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October is Rotary Vocational Service Month

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding: President Lynn Freshman, Set Up: Peter Crooker. Invocation: John Bernacki, Money Collection & Attendance: Jerry Gambino, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollars: Pete Crooker, Songs: "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "We're Pittsford Rotary" led by Lynn Freshman.

Program: Bob Vukosic: Stem Cell Research

Attendance: 25 members; 3 guests including prospective members Marjorie Bleeg, Tom Fresina and Dan Donnelly, Rotary Youth Exchange students Anna Jimenez Rodriguez, Chiara Fancello and Julia Plaza, and honorary member Jan Smith for a total of 33 attendees.

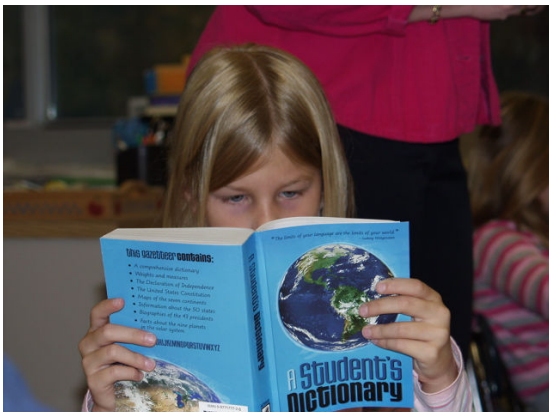


ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Lynn Freshman thanked the following volunteers who distributed dictionaries: Helmut Albrecht, Bob Brumm, Richard Colby, Mike Doughty, Tom Fresina, Lynn Freshman, Gaven Hurley, Paul Stuart, Bob Vukosic. She also asked for volunteers for October 19. Richard Colby and Tom Fresina signed up.

Matt Wahl thanked the following volunteers for helping with the East Street cleanup on October 14: Chiara Fancello, Anna Jimenez Rodriguez, Paul Stuart, Ray Robbins, Roger Zaenglein, Fred Kopp and his son, Bob Brumm and Jack Pickering.



Lynn Freshman asked for volunteers to attend the October 21 grand opening of Ben & Jerry's in Pittsford, to answer questions about Rotary. Mike Brown, the owner, is an honorary member of Penfield Rotary, and he will donate a portion of the proceeds from October 21 to Pittsford Rotary.

The Rotary Literacy Project is on October 21. Pat Mallery signed up. Lynn is looking for another person to represent our club. The event will take place at the Canandaigua Elementary School, 9AM to 12 PM.

Richard Colby reminded us that we will host a dinner on Tuesday, October 24 at the Ronald McDonald House, to be delivered by 5:30 PM on that day or to Bruce Spector's house at 28 Sutton Point by 4:45.

Special Olympics bowling at Clover Lanes on October 28 will have Interact participation, and we are invited as well. Shifts are 7:15 a.m. to 11 a.m., 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The annual Pittsford Family Halloween Fest will be held at St. John Fisher on October 29 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with games, treats, crafts, music and a costume parade. We have volunteers to sort and pack food donations, but we need two more people to help with the hay wagon ride.

For those participating in the excellent Rotary Leadership Institute training, please ensure that your check made out to Rotary Club of Pittsford is remitted to Gaven Hurley.

Chiara Fancello presented the club with a banner from the Italian Youth Exchange Multi-District. Thank you, Chiara ! We will ensure that a Pittsford Rotary banner travels back with Chiara.

Ray Robbins has given Pancake Supper tickets to each member of Pittsford Rotary. Now, it is our job to publicize the event and sell the tickets. Posters are available for places of business, churches and other locations. The event is 40 years old, the longest running of all Pittsford Rotary events. Dinner is served to over 1000 guests at Pittsford Mendon High School. Let's get selling !

Thanks to members for providing food donations for a needy family identified by Bill Pieper. We will be continuing these contributions for a few more weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

October	Rotary Membership and Extension Month	
24	Ronald McDonald House Dinner, 5:30 PM	Ronald McDonald House
28	Special Olympics Bowling which Interact members will attend. We are welcome, too, from 7:15 a.m. to 11 a.m., 10:45 to 2 p.m., and 1:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	Clover Lanes
29	Family Halloween Fest, 2 PM to 5 PM, we need 2 more to help with the hay wagon.	St. John Fisher College
November 4	Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1, 2, 3, and a graduate course. Registration is at 7:30 AM and we return home 2:30 p.m. Checks for \$32.50 to Pittsford Rotary Club.	Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua
7	Pancake Supper from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with tickets \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. World War II veterans will again be invited to be this year's very special guests. Chet "the Magician" Nothard will entertain the youngsters. Plus, Pittsford Musicals will tantalize diners with a brief sample of their upcoming show "42nd Street".	Mendon High School

Lynn Freshman announced a board decision regarding greeters and raffle ticket sellers. The week after you are a greeter, you will sell raffle tickets. The best way to sell the tickets is to position yourself outside the front door as people arrive for the morning meeting.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Bob Vukosic has always been curious about how things work. At Kodak, he kept track of cutting edge technology and looked for business applications which would benefit. Today, Bob provided an interesting presentation on Stem Cell Research, titled "The Power to Divide". The presentation focused on scientific, ethical, political, economic and legal aspects of Stem Cell Research.

Undifferentiated stem cells have no specific function. They are not nerve cells or muscle cells or blood cells. They can reproduce themselves or produce specialized body cells. They can replace damaged body cells. Bone Marrow Stem Cell Therapy is a successful and widely used technique using stem cells to help people with cancer. Lynn Freshman's best friend recently went through this therapy, and we hope and expect that it will save her life. For those with leukemia and lymphoma, the patient's stem cells are removed prior to chemotherapy. During chemotherapy, most growing cells are killed by the cytotoxic agents given to the patients. After chemotherapy, the patient's own stem cells are reinjected to produce the specialized body cells needed during recovery. In Italy, there have been successful corneal tissue repairs by Dr. Graziella Pellagrini using stem cells from the edge of the eye to rebuild damaged corneas.

The promise of stem cells: 1) Increase knowledge of human development, 2) Screening for responses to new drugs, 3) Identifying toxins that affect organs, 4) Replacement cells for damaged tissue, 5) Curing cancer. There is a formidable challenge to coax stem cells to develop into specialized cells, based on the proteins that they are provided. The results are cells which overcome immune rejection by the patient.

All stem cells are not alike. Embryonic stem cells can produce over 200 different cells with the lowest probability of rejection by the patient, with a difficult task to harvest these cells and the greatest ethical concern. Umbilical stem cells can produce fewer types of cells, have a greater chance of rejection by the patient, and have some ethical considerations. Adult stem cells can produce only a few different cells, have the highest rate of rejection by the patient and few ethical concerns.

U.S. policy limits federal funding to an identified 65 stem cell lines, of which 22 were actually available. The California Stem Cell Research Initiative and Proposition 71 will fund stem cell research for the next 10 years. Meanwhile, other countries are encouraging and funding this research. There is concern over the financial result of U.S. policy, with researchers likely to move to California or other countries where they can develop life-saving techniques using stem cells. After these techniques are developed, perfected and documented, those who provide the documentation first will be granted the patent rights.

Thanks to Bob for the great information !

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Helmut Albrecht: 5 sad dollars because his father passed away, 5 happy dollars for time spent with his father before he passed

Peggy Albrecht: No pin today

Marjorie Bleeg: Her daughter moved to Iowa to find a job and found her perfect job doing ACT testing

Bill Pieper: Thanks for the food that he is receiving for the needy family

Lynn Freshman: Bob's great talk, and her friend Keith Yeates' wife's bone marrow stem cell transplant from a 19 year old donor

Matt Wahl: store renovations are nearing completion\

Peggy Martin: No pin and she went to a Penn State game over the weekend which was wild with thousands of tailgaters

Hank Ferris: Michigan went to Penn State for football, and he arrived back from Atlanta to see family

Jim Kubarek: His daughter is engaged and her fiancé asked Jim permission

Jerry Gambino: great talk by Bob Vukosic

Jack Pickering: cell phone interruption.

50/50 DRAWING: The jackpot was \$15. Neither Ray Robbins nor Matt Wahl selected the number from 1 to 13 that Lynn Freshman had written down.

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

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The September 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
10/25/06	Pat Coakley	Using the BBB Web Site	Dennis Price
11/1/06	Jack Bent Bob Brumm	Know Your Members	Ray Robbins
11/8/06		No club meeting, it's the Pancake Supper on November 7!	
11/15/06	Lynn Freshman	Club Assembly	Nina Rummel
11/22/06	Interact Leaders	Interact Report	Ken & Jan Smith
11/29/06	Bill Gormont	Motivational Vision	Bruce Spector
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	Club Meeting, Present Slate of New Officers, and Know Your Member talks	Paul Stuart
12/27/06	Lynn Hoyt	Camp Haccamo	Bob Vukosic


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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