



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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October is Rotary Vocational Service Month

Today's Rotary Team: President Lynn Freshman, Set Up: Peter Crooker, Greeter/Invocation: Dennis Price, Money Collection & Attendance: Jerry Gambino, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollars: Pete Crooker, Songs: "Shivery Yells" and "We're Pittsford Rotary" led by Lynn Freshman.

Program: Pat Coakley on Using the BBB Web Site

Attendance: 32 members; 3 guests including speaker Pat Coakley and prospective members Tom Fresina and Dan Donnelly, Rotary Youth Exchange students Anna Jimenez Rodriguez and Chiara Fancello, and 1 visiting Rotarian, Dave Ferris, and 1 Honorary Member, Jan Smith, for a total of 39 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.



Marjorie Bleeg has been a member of Brighton Rotary since 1987. She helped start the Interact Club at Brighton High School, and worked with Interact on many activities over the years. We are pleased that Marjorie is now the newest member of the Rotary Club of Pittsford.

← Marjorie Bleeg, Pat Mallery and Lynn Freshman

Richard Colby thanked the following people for food and/or time supporting the October 24 meal at the Ronald McDonald House: Peggy and Helmut Albrecht, Peter Crooker, Jerry Gambino, Nina Rummel, Donna Spector, Bob Vukosic and Sue Wahl. Richard noted that Ronald McDonald House is expanding, adding bedrooms and a family room.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

October	Rotary Membership and Extension Month	
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 2	The reading project begins, with drivers needed to transport Interact volunteers.	School 36
4	Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1, 2, 3, and a graduate course. Registration is at 7:30 AM and we return home 3:30 p.m.	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
9	Board of Directors Meeting	
December 2	LPGA Ticket Sales begin.	Marketplace Mall
5	Candlelight Night	Town of Pittsford
6	Christmas Party for Church St. Residents	Camp Haccamo
13	Club Holiday Party	
14	Board of Directors Meeting	



← Pat Mallery attended the Rotary Literacy Project on October 21, with speaker Patricia Fiske from District 5450. The event took place at the Canandaigua Elementary School.

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.



Lynn Freshman presented Chiara Fancello with a banner from the Rotary Club of Pittsford. Last week, Chiara presented the club with a banner from the Italian Youth Exchange Multi-District. →

← Mary Alice Price announced that the Pittsford Rotary Leaders List is available as a paper copy, and it is also posted at <http://pittsfordrotary.org/contactus.htm>



Lynn Freshman thanked Richard Colby and Tom Fresina for distributing dictionaries at Mendon Center Elementary School on October 19. The St. Louis School is the last stop on our tour.

Lynn Freshman thanked Peter Crooker, Richard Colby, Dan Donnelly and Gaven Hurley for volunteering at the October 21 grand opening of Ben & Jerry's in Pittsford, to answer questions about Rotary. Owner Mike Brown, an honorary member of Penfield Rotary, will donate a portion of the proceeds to our club.



← 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 and free-standing signs 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 !

Russ Crook asked for sneaker donations on Saturday, October 28. A SneakerMobile will be stationed in the Nazareth College Arts Center parking lot at 9 a.m. Sneakers that can still be worn are donated to the Salvation Army.

Unwearable sneakers will become part of a school track. Please help out.

Pat Mallery thanked the 27 Interact members who filled 500 bags with 3500 pieces of candy for the upcoming Family Halloween Fest at St. John Fisher College.

Rotary Information was given to two prospective new Pittsford Rotarians following our meeting on 25 October, 2006. They were Dan Donnelly and Tom Fresino. Dan, whose classification will be Sales, Graphics, was sponsored by Jim Murphy. Tom, whose classification will be Owner, Micro-Creamery, was sponsored by Elthea King. Any objections to these two men becoming Pittsford Rotarians should be submitted in writing to our Club President Lynn Freshman by November 10, 2006.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



← Pat Coakley is the Manager of the Rochester Office of the Better Business Bureau, which is funded by member companies and which works with many agencies. The BBB is primarily a reporting agency. Companies must meet certain standards and be documented as responsive to complaints to be eligible to join the BBB. Over 100 companies are not acceptable by the BBB due to misleading advertising and/or their reputation. Over 500,000 reports are downloaded yearly from the web site, and there are 19,000 yearly complaints. Before creating a formal complaint, consumers are strongly encouraged to speak with the manager or owner, since the issue might be unknown to the manager, or due to one employee. After starting a dialogue, if there is no satisfaction, then it is appropriate to file a complaint.

Pat advised us to use www.rochester.bbb.org before making a purchase, to ensure that the vendor is a BBB member in good standing. The BBB helps members of the military and their families through <http://military.bbb.org/>. A link at the site brings us to <http://www.give.org/> where we can check the authenticity of charities which are soliciting our help. It is preferable to use these web sites before we buy or give, avoiding the hassle of dealing with disreputable merchants and the mistake of donating to scams.

Among the common scams are:

Advance fee loans where \$50 is supposed to secure a loan even if you have bad credit... the \$50 is lost.

Bankruptcy relief which costs you cash and does nothing to prevent the risks of bankruptcy.

Automobile devices guaranteed to reduce gasoline consumption ...and many others.

Thanks to Pat for the great presentation !

Message from District Governor Jim Holden: A "flyer/announcement" was sent to each of us from Kelly Lewis, describing the **Rotary for AIDS Hike 2006 - - 1200+ mile trek from Johannesburg to Capetown, Africa** - - scheduled by five Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars now studying at University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, **including our own Kelly Lewis sponsored by the Prattsburg Rotary Club and D-7120.** The trek will begin in Johannesburg on World AIDS Day, December 2, 2006 and will be complete 1200+ miles later on arrival in Capetown on December 21, 2006. Many stops are planned at local Rotary Clubs along the way.. Jane and I invite you to join us as we "Lead the Way" - - each of us have pledged funds to support this high profile Rotary project. **This is an easy way to quickly get involved with an interesting high profile Rotary international project.**

Please make copy of the attached information to share with your Rotary Club members, and also include the information in your weekly club bulletins. I am also asking Bill Redden to add the attached flyer to our District web site through the month of December. The project is not only aimed to raise funds for the ROTARIANS FOR FIGHTING AIDS. INC., the 1200+ mile trek across Africa, from Johannesburg to Capetown, will significantly raise Rotary awareness in South Africa, and will be a well publicized message from 5 college aged scholars to others in their age group.

Please consider this opportunity, and support as you wish. We wish Kelly and her "hiking team" great success with this activity - - for the benefit of the children. Locally and on a global basis, keep up all of your good work in the name of Rotary.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Pat Mallery: missed last meeting and also to say there were 16 Interactors helping pick up along the canal, which was in good shape and now even better

Peggy Albrect: Helmut ran a marathon at Niagara Falls

Dave Ferris (visiting Rotarian)- Went to crew race with son Gregory in Boston and saw Nina's son there

Gaven Hurley: went to hear the Army Field Band and they asked Kathy to play the harp with them

Marjorie Bleeg: joined Pittsford Rotary, also her son and his girlfriend are visiting this weekend

Bob Brumm and Don Henderson: no pin

Bob Vukosic: Grandson visiting this weekend

50/50 DRAWING: The jackpot was \$36. Ken Smith drew no ace. But, Jack Pickering won the jackpot !

Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail
- 18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- 19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

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
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	Kevin Lane	Boy Scouts of America	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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