



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 Lynn Freshman, Set Up for Meetings: Paul Stuart, Pete Crooker, and Pat Mallery. Greeter and Invocation: Ray Robbins, Money Collection & Attendance: John Belgiorno, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollar Collection: Pete Crooker, Songs: "America the Beautiful" and "We're Pittsford Rotary" led by Lynn Freshman.

Our Program: Know Your Members, Bob Brumm and Jack Bent

Attendance: 36 members; honorary member Jan Smith; visiting Rotarians Ken Steadman, Tom Welgin, and Don Clement; prospective members Tom Fresina, Dan Donnelly, and Pam Wright; guests Asst. Governor Bob McGlynn and Eric Kopp, for a total of 45 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.

President Lynn Freshman reviewed the list of upcoming events in November and December. On November 4 the Rotary Leadership Institute will be holding classes to educate Rotary members on important topics such as leadership and increasing membership. Gaven Hurley mentioned we have ten members signed up which is the most of any club. Registration starts at 7:30 AM at the Inn on the Lake.

Pete Crooker gave us an update on the Pancake supper, our upcoming big fund-raising event. We will be receiving publicity in the Democrat and Chronicle, Brighton-Pittsford Post, and Channel 12. Everyone should be signing up for an event since this is one of our most important fund raisers of the year. Pete requested volunteers for napkin packages; rolling silverware into a napkin to facilitate the pancake line. John Belgiorno will be doing it. Ray Robbins>> reminded us to bring unused tickets (hopefully none) and money from sold tickets.



<< Don Henderson demonstrated his system of a letter about the event, a self-addressed envelope, and tickets enclosed. He may give them away the first time and retain a list of names to solicit for the following year to sell the tickets. Ben and Jerry's will donate ice cream and scoop it for us, which will be

wonderful for the customers.



<<Gaven Hurley reminded us that November is Rotary Foundation Month. He encouraged everyone to read the Rotarian magazine and wear their Paul Harris pin during the month.

Helmut Albrecht gave us details on the health of Elthea King, who broke her hip last week. She had partial hip replacement surgery and is at Penfield Place Nursing home for ten days for rehabilitation purposes. She would certainly welcome cards and visitors.

Pat Mallery extolled the Interact Clubs for their fine job at Special Olympics bowling and the Halloween Fest. At the latter they covered 25% of the entertainment and were all in full costume. Over 1200 people attended the event at St. John Fisher. Fred Kopp and Bill Pieper get special thanks for the great job on the hay ride.

Russ Crook spoke about the Rotaract District wide assembly—five Rotaract clubs from different colleges in this area got together to brainstorm ways to improve their clubs. Up to eight members of each club attended and it was a wonderful session to compare notes.

Lynn Freshman received many thank you notes from the Pittsford third graders. Some of the messages were quite precious, and she passed the notes around the room.

Bob McGlynn, our District 7120 Asst. Governor gave us some tips on holding entertaining Club meetings. He quoted the following—“The only difference between a rut and a grave is the length and width.” One way to spice up the meetings is to require everyone to wear suspenders, a unique T-shirt or hat. Then everyone would give a particular story involving the garment. If you don't have any stories, you can make them up!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

November	Rotary Membership and Extension Month	
4	Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1, 2, 3, and a graduate course. Registration is at 7:30 AM and we return home 3:30 PM. Checks for \$32.50 to Pittsford Rotary Club.	Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua
7	Pancake Supper	Mendon High School
9	Board Meeting, 7AM	Amica Insurance
12	District Foundation Brunch	Belhurst Castle
Dec 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, 7AM	Amica Insurance

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Bob Vukosic introduced our two speakers, Bob Brumm and Jack Bent, as part of our Know Your Member program.

Bob Brumm has lived in Pittsford with wife Karen for the past fourteen months. Bob finds Pittsford to be an ideal location for a retirement. Not only the Pittsford environment but daughter Amy is in the area with her husband and family. She is a teacher at Canandaigua High school. Bob's other daughter lives in London, England. Bob was born in Buffalo in the summer of 43 and has one brother fully eighteen years older than him. Essentially they both grew up as only children. Bob worked at Buffalo Forge then decided to attend college at Alfred State. He came to Rochester after college and worked at The Gleason Works, Dynac, and Itek. Bob always loved drafting and teaching. He combined both with a job at Alfred State teaching drafting to undergraduate students. Bob became a full professor in 1985 and Department chairman in 1992. He added a CNC and a welding course to the curriculum. Bob spent a lot of his free time in the Army Reserves. He is very happy to be living in Pittsford and a member of the Pittsford Rotary Club.

Jack Bent entertained us with a great slide show giving details of the "Bent migration" including detailed maps. The name "Bent" is English and denotes a common, or field of bent grass. Jack traced his roots all the way back to 1588 when John Bent was born. He was the first Bent to come to America back in 1638. Other important Bents include Governor Charles Bent who was the first territorial governor of New Mexico. When he decided to levy taxes in 1847, the Indians responded by scalping him! It is a good warning to all political candidates. Jack Bent's father, Walter was born in Rochester and spent time in the UK for awhile. His mother was a flamenco dancer in Hollywood. Jack was also born in 1943 and grew up in Texas, attending college at SMU. He was employed by Kodak for many years. Jack's passions include Mexican and Italian cooking. He is also a lover of skiing and golf.

HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINES:

Jim Cameron—a super presentation by Jack Bent and Bob Brumm, but gave dollar for "cheap red wine" donated by Bob McGlynn to Kevin O'Grady for winning the contest.

Paul Stuart—November 15th Hochstein school concert at noon featuring his music in honor of Paul's 50th birthday.

Ken Steadman—going to Brazil to represent the Rotary Youth Exchange.

Lynn Freshman—for prospective new member Pam.

Peggy Albrecht—for everyone's hard work during the last busy Rotary week.

Nina Rummel—for the upcoming crew practice on Sunday at the canal in Pittsford.

Peter Brizee—cover's Jim's buck and also a scooter dollar for Kevin O'Grady.

50/50 DRAWING:

Russ Crook and Jack Pickering did not pull any aces.

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

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The August 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
11/8/06		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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