



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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September is Rotary New Generations Month

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding: President Lynn Freshman, Set Up for Meetings: Paul Stuart and John Belgiorno are working with Pat Mallery in September. Greeter and Invocation: Kevin O'Grady, Money Collection & Attendance: Kevin O'Grady, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollar Collection: Pete Crooker, Song: "My Country Tis Of Thee" led by Lynn Freshman.

Program: Elaine K. Miller, Exploring World Issues through Political Cartoons

Attendance: 30 members; 6 guests including speaker Elaine Miller; prospective member Malcolm Bugler; exchange students Anna, Chiara, and Julia; and exchange student parent John Robbins for a total of 36 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.

President Lynn Freshman detailed upcoming events as listed in the chart below. The Rotary Softball challenge is on September 23 at Burkland Park on the south side of Westfall Rd. Games will be played at 9, 10, and 11 AM. The Pittsford team has 20 players and will play two games. The winner of the tournament will have \$450 to spend on its favorite charity.

Our Club picnic will be on October 4 at Kings Bend Park. It will have a luau theme and we will be joined by the Fairport Rotary Club. The cost is \$10 per adult and children under 12 are free. Please bring a dish to pass and there will be a prize for the best outfit. It is a family friendly event. There will not be a morning meeting at the library due to the Club picnic.

The Quad Cities dinner will be held on October 5 at the Lima Country Club. Four clubs in the southern Rochester area will attend along with Pittsford and Brighton so that we can all enjoy a visit by Jim Holden, District 7120 President. We are hoping for a good turnout from the Pittsford Club.

The Rotary Literacy Project is on October 21 and Lynn is looking for one person to represent our club. The event will take place at the Canandaigua Elementary School 9AM to 12 PM.

On October 29 there will be a Halloween Fest from 2-5 PM at St. John Fisher College. We will be able to enjoy games, treats, crafts, music, and a costume parade. The Pittsford Club will have a game booth.

Just a reminder, the Rotary Leadership Institute will hold classes in Canandaigua on Saturday November 4. Normal cost is \$65 but the club will pay half so that a check would be needed payable to Pittsford Rotary Club in the amount of \$32.50.

Jerry Gambino mentioned that the club selected October 24 to host a dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Members are invited to prepare a dish which will be delivered by Bruce Spector at 5:30 PM on that day. A sign up sheet will be passed around the room in October.

Lynn Freshman congratulated Ellen Weber and Robyn McMaster for winning a trophy for finishing first in the District Golf tournament. Ellen won individual honors for closest to the pin and the trophy was nearly the size of Robyn!

Lynn added the Chicken Barbecue at "Pittsford Celebrates" was a tremendous success. We sold 299 chickens (one dropped) and realized a profit of about \$600. Peggy Martin deserves congratulations for a job well done.

Bob Vukosic noted that Ann Logan who won the Ambassadorial scholarship received her placement at Nottingham University in England.

Gaven Hurley discussed the upcoming Oratorical contest for High School juniors. We are looking for someone to represent the Pittsford Club. The speech will involve a seven minute talk about "Ethics in Life: The Four-Way Test."

Also a singing contest will be a highlight. Area local colleges will provide a scholarship for four years in the amount of \$7500 each year for the University of Rochester, and \$5000 per year for other local colleges.

Mary Alice Price reminded us of the Club Member and Club Leader sign up sheets that were passed around last meeting and will be again this week. The Club is still looking for leaders to help with some events, most notably our LPGA director of activities. Other important positions include the library display head, and the Operation Food Basket leader.

Pete Crooker stated we are seven weeks away from the November 7 Pancake Supper, one of our important fund raising events. The event is now 40 years old, the longest running of all Pittsford Rotary events. Dinner is served to over 1000 guests at Mendon Center High School. We are capped with how many people we can serve in view of the facility and time involved, but we can raise more money through sales of advertising in the Pancake Supper booklet. There is also a placemat showing the business cards of Rotarians availing themselves of this advertising. A good way to advertise is to sign up for a listing as family or friends of the Pittsford Rotary Club. For \$10 you can list the names of your entire family and the participation of all club members will help make the booklet a success. Jim Murphy will be collecting listings and names next week. For \$110 it is possible to obtain a full page add, business card on the placemat, a business card in the Accelerator Newsletter, a listing on the web site and golf booklet next year, and lastly a mention in the "Family and Friends" section of the pancake booklet. 16 Rotarians contributed in this manner last year.

Lynn Freshman thanked departing member Jeff McLeod who will be moving to Alabama. Jeff's time with us was short in duration but very productive.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

August	Rotary Membership and Extension Month	
September 23	Rotary Softball Challenge against Brighton and Penfield.	Burkland Park
October 4	Club Picnic, starting 5:30 PM	King's Bend Park
5	Quad Cities Dinner, featuring District Governor Jim Holden	Lima Country Club
12	Board Meeting, 7AM	Amica Insurance
21	District Literacy Workshop, 9-12 with Patricia Fiske (District 5450) speaking	Canandaigua Elementary School
24	Ronald McDonald House Dinner, 5:30 PM	Ronald McDonald House—deliver to Bruce Spector
29	Halloween Festival, 2-5PM	St. John Fisher College
November 4	Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1, 2, 3, and a graduate course are offered. Registration is at 7:30 AM and we return home 2:30 p.m.	Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua
7	Pancake Supper	Mendon High School

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Vice President Bob Vukosic introduced our speaker, Elaine K. Miller, former Professor at Brockport State University with a PhD. in Spanish, and long time resident of Pittsford.

Though a professor in the Spanish language for women at Brockport, Elaine mentions she has been collecting political cartoons, many of them foreign for her classes and as a hobby. Political cartoons from abroad give us a different perspective of how the world sees the USA. Political cartooning is essentially negative satirical work, and unpopular presidents are a boon for the satirists. It is interesting to note that historically, there are very few women and minority political cartoonists. Political cartoons have the power of visual imagery and humor. They are often daring, and a delightful reframing of social issues. Political cartoons remind us of what we already know and are an excellent teaching resource.

Elaine illustrated in her slide show several important cartoons from Latin America throughout the 20th Century. Latin America was often portrayed as beautiful woman, and the USA as her suitor. "Drawing Conclusions" was a wonderful cartoon about Hillary Clinton. "Them Damn Pictures", a quote from Boss Tweed of Tammany Hall in 1871 and subject of an important cartoon, said it best, in that editorials are not always read by the masses, but political cartoons are always noticed.

HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINES:

Matt Wahl—for a birthday and a great talk.

Hank Ferris—Michigan's win over Notre Dame.

Ellen Weber—for a fun and successful golf tournament.

Ken Smith—his annual trip to Cape Cod.

Pat Mallery—For Peggy Albrecht's help at Intervol and Jeff McLeod.

Nina Rummel—placed 5th in the world in women's crew at Genesee Valley tournament.

Jeff McLeod gave \$50 in honor of Gaven Hurley, Pat Mallery, and the rest of the Rotary gang.

Peggy Albrecht—for the Yankees win over the Red Sox, and Pete Crooker taking over Pancake booklet.

Gaven Hurley—For Jeff McLeod.

Jim Kubarek—for Elaine Miller's talk and Ellen/Robyn's finish in the District Golf tournament.

50/50 DRAWING: Not run this week since there was only one participant.

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
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.	Bill Pieper
10/11/06	John Perrone	Detainee Operations	Mary Alice Price
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	Santa Claus	No club meeting, please attend Christmas Party at Camp Haccamo for residents of 19 Church Street	
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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