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JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Pam Wright of the VA Hospital talks about returning Vets - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Our speaker, Pamela Wright from the Canandaigua VA Hospital and prospective member Jerry Gambino.

ATTENDANCE – 25 members, 2 guests, 0 visiting Rotarians and 0 Honorary Members

MEMBER NEWS

News

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

WELCOME PETER EDWARD BERNACKI: President John was pretty wiped out, but Julie and new son Peter did great on January 21st. Congratulations to John and Julie on the new addition to their family. Peter joins big brother Tim. At this morning's meeting Pat Mallery filled in for John, who began the tradition of naming his newest child after the newest member of Pittsford Rotary (well, almost).

SNOW BIRD REPORT: Every so often one of our members who is smart enough to spend this time of year in the south sends a note just to let us know how they're faring in the harsh sun. Bob Thompson reports temperatures in the 70s – just right for golf. He and Beans attended their local Rotary club breakfast meeting where, Bob says, "The sunrise over the Indian River was beautiful! The speaker was a psychologist with a very useful message!" I suppose that message was, "Those people up north are nuts!"

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for December – **82 %** * **That meeting between the holidays pulled us down some. Be sure you receive credit for your make-ups by either email or other notice to our club secretary (Jim Cameron - 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 7:00pm Wednesday evening for that week's edition. Email rhaverty@rochester.rr.com or a written note at the meeting will do.

ROTARY HOCKEY NIGHT IN ROCHESTER: Tickets will be distributed at our next meeting.

CAMP HACCAMO UPDATE: Bruce Spector reported that the Camp Haccamo Board approved Bob Thompson's detailed plan for maintaining the Field of Dreams. The Camp's Board also asked for a \$50 donation from each club, to help pay for three new clothes dryers to replace existing dryers this spring, with the Irondequoit and Fairport clubs paying for half of the \$1000 needed.

KID'S FISHING DERBY DATE SET: Harry Womeldorf reported that the date for the Kid's Fishing Derby has been set. This year's event will be held on May 7th. Harry says this is the 9th year.

TASTE OF PITTSFORD TICKETS ON SALE: See Lynn Freshman if you need tickets for the Taste of Pittsford, or if you want to discuss other interesting fund-raising opportunities such as the Batavia Rotary's recent success story.

TSUNAMI RELIEF: Pat Mallery showed us some of the items being donated to the tsunami relief effort, and encouraged us to help fill the two trailers destined for those in need

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS COMING UP: Pat invited members to sign up for the District 7120 Conference, to be held from April 15 to 17 at Kutshers Country Club in Monticello, New York.



LPGA TICKET SALES REPORT: Brian Marcellus thanked club members and reported that LPGA mall ticket sales were successful, raising over \$90,000 which is about \$3,000 more than last year. Raffle tickets are now available with members typically being responsible for two books, the possibility of engaging outside organizations which would split the proceeds.

GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE: Gerry Vesling reported we have six new hole sponsors since last week. They are: Peter Brizee, Ray Cornelius, Ketmar Development, William Metrose LTD., The Principal Group, and Woods Oviatt & Gilman LLP. The later four were all brought in by our new hole sponsor super salesman – Jack Pickering. Thanks Jack! That brings the total to 23 already – cripes! I hope the snow melts in time.

HABITAT HOUSE CELEBRATION: Tom Gunter-Kremers invited members to participate in the celebration of the completion of the **Habitat** Interfaith Partnership (HIP) House. The special dedication ceremony will be at the home -159 Fulton Avenue - on Sunday, January 30th at 2:00 pm.

FEATURES



THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: America the Beautiful led by Lynn and chosen by our guest speaker Pamela Wright

PROGRAM: Pamela Wright, Canandaigua VA Hospital
Pam has a Bachelor's Degree in Education from SUNY Cortland and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Adelphi University. After other positions in her field, Pam moved to Pittsford and took a social work position at the Canandaigua VA in outpatient behavioral health. In April, 2004, she began working as the

Clinical Point of Contact for Returning Iraq/Afghan Veterans to include returning National Guard Troops and Reservists. She leads the Iraq/Afghan Returning Veteran Task Force addressing the needs of returning veterans at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center and the VA Rochester Outpatient Clinic on Westfall Road. This fills the need for a seamless transition from the Department of Defense to the Veterans Administration.

There is a greater need for support, due to the increased numbers of National Guard and Reserve troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. These troops are not in the same physical shape and age range as high school recruits, so medical needs are greater and different. Also, sanitation in those nations is not good. Air conditioning lowers the tent temperature to 90. Pam shared a picture of a spider the size of a terrier. Adjustment back to normalcy, with or without medical issues, can be very difficult.

On Saturday, January 22, Pam coordinated an event to welcome home the troops and to honor all veterans at the Canandaigua VA, and there were over 150 registrants. Pam told us that any effort we can make to support the troops will be appreciated. We appreciate Pam's help in ensuring that our troops receive the care that they need and deserve, and to help them to transition from a difficult situation back to their everyday lives.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Peter started off (again) by fining pinless people, remember to wear those pins. Don't you suppose everyone at a Rotary meeting knows you're in Rotary? Do you wear your pin outside the Rotary meeting? Ed Francis had a happy dollar for a birthday. Jeff Staples won a prize for tickets for LPGA. Curt Fey gave a dollar for missing last week. Fred Kopp wished a happy birthday to Ed. Gerry Vesling had a happy buck for a comeback Syracuse win. Peter Crooker gave for an Illinois win.

50/50 DRAWING: Mary Alice Price and Jack Pickering had chances to pull an ace, but none were to be had today. The pot is now over \$200! We need that guy who makes the Lotto announcements.

ROTARY INFORMATION: CLUB FINANCES PUZZLING?: At this morning's meeting Roger Zaenglein took the mystery out of donations to Pittsford Rotary, the Rotary Club of Pittsford Foundation, and Rotary International's Foundation. The Pittsford Rotary Club (technically "The Rotary Club of Pittsford") is not a charity; it's a club that has an operations budget for things like our district and RI dues, training, guest meals, speaker gifts, buttons & badges and so on. It is funded only by its member dues and the money they pay for events (like the breakfast meeting, Eastern Cities Dinner, Change-over dinner, Holiday party etc.) All of these events are – at least in theory – break-even propositions. The club's operating budget has been running about \$7,500 per year with over half of that going to Rotary International and the District in the form of dues. Ideally the operating budget would be a wash each year. We run it with about a \$2,000 pad to keep us in the black. The club's board of directors is responsible for the club's operating account.

The Pittsford Rotary Foundation is a different financial entity and was created as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has its own board (all members of the club). This makes donations to the "Rotary Club of Pittsford Foundation" tax deductible. Its income is from our fund-raising events (Pancake Supper, Taste of Pittsford, & Golf Tournament) as well as individual or corporate donations and grants that are made from time to time (Paul Harris donations, birthday donations, memorial donations, Amica's grant for Rotaract, etc.). The Pittsford Foundation operates with a permanent fund of about \$15,000 and takes in roughly \$25,000 each year. By direction of the Foundation board 10% of profits from the three major fundraisers goes back into the permanent fund with the purpose of growing this fund over time to provide stability and additional income to the Foundation. The remaining 90% of the fund raising income is distributed to what we've come to call, "the charities of the Rotary Club of Pittsford." In fact they are charities, civic groups, and in some cases individuals. This is how we support everything from cub scouts and little league to Camp Haccamo, exchange students, service awards, and so on. The Foundation has had a small surplus that will be applied to our Centennial Project at the Library this summer (or fall) in addition to our usual spending.

Then there's the Rotary International Foundation. The one linkage between the Rotary Club of Pittsford Foundation and the RI Foundation is that we will take in Paul Harris donations and essentially pass them through to the RI Foundation. In this way, our club gets credit for the cumulative donations made and

we're able to designate a Paul Harris fellow or two each year. Other than that, the RI Foundation is not linked in any way. The rest works in a similar way as our club's foundation – they have a permanent fund, and an annual fund. It is, of course, magnitudes larger than our home town fund. There are many intricacies of the RI Foundation that I won't go into here (because I'm not that smart). Maybe one of the experts in our club will write a piece describing them in a future issue. It is suggested that Rotarians make an annual donation to the RI Foundation.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has."* - **Epictetus**

JUST FOR FUN: This week – from the archives of funny man Fred Kopp...

WHY ATHLETES DON'T HAVE REAL JOBS

New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers when asked about the upcoming season:
"I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."

Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver, on his coach, John Jenkins:
"He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings."

Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann, 1996:
"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

Senior basketball player at the University of Pittsburgh:
"I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes."

Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach:
"You guys line up alphabetically by height."
And: "You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle."

Stu Grimson, Chicago Blackhawks left wing, explaining why he keeps a color photo of himself above his locker:
"That's so when I forget how to spell my name, I can still find my clothes."

Lou Duva, veteran boxing trainer, on the Spartan training regime of heavyweight Andrew Golota:
"He's a guy who gets up at 6 o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is."

Frank Layden, Utah Jazz president, on a former player:
"I told him, Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care.'"

Shelby Metcalf, basketball coach at Texas A&M, recounting what he told a player who received four F's and one D:
"Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **February 5** Rotary Clubs of Wayne County are having our 6th Annual Spelling Bee at Eastview Mall, Bon-Ton Court, 10am. The beneficiary is Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County. Emailto:ROTARY4BILL@msn.com
- **February 9-17** Milt Matthews Governors-Elect Hospitality Program
- **February 23** Centennial Day- all clubs in district meet this day
- **March 18-19** Multi-District PETS (Wyndham Hotel, Syracuse)
- **April 15-17** District Conference (Kutsher's Golf Resort, Monticello, NY)
- **April 30** District Assembly (8:30AM, Honeoye Central School)
- **June 19-22** Rotary International Convention (Chicago, IL)

- **June 26** District Changeover Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On-Going –

- 5 February – DISTRICT AMERK’S GAME** – Saturday night – see Rick Haverty
- 17 February – Ronald McDonald House Dinner** – see Bobbie Gardiner
- 15 March - Ronald McDonald House Dinner** – see Bobbie Gardiner
- 21 March – A TASTE OF PITTSFORD** – Monday evening at Nazareth

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker contact Lynn Freshman for scheduling.

Attendance Assignments: January - Curt Fey * February - Jack Pickering * March - Peggy Martin * April – TBD *
May - Doug Trolley * June – TBD

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
1/26/05	Pamela Wright	Returning Veterans from Iraq	Canandaigua VA Hospital	Kevin O’Grady
2/2/05	Bob Maney Jeffery	Rochester LPGA	Rochester LPGA Pittsford Central Schools	Jack Pickering
2/9/05	Mailloux	Pittsford Schools Foundation	Pittsford Rotary	Bill Pieper
2/16/05	Jack Pickering	Know Your Member	Pittsford Rotary	Mary Alice Price
2/23/05	Gaven Hurley	ROTARY’S 100 th ANNIVERSARY Volunteer Director form the ARC of Monroe County	Pittsford Rotary ARC of Monroe County	Ken Smith
3/2/05	Jackie Steiner			Dave Spaker

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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