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DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

Pittsford Rotary Celebrates at the Century Club and inducts two new members - story below



Fred Kopp, John Bernacki, and Jeff Staples at the Century Club

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Many Rotary spouses

ATTENDANCE – To be reported later.

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

MEMBER NEWS



NEWLY MINTED ROTARIANS: It was a special night for Pittsford Rotary with the inductions of Fred Kopp and Jeff Staples. President-Elect Pat Mallery presided over the induction ceremony.

AND A DEPARTING ROTARIAN: President John received a resignation this week as well. Fred Gallina, who has been an excellent member, cited other parts of his life are keeping him too busy. We hope when things slow down again for Fred he'll be able to consider rejoining our club.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Last week's address change for Amy Coddington-Kordovich has a wrong email address. Amy's new email is: akordovich@pittsfordfcu.org

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.

LPGA MALL SALES – ONLY TWO DATES LEFT: We're down to the last two LPGA sales dates. Please make sure to mark your calendar.

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

DISTRICT 7120 MILT MATTHEWS GOVERNOR ELECT HOSPITALITY PROGRAM: (From the desk of Bob Vukosic) District 7120 is having a Hospitality Program for international Rotary guests in February and is seeking host families. A total of 32 host families are needed from the district. The hosting opportunities are for 4 days during one of the following two time periods:

- Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 to Sunday, February 13 (Recommended for hosts more than one hour drive from the Rochester Airport)
- Sunday, February 13 to Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005

The Hosting options are:

- Full time host: - house and entertain guests for four days
- Part time host: - house guests for four days but need some assistance entertaining guests during the day
- Day time host: - assist part time hosts by entertaining guests during the day.

The guests are from England, India, Sri Lanka, Peru, Argentina, Paraguay, Columbia, Australia, New Zealand. For further information contact Bob Vukosic (381-5706) or rukosic@aol.com. The district would like to identify all host families by December 24, 2004.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PETE CROOKER: On Monday morning this week Gerry Vesling and I 1) installed a chair rail and shelves at the Food Cupboard 2) transported cartons from Amica to the Food Cupboard 3) straightened the Club sign on Rt 31 at the south entrance to the village and 4) repaired a bench on our stretch of the canal path.

On Friday, Operation Food Basket: Brand shiny new members Fred Kopp and Jeff Staples delivered food, as did Elthea King and Ben Johnson, Bob Thompson and Brian Marcellus, Gerry Vesling and Pete Crooker.

Bobbie Gardiner is setting up our nights, one in January and one in February, to make and serve dinner to residents at the Ronald McDonald House. She will soon be looking for volunteers to help with this annual activity.

PAUL HARRIS NOMINATIONS AND DONATIONS: Rick Juskiewicz 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.

FEATURES



THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: The only music we had tonight was the wonderful holiday music provided by the Century Club.

CELEBRATION: About fifty Rotarians and guests enjoyed a classy night out at the Century Club. The wine and fellowship flowed with tidings for a happy and safe holiday season. Fred Kopp and Jeff Staples became our two newest members. Elthea King was once again a very gracious hostess – thank you Elthea!

HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: There are no fines at a Holiday party.

50/50 DRAWING: The pot was at \$91 last week. It will wait until our meeting on the 22nd.

ROTARY INFORMATION: ROTARY ON-LINE

This week's Rotary information is a sort of self-help guide for Rotarians – at least those who use computers. The online resources available to Rotarians are a great help in speeding communication and providing reference material. This past week all Pittsford members should have received a logon and password to view the “club business” section of our website (thanks to Bruce Spector). This part of the web site is meant for members only and includes things like minutes from club board meetings, a copy of our by-laws, and other similar documentation.



We also heard from Russ Crook last week about a costly lesson he learned while doing things on-line. Here are a few tips to help keep your on-line experience safer:

- Never open email from people you don't know – delete it.
- Never open attachments that come in email – even from people you know - unless you're certain they do not contain a virus. It's always safer to delete them.
- When sending email always put a useful description in the SUBJECT line. Things like “Hello”, “Hey there”, and blank subject lines are a good tip it's a fake. If you get email with a subject like that, delete it. If you send one with a subject like that, expect it will be deleted unread.
- Always run an anti-virus program with up to date data files. I like www.mcafee.com .
- Never answer unsolicited email offers – especially those that ask you for any personal information such as account numbers, passwords, and so on. They are trying to rob you.
- Never go to a web site that was referred to in an email unless you trust that site completely. Web sites can add nasty little things to your computer without you knowing it – especially if you run Internet Explorer. Use your better judgment.
- Remember what your Mother taught you – if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! A common scam is software for cheap. A view of the headers from such offers often reveals the message originated in a place like Russia. They are trying to rob you.
- Keep your software (especially if it's Microsoft) up to date. Using the automatic download notifications is a good idea.

Are you bothered by too much SPAM (junk mail) in your inbox? Then try using a SPAM filter. I would recommend one called Spambayes. It learns what you consider SPAM and starts to filter it out. After a week or two of learning from you it becomes pretty self-sufficient. You can download it for free from <http://spambayes.sourceforge.net/index.html> . This works well with Outlook and is available for other email clients as well. If you do use Outlook it's a good idea NOT to use preview panes.

Lastly, keep your computer tuned up. Clean up unwanted files – click START, All Programs, Accessories, System tools, Disk Clean-up for a quick way to get rid of lots of junk. You might want to run Defrag from the same System Tools section afterward. If you use the web frequently it may be useful to download a free program called Ad-Aware Personal from <http://www.lavasoft.com/> . After you download it check for updates and then run the program. If you've been on the web it will find some spyware on your PC – I guarantee it. Check the boxes of those you want to remove and it will do so automatically when you click on NEXT. After doing all the clean-up activities you may find your PC runs a little quicker too.

If you need help with any of these things I'd be glad to take a call, but please read the information on the web sites and the documentation first.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "People can't concentrate properly on blowing other people to pieces properly if their minds are poisoned by thoughts suitable to the twenty-fifth of December." - **Ogden Nash**, 'Merry Christmas, Nearly Everybody!', *I'm a Stranger Here Myself*, 1938

JUST FOR FUN: A wee Christmas tale from a talented Scotsman named Phil Cunningham...

I saw a sight on Xmas day that nearly made me cry
for there amidst the Christmas cheer flapped a living butterfly.
Barely though, its time was short, its life force ebbing fast
I knew that on this frozen day, this creature could not last.

Its wings as bright as Santa's suit, a vibrant glowing red
Its outfit though did it no good for soon it lay there dead.
My heart was sad, but not for long, its death was not in vain,
for soon these wings would give delight to my eager eyes again.

A microscope had been my gift, a smaller world to see
This Admiral had surely been.....Santa's gift to me.
Gently, lifting, still respectful, laid upon the slide
The light switched on....across a bit....excitement hard to hide.

The lenses cool against my eyes, I marveled at each feature,
and millions more complexities combined to make this creature.
But then I really got a shock, the butterfly NOT dead
Its wings beat once and then it flew directly at my head.

My head so close, its wings so fast, my confidence was shook
so I did what Scotsmen still do best.....And hit it with a book.



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

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
12/22/04	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	Rotaract	Peggy Martin
1/19/05	Mustafa	Automated External Defibrillators Save Lives	Team AED	Jim Murphy

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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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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