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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Family Court Judge Gail Donofrio – Monroe County Adoption Day Celebration

story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Gail Donofrio, Gerry Gambino, Rick Blevens (Brighton), and Jeff Staples (prospective member).

ATTENDANCE – 31 Members, 1 honorary member, 1 visiting Rotarian, 3 guests.

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



MEMBER NEWS

We are pleased for the second time 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.

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

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.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: We get pretty busy over the coming weeks. Here are some handy reminders...

- There is NO Wednesday morning meeting next week (Dec 1st) because we will be serving up a Christmas Party at Camp Haccamo for the ARC Church Street residents that evening – see details below.
- Tuesday evening December 7th is Candlelight Night and we will be manning the Salvation Army kettles in the village. Don't forget to show up on time for your shift.
- LPGA Mall sales – Shifts are starting soon. Check the date and time you're signed up for.
- NO Wednesday morning meeting on 12/15 because we have our annual holiday party on Thursday evening 12/16 at the Century Club.

SLATE OF OFFICERS: Our President-Elect, Pat Mallery, presented the slate of officers for the 2005-2006 Rotary year. We will be voting on this slate at our December 29th Club Assembly.

Lynn Freshman – President-Elect * Peter Crooker - Vice President * Bob Thompson - Club Service
Mary Alice Price - Vocational Service * Bob Vukosic - International Service * Ed Francis - Community Service (Pittsford) * Bill Pieper - Community Service (Outside Pittsford) * Peggy Martin - Fundraising
Kevin O'Grady – Treasurer * Russ Crook - Secretary

Rick Haverty - Foundation Board (2005-2007)
Ric Juszkiwicz - Foundation Board (2005-2007)

REMEMBER IT IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH – ELTHEA DID: Elthea King has moved into a new donor level with her recent contribution to the Rotary International Foundation. Thanks Elthea for being a model Rotarian in many ways.



HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT: Ray Cornelius is once again organizing tickets to see the Holiday Pops Concert. It will be held the evening of Sunday Dec 19th. Tickets are \$22 each. See or email Ray for your ticket. RECORNELI@COURTS.STATE.NY.US

FIND THE TURKEY: Bruce Spector announced the winners of the 2004 "Find the Turkey on the Pittsford Rotary Club Web Site Contest". They were Thomas Gunter-Kremers and Bob Vukosic. The winners were awarded extra 50/50 tickets – one of which was drawn later in the meeting!

WANT TO HELP A LOW-INCOME WORKING FAMILY TO HELP THEMSELVES? (submitted by Bob Vukosic) According to national studies, the Earned Income Credit (EIC) has lifted more people above the federal poverty line than any other federal aid program. Unfortunately, many eligible families do not claim this refundable credit. United Way has designed a program called CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) to assist low income working families claim the EIC through the preparation of tax returns. If you're good with numbers, computers, and forms, this is the job for you! As a tax preparer, you will prepare federal and state tax returns for low-income C.A.S.H. clients using the IRS E-File software. For every hour of your time, someone in need can receive an average tax credit of \$2,000. To find out about this and other volunteer opportunities, contact: Cathy Feldman, United Way of Greater Rochester Phone: (585) 242-6586 Email: cash@uwrochester.org Web site: www.uwrochester.org

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE YARD CLEAN-UP: (submitted by Pete Crooker) Pete Crooker reports that Matt and Anders Wahl and Cousin Charlie Merrill, Jack Pickering, Bob Thompson, Roger Zaenglein, Pat Mallery and Pete were able to clean up the yard at 275 Westmoreland inside an hour and beat the rain on Saturday. Thanks to those named for helping out.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE ON CANDLELIGHT NIGHT – DEC 7th: Rick Juszkievicz. Remember to dress warm - wear gloves, hats, and Rotary logo stuff.

OPERATION FOOD BASKET NEEDS VOLUNTEERS ** CORRECTION **: The date is Friday 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. Do **NOT** see Bob Vukosic to sign up for this event – honorary member Amy Coddington-Kordovich is the contact for Operation Food Basket. You can reach Amy at Pittsford Federal Credit Union - 624-7474 x5110 or by email - acoddington@pittsfordfcu.org . You need to sign up before the end of this week.

DICTIONARY PROJECT: We will be delivering dictionaries to 3rd graders on the Tuesday & Thursday after Thanksgiving this year. Mike Doughty is making the arrangements.

PANCAKE SUPPER EVALUATION: Don Henderson passed out forms for evaluation input on this year's Pancake Supper / Dinner at this morning's meeting. If you have additional feedback please contact Don.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING: On Monday, December 13th a New Member Orientation meeting will be held at Bob Thompson's house. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and run about two hours. If you're a new member or about to become a member this is a great chance to learn a bit more about the club and ask questions.

HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE CENTURY CLUB: Our holiday party will be on Thursday evening December 16th at the Century Club on East Ave. The dinner will replace the normal Wednesday morning meeting on the 15th. Elthea King is once again making arrangements and will be asking for members to sign-up and select their dinner. Spouses and other guests are encouraged to attend this elegant event. The cost this year will be \$33 per dinner.

DID YOU TURN IN YOUR PANCAKE SUPPER MONEY? Ray Robbins says he knows who you are and he will make house calls if necessary. Please turn in any outstanding cash (or as Ray says, your donation) as soon as possible. Thanks.

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.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING HELPS ROTARY: If you do any online shopping try using one of the Rotary partners. You will be helping the Rotary Foundation every time you buy through this portal - <http://www.rotary.org/shopping/index.html> .

FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: America the Beautiful

SPEAKER: Ray Cornelius introduced our speaker. Saturday was National Adoption Day and this is National Adoption Month. Family Court Judge Gail Donofrio chaired the adoption event locally where several families had adoptions. It was noted that past District Governor Don Alhart was the master of ceremonies of the event. Supreme Court Judge and Pittsford Rotary member Ray Cornelius also assisted at the event and provided a cake – his own birthday cake as it turns out. Gail always schedules her Family Court adoptions first thing in the morning to start the day on a positive note. One of the primary focuses of National Adoption day is on children in foster care. Many of the children are in the program due to parental abuse or neglect of one sort or another. There are 126,000 children in foster care in the United States. The court system works with other community leaders to help increase awareness of the foster program and the need for adoption. The court system in compliance with Federal mandates and resulting State legislation has worked to speed up the process of moving children from foster care to a more permanent living situation – many times through adoption. There is a web site with more information at www.NationalAdoptionDay.org . Thanks to Gail for an interesting and thought provoking program on this morning before Thanksgiving.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Ray Cornelius started us off with some cash for his birthday. Gerry Vesling added \$5 for his birthday (2 days after the Judge). Jack Pickering put in a greenback for safe travel this holiday weekend. Jim Cameron put in for his birthday. Hank Ferris went wind surfing in Aruba recently – nice tan Hank. He also added that even though Michigan loss to OSU they are still going to the Rose bowl. Pat Mallery gave for the Interact girls who prepared dinner at Ronald McDonald house this past week. Gaven Hurley graduated to an air cast for the next four weeks. He still looked very fashionable although it may cut down on his dancing at this year’s holiday party.

50/50 DRAWING: Jeff Staples had his number drawn first but he did not pick an ace. Bob Vukosic with his “Find the Turkey blah, blah, blah...” contest winning ticket had his number picked second, but then he drew a deuce.

ROTARY INFORMATION: This week we previewed the slate of officers for the 2005-2006 Rotary year. Here is the section of our by-laws that outlines the process for selecting those officers. You can view the entire document, as well as the club constitution, on our website by clicking on the 100 years logo.

Article I Election of Directors and Officers

Section 1 - At a regular meeting no less than one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer, or chair of the nominating committee, shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president-elect (normally the current vice-president), vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and six members of the board of directors. The six board positions voted on will be for each of the avenues of service as agreed with the president-elect; Chairpersons for Club Service, Vocational Service, International Service, and two for Community Service (one for Pittsford projects and a second for projects outside Pittsford). The sixth board position will be for chairperson of fund-raising. The nominating committee shall be appointed by the current club president and shall include the current president-elect. The nominations duly made shall be placed on a slate and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates shall be declared elected to their respective offices upon a majority voice vote in their favor. The president-elect will serve one year as president-elect and assume the office of club president for the year immediately following. In addition, two members will be elected to serve three-year terms on the Club’s Foundation Board. They will be elected in the same fashion and at the same time.

Section 2 — The officers and directors, so elected, together with the current president-elect and president (who will serve the next year as President and immediate past-president) shall constitute the 12-member board of directors. Within one week after their election, the board of directors-elect shall meet and elect some member of the club to act as sergeant-at-arms.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving."* - **H. U. Westermayer**

JUST FOR FUN: Instead of the usual joke, we here at the Accelerator staff thought a little Thanksgiving history would be fun... *The Pilgrims and America's First Thanksgiving*



The Pilgrims, who celebrated the first thanksgiving in America, were fleeing religious persecution in their native England. In 1609 a group of Pilgrims left England for the religious freedom in Holland where they lived and prospered. After a few years their children were speaking Dutch and had become attached to the Dutch way of life. They considered the Dutch frivolous and their ideas a threat to their children's education and morality. So they decided to leave Holland and travel to the New World. Their trip was financed by a group of English investors, the Merchant Adventurers. It was agreed that the Pilgrims would be given passage and supplies in exchange for their working for their backers for 7 years.

On Sept. 6, 1620 the Pilgrims set sail for the New World on the Mayflower. They sailed from Plymouth, England and aboard were 44 Pilgrims, who called themselves the "Saints", and 66 others, whom the Pilgrims called the "Strangers." The long trip was cold and damp and took 65 days. Since there was the danger of fire on the wooden ship, the food had to be eaten cold. Many passengers became sick and one person died by the time land was sighted on November 10th.

The long trip led to many disagreements between the "Saints" and the "Strangers". After land was sighted a meeting was held and an agreement was worked out, called the Mayflower Compact, which guaranteed equality and unified the two groups. They joined together and named themselves the "Pilgrims." Although they had first sighted land off Cape Cod they did not settle until they arrived at Plymouth, which had been named by Captain John Smith in 1614. The first winter was devastating to the Pilgrims. The cold, snow, and sleet were exceptionally heavy, interfering with the workers as they tried to construct their settlement. March brought warmer weather and the health of the Pilgrims improved, but many had died during the long winter. Of the 110 Pilgrims and crew who left England, less than 50 survived the first winter.

In that March of 1621 an Abnaki Indian brave named *Samoset* approached the Pilgrims. He and fellow brave Squanto helped the Pilgrims with their crops that year – you remember the story of planting corn with fish? The harvest in October was very successful and the Pilgrims found themselves with enough food to put away for the winter. There was corn, fruits and vegetables, fish to be packed in salt, and meat to be cured over smoky fires. The Pilgrims had much to celebrate, they had built homes in the wilderness, they had raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. They had beaten the odds and it was time to celebrate.

The Pilgrim Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native Americans. They invited Squanto and the other Indians to join them in their celebration. Their chief, *Massasoit*, and 90 braves came to the celebration which lasted for 3 days. They played games, ran races, marched and played drums. The Indians demonstrated their skills with the bow and arrow and the Pilgrims demonstrated their musket skills. Exactly when the festival took place is uncertain, but it is believed the celebration took place in mid-October. And that, was the first Thanksgiving.

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.

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 Juskiewicz

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** *****

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	ORGANIZATION	GREETER
DECEMBER				
12/1/04	No speaker	Church Street Christmas Party at Camp Haccamo	Rotary Club of Pittsford	Santa
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 – Annual report & club votes for slate of officers	Rotary Club of Pittsford	


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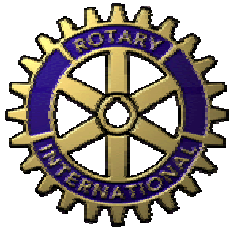
<http://www.rotary7120.org/> - Our District

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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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