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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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Invocation: Elthea King

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Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

Debbie Masters talks about the YMCA - story

below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Debbie Masters from the YMCA, Steve Stearns and children Cordell and Macey, prospective members Peter Brizee, Fred Kopp and Jeff Staples, David Taylor (Greece Rotary), and Samantha Hessney.



Debbie Masters

ATTENDANCE – 25 members, 1 honorary member, 2 visiting Rotarians, 3 prospective members, 4 guests, Total 35

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

MEMBER NEWS

News

Sadly, long-time member and great Rotarian, Bob Brown passed away at 11:00pm on Tuesday, December 7th. According to Rotary records Bob joined the club thirty years ago in September of 1974. In recent years the club had offered to make Bob an honorary member but by his request he remained an active member. No word on arrangements yet, but watch the Friday paper and your email for a notice.

For the second time we are pleased to publish the names of Peter Brizee and Keith Rawlins to be our newest Pittsford Rotarians. If anyone has any objections to Peter or Keith as members of the club, they should notify our club president in writing by 13 Dec 2004. We are planning the inductions of Fred Kolb and Jeff Staples at the Christmas dinner and tentatively Peter and Keith as well.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Please update your club directory with the following change –

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CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for November – 93 % * **Please note the attendance number is up due to some corrections in our membership roles but also due to better make-up reporting. 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: Our busy month of December continues. Here are some handy reminders...

- LPGA Mall sales – Shifts underway. Check the date and time you're signed up for.
- New member orientation meeting – 12/13 at the Thompson residence.
- NO Wednesday morning meeting on 12/15 because we have our annual holiday party on Thursday evening 12/16 at the Century Club.
- Holiday Pops Concert on 12/19 – 2:00 pm matinee.

LPGA MALL SALES – OH NO, WE MISSED A DATE!: Bob Thompson reported that our team assigned to cover Monday night missed their shift due to some confusion. Future assignments are listed below. The first name in the list for each shift is the person responsible for coordinating the shift. Shift leaders - please call your team the day before to remind them. If someone can't make it the shift leader should contact Bob Thompson about a back-up.

Saturday 12/11 – 3:00 – 6:00pm: Gerry Vesling, Russ Crook, Peter Crooker, Bob Thompson

Wednesday 12/15 – 6:00 – 9:00pm: Rick Haverty, Don Henderson, Tom Gunter-Kremers, Jim Murphy

Sunday 12/19 – 10:00am – noon: Pat Mallery, Mike Doughty, Dave Spaker

Tuesday 12/21 – 6:00 – 9:00pm: Brian Marcellus, Dan Harper, Kevin O'Grady, Jeff Staples

HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT – LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS: Ray Cornelius is once again organizing tickets to see the Holiday Pops Concert. Tickets are for the 2:00PM matinee on Sunday Dec 19th. Price is \$22 each. Ticket orders must be in by the end of this week! See or email Ray for your ticket.
RECORNELI@COURTS.STATE.NY.US

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE ON CANDLELIGHT NIGHT – DEC 7th: Pete Crooker thanked all who participated in the bell ringing on Tuesday evening. Bell ringers were Henderson, Pickering and pet (name?), Mallery, Haverty, Hurley, Staples, Crooker, King, Cameron and coordinator Juszkiwicz. Don't forget your participation counts as a make-up. Please let Club Secretary, Jim Cameron, know.

LOOKING FOR EVERYONE'S FEEDBACK: Don Henderson offered questionnaires to those who had not yet participated in the evaluation of the Pancake Dinner. Please get your input to Don as soon as possible.

TASTE OF PITTSFORD TICKETS TO GO ON SALE: Gavin Hurley passed around the document which will be mailed to each attendee of the 2004 Taste of Pittsford. So far, 80 tickets have been sold for the 2005 event with no advertising. On January 3rd tickets will be officially on sale through Gaven and at four locations in the Town of Pittsford. We expect to sell out – get your tickets early.

OPERATION FOOD BASKET TEAMS: Peter Crooker has three teams of two people for Operation Food Basket, an annual delivery of food baskets whose contents are packed by Xerox employees. Participants will be Gerry Vesling and Peter Crooker, Ben Johnson and Elthea King, and Bob Thompson and Brian Marcellus.

SHINY NEW STUFF: Pittsford Rotary sported a new tripod for its old banner and a new gavel for President John to call us to order with today.

PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS A FEW ITEMS: Jim Cameron relayed a request from Elthea King, for donations to the Pittsford Food Cupboard, especially pasta, pasta sauce and vegetables. Pat Mallery noted that the Interact groups donated and stocked 1,200 cans of vegetables on December 7.

BOARD MEETING ACTIONS: Bob Thompson provided a summary of the Pittsford Rotary Board meeting that was held on December 2. This information will be made available separately in the Board meeting minutes.

SAMANTHA'S BACK FROM ITALIA: Bob Vukosic explained that Samantha Hessney returned early from Italy due to a number of issues. Samantha will share her positive experiences at a future meeting. Also, Samantha is working with Shelly Rosenberg, the current candidate exchange student. We thank Samantha for her efforts, and hope that she can help to improve the process. The District committee has been informed of this problem and Bob has suggested a number of actions to help avoid such issues in the future. Samantha was our first out-going student in some time and we learned a lot from the experience.

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 \$32 per dinner. It is suggested you bring a canned good for the Pittsford Food Cupboard to the party.

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.

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: An extremely creative song about our noble leader, John Bernacki, was written by Ed Francis and sung by Lynn to the tune of "Deck the Halls." Cordell Stearns led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Kubarek provided a thoughtful and thankful invocation.

SPEAKER: Debbie Masters, Southeast YMCA

Debbie joined the Southeast YMCA in 1999, coming from the Bayview YMCA in Webster. She is the group vice president of the YMCA's on the east side of the city. Debbie grew up in Canada, and has been in Rochester over seven years. The Rochester YMCA is celebrating its 150th year, and is the 30th largest YMCA of the 2700 YMCA's in the U.S.

There are many similarities between the YMCA and Rotary, including making lives better for everyone through community service. YMCA focuses on building spirit, mind and body, and is a lot more than just swimming and basketball. The Southeast YMCA has 12,000 members, and each week 9,000 people pass through the door. YMCA is the largest provider of child care in Monroe County, with 1200 children enrolled in day care. There are many programs for older adults, including the Silver Sneakers. Debbie noted that noon basketball is often played by older adults who scoff at the aging process.

YMCA is for families, adults, children, with no one turned away due to inability to pay for services ranging from child care to fitness to Camp Arrowhead. When Debbie first arrived, she was surprised at the number of Pittsford residents who need scholarships to participate in the programs, with the Southeast



YMCA providing more financial assistance than any other YMCA in Monroe County. Last year, \$162,000 was raised and \$245,000 was given out to support children and families.

Camp Arrowhead is 54 acres, thankfully donated to the YMCA about 30 or 40 years ago. There is a lodge, a swim center, and an environmental education center. Home schooled children can use the facilities. Companies such as Chase Bank and Canandaigua National Bank also use the facilities. Note: massages are available, too.

There is a camp at Keuka Lake, on the waterfront with sailing available. Camp Gorham is in the Adirondacks on a private lake, offering horseback riding.

There are many YMCA colleges, with YMCA being the first to promote adult education.

Future: Building a new branch in Penfield at Routes 250 and 441, breaking ground in Spring, 2005. This will be double the size of the Pittsford facility. Direction over the next few years will include a teen agenda to reach out to ages 8-12 and 12-16. The goal is to serve the teens, get them headed in the right direction, and help them to become the leaders of tomorrow. Activate America, not just for YMCA members, addresses the health implications of obesity. There is the real possibility that our children will not have the same longevity, and this must be addressed.

Debbie welcomes us to visit the YMCA, an organization not just about fitness, but about building relationships. Bobbie Gardner passed around the YMCA handbook, and we received nifty key lanyards.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Bob Vukosic gave for the song writer/composer of this morning's special tune. Russ Crooker gave for his Birthday and said thanks for the Rotary Birthday card. Russ also noted that computer users should be on alert for the newest internet scam/epidemic called fishing. It involves the stealing of identities on a fake Pay Pal site. Do not reply to emails stating your password has been changed, it happened to Russ and he lost \$200. Ed Francis gave a happy dollar for the writer of today's song. Jack Pickering gave as he expects a happy day of golf tomorrow. Pat Mallery gave for Interact students who stocked the Pittsford

Food bank with 1200 cans of non-perishables this week. Bobby Gardiner gave because she's glad to be back. Jim Kubarek gave for his birthday.

50/50 DRAWING: Jerry Vesling, and Russ Crook- no aces. Pot is now up to \$91

ROTARY INFORMATION: ROTARY FLOAT IN ROSE PARADE

"FAMILY TREE - A CENTURY OF SERVICE is the theme of your Rotary International float for the 2005 Rose Parade to be held on Saturday, January 1, 2005, in Pasadena, California. This theme and design were selected to recognize the service of the Rotary family throughout the world during the past 100 years as Rotary International celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2005 and begins its second century of service to the world community. The 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade theme is Celebrate Family.

As in past years, the 2005 Rotary float will be funded entirely by voluntary contributions from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians throughout the United States and Canada. Rotarians and members of Rotaract and Interact clubs donate their time and effort to decorate the float. The Rotary Rose Float Committee invites your Rotary club to participate in entering a float in the 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade. A contribution of \$3.00 or more per member is suggested. You can donate through our club or online at:

<https://128bit.clickandpledge.com/default.aspx?ID=10219&cid=US> . They also offer a pin (pictured above) for a \$5.00 contribution.

Construction of the 2005 Rotary float began in the spring of 2004 and the float is just about ready for decoration now. A Rotary float has been entered in every Tournament of Roses Parade since 1980. Several have won awards. Over 425 million people view the Rose Parade each year on television, with an estimated U.S. television audience of over 90 million people and an estimated international television audience of more than 325 million in over 100 countries. The Pasadena Police Department estimates that approximately one million spectators view the Rose Parade in person each year. Another 200,000 view the floats at the Tournament of Roses Post Parade: A Showcase of Floats viewing area on January 1st after the parade and for one to two days thereafter.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort." - **Herm Albright**

JUST FOR FUN: Some "Hit and Run" Jokes from Beans – and a special musical joke for Lynn:

Three notes, a C, an Eb, and a G, walk into a bar. The bartender says to them, "I'm sorry we don't serve minors here". So the E-flat leaves and the C and the G have a fifth between them. (yes, Lynn's laughing at this even if you don't get it)

Two hydrogen atoms walk into a bar. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says, "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive..."

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer for me please, and one for the road."

Two termites walk into a bar. One asks, "Is the bar tender here?"

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of home. The doctor replies, "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is that common?" asks the man. Says the doc, "It's Not Unusual."

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **February 5** Rotary Clubs of Wayne County are having our 6th Annual Spelling Bee at Eastview Mall, Bon-Ton Court, 10am. The beneficiary is Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County. Emailto:ROTARY4BILL@msn.com
- **February 9-17** Milt Matthews Governors-Elect Hospitality Program
- **February 23** Centennial Day- all clubs in district meet this day
- **March 18-19** Multi-District PETS (Wyndham Hotel, Syracuse)
- **April 15-17** District Conference (Kutsher's Golf Resort, Monticello, NY)
- **April 30** District Assembly (8:30AM, Honeoye Central School)
- **June 19-22** Rotary International Convention (Chicago, IL)
- **June 26** District Changeover Dinner

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.

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

19 December – Annual Pops Concert – See Ray Cornelius

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: December - Danny Harper * January - Curt Fey * February - Jack Pickering * March - Peggy Martin * April – TBD * May - Doug Trolley * June – TBD

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

FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS – Following the regular meeting on the third Wednesday of every month.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	ORGANIZATION	GREETER
12/16/14	PARTY	Pittsford Rotary Club Holiday Party at the Century Club	Rotary Club of Pittsford	Elthea King (Host)
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	Pat Mallery
1/5/05	Bruce Spector Jason	Know Your Member	Rotary Club of Pittsford	Brian Marcellus
1/12/05	Richardson S. Ahmed	Nazareth College Rotaract Automated External Defibrillators Save Lives	Rotaract	Peggy Martin
1/19/05	Mustafa		Team AED	Jim Murphy


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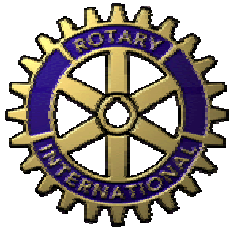
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<p>FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2004-2005)</p>				
Chair – Matt Wahl (6/30/05)	<i>Other Voting Members:</i>	Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)		
Club President – John Bernacki (6/30/05)	Ray Cornelius (6/30/05)	Jim Murphy (6/30/06)		
Treasurer –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



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