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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The Epic that is Ed Francis, a great guy with an interesting background

- story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: It was great to see honorary member Paul Spiegel, Joe Hamelle (Fairport), Fred Kopp (prospective member), and Jeff Staples (prospective member).

ATTENDANCE –36 Members, 2 honorary members, 2 visiting

MEMBER NEWS

Rotarians, 2 guests.

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

We are pleased to publish the names of Jeff Staples and Fred Kopp to be our newest Pittsford Rotarians. Jeff lives in Victor and works at Xerox on Jefferson Road where he is Manager of Business Processes and Intellectual Property Operations. He is anxious to become an active club member and take part in more of our many and varied service projects. Fred Kopp and his wife, Linda, live on Devonwood Lane in Pittsford. He has spent about 20 years doing various volunteer jobs for the Advertising Council of Rochester and has worked for 25 years at Wegmans before becoming CEO/Founder of E - Z Com, LLC. If anyone has any objections to either of these gentlemen as new Pittsford Rotarians, they should notify our club president in writing by 27 Nov 2004.

The Rotary Club of Pittsford notes with sadness the death of one of our former active Rotary members and a Past President, Louis C. Chesley, Jr. Lou was moved from Brentland Woods Senior Living Center to the hospice section of the Episcopal Church Home in Rochester where he died Thursday night, 21 Oct 2004. His wife of many years, Marion, predeceased him. Lou was survived by two daughters, Priscilla and Ellen, grand children, a great granddaughter and a sister. He was a native of New Hampshire, usually summered in Maine while growing up, liked Moxie till the end and was employed by Taylor Instrument for 41 years. We have lost a good friend and a TRUE ROTARIAN!

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for October – 83 % * **Please note the attendance number is up due to some corrections in our membership roles but also due to the great number of make-ups we had in October. 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

DISTRICT RAFFLE ANNOUNCED: Pat Mallery brought news from the District about a raffle for three Paul Harris awards. In order to participate you purchase a Beachboys program for a donation of \$1 or more. Each program is numbered. Those numbers will be drawn at a future District event and the winners will be announced there. If you didn't get a chance to make a donation – see Pat.



HOLIDAY WEB CONTEST ANNOUNCED: The winners will get some (maybe winning) 50/50 tickets. Go to www.pittsfordrotary.org and find the Turkey – hint it's not Bernacki. Click on it and an email window should open up and when you send the email it will notify Bruce Spector that you found the turkey. Good luck!

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE YARD CLEAN-UP: Will be on Saturday November 20th from 9-11am. The house is located at 275 Westmoreland. Bring rakes, gloves, whatever you'd use in your yard. Pete Crooker is handling the sign-ups. If you didn't make the sign-up it's still ok to just show up!

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE ON CANDLELIGHT NIGHT – DEC 7th: Rick Juszkievicz noted that we will be manning two Salvation Army Kettles at Candlelight Night this year. The first Tuesday of December (12/7 this year) is the date and the hours are from 6:00-9:00pm. Rick passed around a sign up sheet – see him if you're interested in filling one of the gaps. Remember to dress warm - wear gloves, hats, and Rotary logo stuff.

OPERATION FOOD BASKET NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: The date is December 17th and they are looking for pairs of people to help deliver food. Drivers should volunteer in pairs, but if you want to go it alone the Food Basket people will gladly pair you up with someone. They also need people to help prepare the boxes of food. Please see Bob Vukosic to sign up for this event.

DICTIONARY PROJECT: We will be delivering dictionaries to 3rd graders on the Tuesday & Thursday after Thanksgiving this year. Mike Doughty is making the arrangements and will pass out sign-up sheets at our next meeting.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP: Jim Murphy passed around a committee sign-up sheet. We will try to get an earlier start this year on collection of donations, prizes, and golfer sign-ups. Everyone in the club should participate in the event. If you're not on Jim's list please see him to "Report for Duty."

PAUL HARRIS NOMINATIONS AND DONATIONS: Rick Juszkievicz reminded us that Paul Harris nominations are open. Your nomination can be anyone from our community – they don't have to be a club member. Of course, your Paul Harris donation is welcome as well.

CHURCH STREET CHRISTMAS PARTY: Not to be confused with our club Holiday party, this is a combination service project – social event. We will once again host the residents of the ARC Church Street home on Wednesday December 1st at Camp Haccamo. We will serve a great dinner, have a holiday sing-a-long, and Santa will be there to present gifts. If you're new to the club you should come to this dinner – it's way too much fun. If you're an old member who hasn't come to this event – get with the program! No morning meeting on this Wednesday – please come to the dinner. Normal meeting charge of \$10 applies and includes your dinner.

LPGA MALL SALES: Bob Thompson is making arrangements for this year's LPGA ticket and raffle sales at the Marketplace Mall. Many members are already signed up and Bob will be calling on others to help fill in the gaps and act as alternates. Our duties begin in December.

FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: Over the River & Through the Woods...da,da,da,da,da....da,da

SPEAKER: This morning we heard from our member Ed Francis. He joined our club on 23 August 2003. Ed presented a video about his life – part of a project he had done several years ago. He was born in New Orleans in 1947. He married Linda just before the biggest hurricane ever hit North America. He was the first African-American hired in his division of Proctor & Gamble. He moved on to work at Dow chemical as a research chemist. His work took him to Michigan and Texas. In 1984 he was relocated to Western Europe, mostly France and Switzerland. His son and daughter grew up in those countries. He returned to the US in 1998 to work in Indianapolis. After four years with SC Johnson and the product launch of the Pledge Grab-it, he came to work for Xerox. He has grown into the specialty of licensing products. Ed brought along a couple of the recent products that he has helped license for Xerox – a display projector and a flat-screen monitor.

Ed has had a very interesting career. What he didn't say is what a great (and humble) Rotarian he has become. Since joining our club just 15 months ago Ed has taken the initiative to sign up for and even run many events. He has taken a position on the board of directors (Club Service) and has added great character – in every way – to the club. We're glad your career has brought you to Pittsford – thanks for the entertaining talk Ed.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Gaven gave a dollar for Jim Murphy bringing Ed Francis into our club. Jim Murphy gave one for John Bernacki for being a past 40 under 40 recipient. Jim Cameron gave for his son going to the state soccer championships from East Rochester. Bob Vukosic gave for finding a parking spot this morning. Ed Francis gave for giving his presentation – and getting it over with. Beans Bement gave because Ed didn't say the word "golf" once. Russ Crook gave for having lunch with Lynn and Gaven at the Nazareth Community Service Award luncheon. Jackie Swift gave for Ed being in the club. Bill Pieper gave for a successful trip to Charleston (the trailer made it). Ken Smith gave \$5 for spending

time with his daughter and family at Hilton Head. Matt Wahl gave for a 7-week old dog that has been keeping him up at night. Lynn Freshman gave two – one for a meeting with Russ and being convinced to buy two new fish for their aquarium. The second for a trip to Oswego for the Junior & Senior honor society. Jim Kubarek gave for not having a pin on.



Remember when Roger won the big pot? Well – no one won this week.

50/50 DRAWING: Thomas Gunter-Kremers had the first ticket but didn't get his ace. Ray Cornelius had the second draw, but still no ace. Oh yeah, Mary Alice didn't win last week.

ROTARY INFORMATION: From the ABC's of Rotary...

■ EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS

One of the colorful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at "make up" meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs which participate

in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. It is recommended that banners include pictures, slogans or designs which portray the territorial area of the club.

The board was also mindful of the financial burden such exchanges may impose upon some clubs, especially in popular areas where many visitors make up and request to exchange. In all instances, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations do not interfere with the basic service activities of the club.

Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as a tangible symbol of our international fellowship.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"This above all: to thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."* - **William Shakespeare**

JUST FOR FUN: Some over 40 over 40 jokes...

An elderly woman from Brooklyn decided to prepare her will and make her Final requests. She told her rabbi she had two final requests. First she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Bloomingdales. "Bloomingdales?" the rabbi exclaimed. "Why Bloomingdales?" "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

Reporters interviewing a 104 year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

I've sure gotten old. I've had 2 By-pass surgeries. I've had hip replacement, and got new knees. I've fought prostate cancer, and diabetes. I'm half blind, and can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine. I take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, and bouts of poor circulation; I hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. I can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. I've lost all my friends. But... Thank God, I still have my driver's license!

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my Doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

One nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Dec03 - Dec05 - The Hornell Rotary Club is presenting Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol** Friday & Saturday, Dec 3 & 4 @ 7:00 pm. Ticket price \$10.00 - Sunday, Dec 5 @ 2:00 pm. Ticket price \$8.00 - Location: Hornell High School

Webster Rotary Change of Meeting Location – The new location is Streppa's Bistro in the Village of Webster - 30 E. Main Street. There is a Main Street entrance (have to go down a flight of stairs) or a back parking lot entrance off North Avenue. Meetings are still held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On-Going –

- Pittsford Food Cupboard, 2-hour shifts on Tuesdays or Fridays between 10:00am and 2:00pm and special events.

20 November – **Ronald McDonald House** yard clean-up – See Pete Crooker

1 December – **Annual Church Street Christmas party** at Camp Haccamo

December – **LPGA Ticket Sales** at Marketplace Mall – See Bob Thompson

7 December – **Salvation Army Kettles** at Candle Light Night – See Rick Juszkiwicz

13 December – New Member Orientation Meeting – See Bob Thompson
16 December – Annual Club Holiday Party at the Century Club
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: October - Fred Gallina * November - Thomas Gunter-Kremers * December - Danny Harper * January - Curt Fey * February - Jack Pickering * March - Peggy Martin * April – TBD * May - Doug Trolley * June – TBD

BOARD MEETINGS – First Thursday of each month @ Pittsford Wegman’s Market Café (upstairs) 7:00 am

***** **NEXT WEEK** *****


24 November: Judge Gail Donofrio – Adoption Day Celebration in Monroe County (Elthea King)

| DATE | SPEAKER | PROGRAM | ORGANIZATION | GREETER |
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| DECEMBER | | | | |
| 12/1/04 | No speaker | Church Street Christmas Party at Camp Haccamo | Rotary Club of Pittsford | |
| 12/8/04 | Debbie Masters | Group Vice President for Eastside YMCA's | YMCA | Jim Kubarek |
| 12/16/14 | No speaker | Pittsford Rotary Club Holiday Party at the Century Club | Rotary Club of Pittsford | |
| 12/22/04 | Scott Vegder | Dansville Rotary Club "Reading Gone Wild" | Rotary Club of Dansville | Chris Leone |
| 12/29/04 | John Bernacki | Club Assembly – Half year report | Rotary Club of Pittsford | |

HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

<http://www.rotary.org/> - Rotary International
<http://www.pittsfordrotary.org/> - Our club’s website

<http://www.rotary7120.org/> - Our District
NAZARETH ROTARACT – Rotaract

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| The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York | | 1-800-867-0513 extension 388 |
| <p>2004-2005 Club Officers President – John Bernacki President Elect – Pat Mallery Vice President – Lynn Freshman Secretary – Jim Cameron Treasurer – Jim Kubarek Past President – Rick Haverty Sergeant-At-Arms – Frank Burns</p> |  | <p>2004-2005 Board of Directors Club Service – Ed Francis Community Service Peggy Martin – Fund Raising Pete Crooker – Rochester Projects Bob Thompson – Pittsford Projects Vocational Service – Mary Alice Price International Service – Bob Vukosic</p> |

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| FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2004-2005) | | |
| Chair – Matt Wahl (6/30/05) | <i>Other Voting Members:</i> | Gaven Hurley (6/30/06) |
| Club President – John Bernacki (6/30/05) | Ray Cornelius (6/30/05) | Jim Murphy (6/30/06) |
| Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein (life term) | Brian Marcellus (6/30/07) | Don Henderson (6/30/07) |



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