 paid golfers for the Golf Scramble on July 30, which is less than the 100 entries for which Pittsford Rotary will pay the golf course as a minimum. Brochures are available to prospective golfers. The Pittsford Food Cupboard and the Little League will receive checks at the Golf Outing, as a result of our participation and fund raising. Bob Thompson will assign areas of responsibility to non-golfers who are supporting this event. Peggy Martin is coordinating the dinner. Yes, you can attend the dinner without golfing. Also, tickets are still available for the raffle for the golf trip to Ireland. Please see Jim Murphy if you need more tickets to sell.

**ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNOR BOB MCGLYNN OFFERED THESE TEN WORDS:** "If it is to be it is up to me". He asked that this be applied to having fun, reading the Rotarian magazine that defines our organization, adding a net of one member to our club in the coming year per Rotary President Wilhelm, focusing on literacy and water, and 100% involvement in donating to the Rotary International Foundation. Bob views the 83% club attendance rate as very positive, and is pleased that Yankee and Red Sox fans can (seemingly) coexist peacefully in the same Rotary Club. He reminded us to have fun and "think outside the box".

**CAMP HACCAMO CARNIVAL:** Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup> is the date of the annual Camp Haccamo carnival. The carnival runs from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We can use several members at about 5:30-5:45 to help set up the food concessions. We'll be serving camp goers (and counselors) cotton candy, sno-cones, and popcorn. There will also be a number of inflatable attractions and we'll help man at least one of them. There is hardly a more rewarding Rotary event to take part in. If you haven't seen Camp Haccamo in action here is your chance! Warning – you will become addicted to niceness.

## FEATURES



### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** Since this Saturday is Rotary at the Red Wings night we sang "Take me out to the ball game". President Pat reported there are seven members attending the game.

**PROGRAM:** Speaker Ellen Weber provided a riveting and upbeat "Know Your Member" presentation. As one of seven children in a poor family, Ellen and her siblings struggled in every aspect except school. Ellen's love of learning helped her at age 14 to transcend her mother's death, and focus on staying on the honor roll to enable her to enter University. She lived on her own beginning at age 14 and told some moving and touching stories about her past. Later, a 9-year marriage ended, leaving her with a wonderful daughter, Tanya, a strong Christian faith, and motivation to work three jobs to support the two of them. During Ellen's career as a high school teacher, she pursued her interest in learning how the brain works. This interest evolved into two published books and a business that takes her around the world and brings students from around the world to her. One of her books has been translated into Chinese. Her business is a brain-based international center focusing on the many castles of the mind, neuro-science and cognitive science. She shared the difference between "how smart are you?" and "how are you smart?" Harvard and Columbia have added her work to their web sites, it appears in a recent book by Harvard scholar about "reframing intelligence, and several universities around the world have adopted the model.

Ellen's experiences gave her compassion for men and women of other cultures. Tanya, an artist soon to receive her second Master's Degree, will be married in August. We hope that Ellen drives carefully to the wedding. You could have easily come away from this meeting feeling like Ellen is an old friend. Our heartfelt thanks to Ellen for sharing even the most difficult parts of her life. She's just another example of the many fine and interesting people we have in our club.

**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** Elthea King enjoyed a weekend in Ontario. Jack Pickering gave \$2 for his Wedding Anniversary and grand child's birthday. NO PINS Today: - \$1 ea. Joe, Rick J., Elthea (who suggested fining for no pins), Peggy Martin, Ed Francis (also a slider dollar is due!). Fred Kopp gave for driving topless in a jeep for 2 weeks (great weather). Dennis Price gave \$2, one a Slider dollar and for someone and another for Ellen's great presentation. Lynn Freshman went to Lake placid to see Carly (she is a camp counselor up in the woods). Gerry Vesling gave for a great win for Tiger Woods. Rick Haverty gave the buck Pete Crooker would have (if he wasn't in Maine) for the Red Sox regaining 1<sup>st</sup> place and another for driving by Fenway Park the day the Sox beat the Yankees 17-1. Matt Wahl gave for Ellen's talk. Bob Vukosic gave a happy check for his birthday – he didn't want us to sing to him. Roger Zaenglein went to Lake Chautauqua with 15 relatives and must get along with them well.

**50/50 DRAWING:** Pot today was \$98, Dave Spaker and Gerry Vesling had their chance but no Aces.

## **ROTARY INFORMATION: Reprinting Rotary Information**

I had planned to reprint a USA Today article about Polio eradication in this space this week. The article was copied and pasted and then I went looking for permission. For a circulation of 60 in this newsletter USA Today's on-line quoting permissions tool wanted to charge me \$300 for the reprint (no content provided). I can send you to the USA Today website - [http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2005-06-21-polio-usat\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2005-06-21-polio-usat_x.htm) where you can read the piece on-line, but I can't duplicate it here – at least not for free. Technically this is the case for any professionally published material. If you've handed over a newspaper or magazine article that you thought would be good reading for our newsletter and it never showed up, this is one likely reason. The fact that I'm lazy and don't want to retype too many things from hard copy is another good reason, but let's not dwell on that!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Once in a century a man may be ruined or made insufferable by praise. But surely once in a minute something generous dies for want of it." ~ **John Masefield**

**JUST FOR FUN:** From Bob Vukosic...

Reporters interviewing a 104 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

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The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

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Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?" "98," she replied. "Two years older than me." "So you're 96," the undertaker commented. She responded, "Hardly worth going home is it?"

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I've sure gotten old. I've had 2 By-pass surgeries. I've had a hip replacement, new knees, and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, I'm winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. I have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. I can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. But... Thank God, I still have my Florida driver's license!

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A 97 year old man goes into his doctor's office and says, "Doc, I want my sex drive lowered." "Sir", replied the doctor, "You're 97. Don't you think your sex drive is all in your head?" "You're damned right it is!" replied the old man. "That's why I want it lowered!"

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An elderly woman from Brooklyn decided to prepare her will and make her final requests. She told her rabbi she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Bloomingdale's. "Bloomingdale's!" the rabbi exclaimed. "Why Bloomingdale's?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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 –**

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

**1 August** – Camp Haccamo Fireman's Band Concert (6:00 pm) As always this event will be in lieu of our regular weekly meeting. Please plan to attend if you can. No breakfast meeting on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	ORGANIZATION	GREETER
7/27/05	Daan Braveman	New president of Nazareth College	Nazareth At Camp Haccamo –	Gaven Hurley
8/1/05	FIREMAN'S BAND	Annual Fireman's Band Concert & Dedication of the Lou Christakos garden The above at Camp Haccamo is our weekly meeting this week	6:00PM	Ben Johnson
8/3/05	NO MEETING Club		N/A	N/A
8/10/05	Assembly	Golf Scramble Report Blue Apple Productions – an Interact	RC of Pittsford Blue Apple Productions	Ric Juskiewicz
8/17/05	Will Irwin	Member Success Story	RC of Pittsford	Matt Kells
8/24/05	Curt Fey	Know your member	RC of Pittsford	Elthea King
8/31/05	Gil Landry	Elderberry Express of Pittsford	Town of Pittsford	Fred Kopp
9/7/05	TBD			Jim Kubarek
9/14/05	Bobbie Gardener	Know Your Member	RC of Pittsford	Brian Marcellus
9/21/05	Ram Shrivastava	Renewable Energy Options	Larson Engineers	Peggy Martin
9/28/05	PICNIC	King's Bend Park this Evening – NO MORNING MEETING	N/A	N/A
10/5/05	Eric Parker	Club Assembly & Address from District Governor	Rotary District 7120	Robyn McMaster
10/12/05	Jeff Staples	Know Your Member		Jim Murphy
10/19/05	TBD			Kevin O'Grady
10/26/05	Mary Alice Price	Pittsford Schools update from the Superintendent's Office	Pittsford Central School District	Jack Pickering

### 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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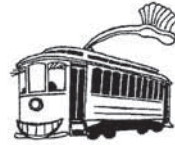
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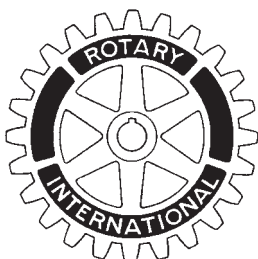
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