



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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**August is Rotary Membership and Extension Month**

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding: President Lynn Freshman, Set Up for Meetings: Jim Cameron and John Belgiorno are working with Pat Mallery in August and September. Greeter and Invocation: Peggy Martin, Money Collection & Attendance: Kevin O'Grady, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollar Collection: Pat Mallery, Songs: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "We're Pittsford Rotary" led by writer/composer Lynn Freshman.

## Program: Sherri Wood, Chasing Down Deadbeats

Attendance: 26 members, 1 honorary member (Jan Smith), 1 speaker (Sherri Wood), 3 visiting Rotarians (Marjorie Bleeg from Brighton, Ken Steadman from Geneva and Warren Richards) and prospective member John Belgiorno, totaling 32 attendees.



## 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](mailto:bruce@spectors.org).

John Belgiorno is a prospective new member. He has attended five club meetings and been given his Rotary information by Gaven Hurley. John lives in Greece, and is a relationship banker with First Niagara Banking - Investments - Insurance in the Pittsford area. He is on the board of directors of the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce, past president of the United Ostomy Association and is involved in supporting communities. Lynn Freshman is John's sponsor. John will be inducted into our club on August 30.

Warren Richards will be joining Pittsford Rotary, too! Warren is transferring from the Rotary Club of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. He served as president for two Rotary clubs and prefers "hands on" activities. He is Associate Dean of the Wegman's School of Pharmacy at St. John Fisher College. Please welcome Warren Richards to Pittsford Rotary.

Lynn announced the District 7120 Golf Tournament which will be held on Friday, September 8 at Lima Country Club. The cost is \$70 per golfer if paid before September 1 and \$75 per golfer after September 1. Each foursome might win one of two Paul Harris Awards. It is possible to attend only the dinner.

15 people signed up so far for the Rotary Softball Challenge on September 23, competing against the Brighton and Penfield clubs. Families and Interact members are also eligible participants.

The Rotary Leadership Institute will provide informative and enjoyable instruction on Rotary on Saturday, November 4 at the Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and we return home at 2:30 p.m. Pittsford Rotary will pay half of the \$65 cost per person. Gaven Hurley is District Chairperson for this event. All members are encouraged to attend. Lynn Freshman attended Part 1 only days after joining Pittsford Rotary, and now she is Club President !

On Tuesday, August 22, Matt Wahl welcomed Chiara, the young lady from Italy whom his family will be hosting as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Lynn asked us to provide phone numbers and other contact information for prospective members whom we identified several weeks ago.

Jim Murphy announced that Peggy Martin is replacing Brian Marcellus on the Pittsford Rotary Foundation Board. This year's expenditures have been approved by the Board, which also decided to retain 10% of last year's proceeds in a permanent fund.

Lynn Freshman stated that framed Rotary Century of Service posters 11 ½ " x 20 " are available in two styles for \$30 and \$40. Please let her know if you would like this timeline of Rotary history.

The Camp Haccamo Senior Prom August 18 was a wonderful success, with special thanks to Pat Mallery and a group of fine Interact members Sarah Kerner, Erin O'Grady, Devin McGonigle and Liz Merrill. Sarah is a junior at Mendon and will be the incoming president of their Interact club. Erin and Devin are both seniors and will be officers for the Interact club at Sutherland. Liz is an Interact alum and will be starting her freshman year at the University of Delaware in a few days. Some prom pictures are below:



The Camp Haccamo camping season was a great success due to the excellent efforts of Camp Manager Lynn Hoyt, Assistant Manager / Aquatic Director Amy Nellist, Camper Specialist Jill Feldman and dozens of talented and qualified counselors. The Camp Haccamo Long-Range Planning Committee, of which Bob Brumm and Bruce Spector are members, has feedback from questionnaires filled out by counselors, managers, campers and families. This feedback will be used for continuous improvement.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

August	Rotary Membership and Extension Month	
26 (Saturday), 7:35 p.m.	Rotary Family Outing Night / Raging Rhinos, \$10 upper center seats normally \$16.	Paetec Park
Sept 8	District 7120 Golf Tournament. \$70 per golfer if paid before Sept. 1 and \$75 per golfer after Sept 1. Every foursome might win one of two Paul Harris Awards. It is possible to attend only the dinner.	Lima Country Club
11	Eastern Cities Dinner, please attend since the September 13 club meeting is cancelled. Registration: 5:15 p.m. then a social hour, then 6:30 Fellowship and 7:30 dinner. RI President Bill Boyd will speak. This event is always fun. Lynn Freshman attended every dinner since she joined Rotary !	Rochester Riverside Convention Center
14	Board of Directors Meeting	Amica Insurance
16	Pittsford Celebrates, where we will sell chicken dinners from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beverages from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Peggy Martin is coordinating our participation.	Village of Pittsford
23	Rotary Softball Challenge against Brighton and Penfield. Rotarians, families, Interactors are invited. Each club contributes money toward a prize for the winning club to donate to their choice of charity.	TBD
Oct 4	Club Picnic, starting at 5:30 p.m.	Kings Bend Park, off Jefferson east of Clover.
Oct 5	Quad Cities Dinner, where District Governor Jim Holden will be speaking	Lima Country Club
Oct 21	District Literacy Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon with Patricia Fiske (District 5450) speaking	Canandaigua Elementary School
November 4	Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1,2,3 and a graduate course are offered. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. we return home at 2:30 p.m.	Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Bob Vukosic introduced Sherri Wood, who graduated with a law degree from the University of Buffalo. She practiced matrimonial law until 1995 when she joined the Monroe County Law Department, working in Child Support. A past president of Brighton Rotary, Sherri notes that August is Child Support Awareness Month. The goal of Child Support Services is to ensure that children are supported by both parents, to recover cost for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, to reimburse taxpayers for welfare expenses, to move families toward self-sufficiency, and to defray the cost of her department.

Monroe County has 44,000 active child support cases, with 20% receiving Public Assistance, 56% having formerly been on Public Assistance and 24% never having received Public Assistance. \$65.7 million was collected in 2005 and \$68 million is expected to be collected in 2006, as Sherri's team encourages those owing child support to pay their legal obligations. First, they must locate absent parents, usually through Social Security Numbers discovered daily through the Federal Directory of New Hires. Then, paternity must be established through genetic marker testing, at a cost of \$159 per family of which 95% is paid by the U.S. Government. Then, a Support Order is established, usually including a cost of living adjustment to avoid repeated visits to court. Five attorneys in Sherri's office offer affordable legal help.

Enforcement of the monetary obligation is through immediate income execution by employer, including adjustments to collect past due amounts. Those refusing to pay risk seizure of their bank accounts, tax refund offsets, lottery winning offsets, suspension of their Driver's License, unemployment insurance offsets, personal injury claim offsets, professional license suspension, and reports to the credit bureau.

Their web page is at <https://newyorkchildsupport.com/>. Thanks to Sherri Wood for providing an insightful review of Monroe County Child Support Services' efforts to help children.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINES:**

Peggy Albrecht: \$2 for Suzie & Anders Wahl in Mozambique, also for Helmut, who came in late last night from an interview trip and was unable to attend this morning

Peggy Martin: Slider dollar

Matt Wahl: \$2- diplomat arrived and is not an early riser, also for Suzie and Anders who are back home

Jim Kubarek: great speaker today

Kevin O'Grady: found out ankle was only sprained and not broken (hurt factor unfortunately is the same)

Richard Colby: slider dollar (Richard would like to rename it the Bernacki dollar)

Pat Mallery: for the four Interact students who showed up at the prom at Camp Haccamo

Lynn: back from 5 days in the Adirondack Mountains went to a new science museum

Russ Crook: scooter dollar

**50/50 DRAWING:** The jackpot was \$24. Pat Mallery and Bill Pieper pulled no aces.

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

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The August 2006 *District Newsletter* has been published at <http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictNewsletter.cfm>

## MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker, contact Bob Vukosic for scheduling.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	GREETER
8/30/06	Gaven Hurley	Rotary International Conference Report	Jeff McLeod
9/6/06	Dr. Martin Brusdellins	Impact of New Diagnostics on Health Care	Jim Murphy
9/13/06		No club meeting, but please attend the Eastern Cities Dinner on September 11	
9/20/06	Elaine K. Miller	Political Cartoons	Kevin O'Grady
9/27/06	Assembly Member Joe Morelle	Creating a State of Innovation	Jack Pickering
10/4/06		No club meeting, but please attend our club picnic at Kings Bend Park.	
10/11/06	John Perrone	Detainee Operations	
10/18/06	Bob Vukosic	Stem Cell Research	
10/25/06	Pat Coakley	Using the BBB Web Site	
11/1/06	Jack Bent Bob Brumm	Know Your Members	
11/8/06		No club meeting, it's the Pancake Supper on November 7 !	
11/15/06	Lynn Freshman	Club Assembly	
11/22/06	Interact Leaders	Interact Report	
11/29/06	Bill Gormont	Motivational Vision	
12/6/06		No club meeting, please attend Christmas Party for residents of 19 Church Street	Camp Haccamo
12/13/06		No club meeting, but please attend the Holiday Party	
12/20/06	Nina Rummel Jeff McLeod	Club Meeting, Present Slate of New Officers, and Know Your Member talks	
12/27/06	Lynn Hoyt	Camp Haccamo	


### HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:







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

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

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

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