



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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**NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding – President Pat Mallery – Greeter & Invocation Dennis Price – Music Lynn Freshman – Set up & Take down help Bob Thompson – Money Collection & Attendance Jim Kubarek – Sergeant-at-arms Frank Burns – Happy Dollar Collection Pete Crooker



## Robyn McMaster, “Know Your Member”.

Story below.

Today's Attendance: 40 members, 1 honorary member, 1 Visitor.

Visitor: Prospective member Jack Bent (Commercial Real Estate).



## 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](mailto:bruce@spectors.org) .

### Announcements:

Lynn Freshman will host a new member orientation at her house at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 28. It's a great way to learn more about our club and Rotary, and to choose committees and activities to work on.

Peter Crooker is coordinating our help in sprucing up the house at 275 Westmoreland, preparing for a mother and 4 children from the New Orleans area who will be living there soon. Work will be done on the weekend of November 19-20 if weather permits. It will consist of outside cleanup work, especially raking. Bring a rake!

Gaven Hurley announced that \$1800 of Taste of Pittsford tickets were sold at the Pancake Supper. No complimentary tickets are distributed, and we plan to serve 400 guests on Monday, March 13, 2006.

The Annual Pancake Supper was a huge success and the largest in recent memory. 48 of 56 members participated, which was great. Several newcomers to the Pittsford area who attended commented about their favorable impression of Rotary in this community event.

Peter Crooker thanked members of Interact, Cub Scouts and Rotary spouses who provided immense help at the Pancake Supper, including Linda Ferris, BJ Vesling, Anne Thompson, Jill Crooker, Sue Bement and Donna Spector. Friends of Rotary were Shula Christakos, daughter Lexi and grand daughter, also Peter Swift, Diane Dailey, Penny and John Higgins. Key Rotary members who stepped up to manage functions include Ray Robbins (ticket sales), Bob Thompson (serving line), Peggy Martin (setup), Jim Murphy and Rick Haverty (cooking) and Bob Vukosic (publicity). The club could not pull the operation off without this help. Please remit money to Ray Robbins, **or else** the Peter Crooker Collection Agency will be involved.

Brian Marcellus provided the following dates/times for Pittsford Rotary to provide four people to staff mall sales for LPGA tickets. He passed around a sign-up sheet. Please consider participating.

Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Monday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Wednesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> , 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 10 a.m. to noon	Tuesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> , 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Pat Mallery shared positive feedback from the Dictionary Project, reading a letter from a parent and letters from two children.

Camp Haccamo is looking for a foosball table, a ping pong table, temporary use of a Bobcat machine, and an auto-flush conversion kit for urinals. Please contact Bruce Spector if you can help.

## FEATURES



### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** "Viva La Rotary"

**PROGRAM:** Robyn McMaster, PhD, "Know Your Member" Presentation

Robyn was born in Australia, and to this day is inspired by her father who gave his life at El Alamein in the successful Allied effort to defeat German forces. During World War II, Robyn fondly recalls Grandma's house, where Grandpa played the saxophone, Uncle Jack played the violin and there was a piano player, too. Her future step-father was an American stationed in Australia to train troops. After the war, he asked Robyn's Mom to marry him, and she accepted. That meant an ocean trip to America in a former troop transport, passing under the Golden Gate Bridge, followed by a cross-continent train trip to her new home in Castile, New York. We can understand why Robyn was shy, having left everything that she had ever known. But she adapted, nurtured by a Mom who loved literature and the arts. Today, Robyn and her husband Carl live in a house that was built as an inn in 1836 on 145 acres of land. They have three children, Scott, Kristin and Sean, and five grandchildren. A few years ago, after attending MITA workshops given by Ellen Weber, Robyn asked Ellen if she needed help with MITA and Ellen offered her a job. Robyn left her college job in education, to become Senior Vice President of MITA

<http://www.mitaleadership.com> where Ellen and Robyn inspire people to achievement by using parts of their brains that they have never used before. Some unexpected events that followed include beginning and completing a Doctorate program later in life than most, training students and faculty at universities, and having dinner in China with a local leader of the Communist Party who described his MITA-assisted transformation from a tiger to a "tiger with wings". Robyn and Ellen each received the Award of Excellence from the Greater Rochester Quality Council. Many thanks to Robyn for sharing her story, starting in Sydney, Australia (current population 3,900,000) to East Koy, New York (population uncertain). Her watchwords include: joy, happiness and satisfaction.

**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** Pat Mallery - \$2- to recognize Ed Francis for helping transport kids to Interval on short notice, Interval is a program to distribute medical operating waste that is unused and distribute it to third world countries. The Interactors were going to Interval to volunteer to help package the materials- Thanks Ed and Pat, Gaven- for those that participated in Rotary Leadership Institute, it was the most successful one ever attendance wise, Gerry Vestling – A happy dollar for Peter Crooker’s birthday (we all sang happy birthday), Jim Cameron- Inspiring presentation Robyn, Ellen -\$5- Great job Robyn, Fred Kopp- great presentation Robyn, Ed Francis- great job Robyn, Russ Crook - \$2- great nitch in life Robyn and also thanks to Gaven for spending time at Nazareth College with Rotaract, Jack Pickering- \$2- trip to California coming up and new grandchild about to be born, Jackie Swift- glad to attend the meeting and special thanks to Brian Marcellus for offering a ride, Matt Wahl- had a wonderful anniversary get-away, Pete Crooker- Thanks to all for efforts at the pancake Supper, especially non Rotarians like spouses and Shula Christakos and granddaughter. It was a huge success and the club wishes to thank Pete and all the committee heads for their extra efforts. A very great job.

**50/50 DRAWING:** The jackpot today is \$19. Robyn picked Gaven Hurley and Bob Thompson’s numbers but no RED marble was picked.

**ROTARY INFORMATION:** November is **Rotary Foundation Month**. Please check out <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html> for more information.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

**JUST FOR FUN:**

- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.
- Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut saves thirty cents?
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- We know exactly where one cow with mad-cow-disease is located among millions of cows in America but we haven't got a clue as to where thousands of illegal immigrants and terrorists are located. Maybe we should put the Department of Agriculture in charge of Immigration.

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- The Rotaract Club of Nazareth is planning several work activities for December and January including Thanksgiving baskets, serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House, pen-pal activity with Malawi Children’s Village, and the Relay for Life kickoff.
- The Rotary Leadership Institute was a great success. The next opportunity is in Oswego on March 25, 2006.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

NOVEMBER	ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH	
Starts Now	Nominations for 2005-2006 Offices & Chairs	Club President
17	Ronald MacDonald – 275 Westmoreland St. House Fall Cleanup	Community Service- Outside Pittsford
18-19	Pittsford Musicals	Club Service
22	PS 36 Visit	Community Service
28	New Member Orientation	Club Service
DECEMBER	FAMILY MONTH	
1	Board Meeting	Club Service
3, 5, 10, 14, 18, 20	LPGA Ticket Sales	Brian Marcellus
6	Candle Night Bell Ringing for Salvation Army	Community Service
7	19 Church Street Christmas Dinner @ Camp Haccamo	Community Service- Pittsford
18	Holiday Pops Concert	
21	Club Holiday Party	Club Service
TBD	Operation Food Basket	Community Service- Outside Pittsford

## MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker, contact Peter Crooker for scheduling.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	ORGANIZATION	GREETER
11/23/05	Pat Mallery	Club Assembly – Wrap-up of the Pancake Supper	Pittsford Rotary	Mary Alice Price
11/30/05	Kathy Johnson	Van Huysen Senior Center, 3750 Monroe Ave. – THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SENIOR CENTER EVENING MEETING – Christmas Party at Camp Haccamo for Church Street Residents	Van Huysen Senior Center	Ray Robbins
12/07/05	N/A		Pittsford Rotary	N/A
12/14/05	Fred Kopp	“Know Your Member”		
12/21/05	N/A	NO MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAY PARTY		
12/28/05	Pat Mallery	Mid-Year Progress Report	Pittsford Rotary	

### 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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#### **2005-2006 Club Officers**

President – [Pat Mallery](#)

President Elect – [Lynn Freshman](#)

Vice President – [Pete Crooker](#)

Secretary – [Russ Crook](#)

Treasurer – [Kevin O'Grady](#)

Past President – [John Bernacki](#)

Sergeant-At-Arms – Frank Burns



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#### **2005-2006 Board of Directors**

Club Service – [Bob Thompson](#)

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[Bill Pieper](#) – Rochester Projects

[Ed Francis](#) – Pittsford Projects

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### FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2005-2006)

Chair – Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)

Club President – Pat Mallery (6/30/06)

Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein (6/30/06)

*Other Voting Members:*

Jim Murphy (6/30/06)

Brian Marcellus (6/30/07)

Don Henderson (6/30/07)

Rick Haverty (6/30/08)

Ric Juskiewicz (6/30/08)