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DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

Scott Vegder, “Reading Gone Wild” Setting a World Record in Dansville - story below



Scott Vegder of Dansville Rotary

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Visiting Rotarian Don Klements from Brainerd, MN (here for our balmy weather), and Amanda Juszkiwicz – lovely daughter of member Rick.

ATTENDANCE – 34 members, 1 guest, 2 visiting Rotarians and 1 Honorary Member

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

MEMBER NEWS



SNOW BIRDS BEGIN MIGRATION TOMORROW: Our first snow bird of the year is Bob Thompson. He'll be taking the back roads to sunny Florida this week and attending the Vero Beach Sunrise club meeting starting next week. Have a great trip Bob, Ray Robbins said he'll cut your grass for you while you're gone! See you when we thaw out.

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: Thanks to everyone who participated this year. Final tallies aren't in yet, but we usually get a report of how much we sold each shift. We'll be looking for LPGA volunteers again in the Spring.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Gerry Vesling spoke about hole sponsors and displayed several sample signs. They are available for \$100 and will be placed in a prominent position on a tee for the duration of the tournament. Sponsors will also be acknowledged in the tournament brochure.



DEAN PRICE: The New York State Council of School Superintendents recently selected Mary Alice Price as Dean of the Superintendents Academy. She is well known as an instructional leader and is the first female to hold this post. Pittsford is very lucky to have such a superb superintendent. Congratulations Mary Alice!

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.

PAUL HARRIS NOMINATIONS AND DONATIONS: Rick Juskiewicz reminds 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: Lynn led the club in a hearty rendition of "Jingle Bells" - This song by James Pierpont was first published in 1857 by Oliver Ditson & Co., with the title "The One Horse Open Sleigh". He wrote it in Medford, Massachusetts in celebration of the Salem Street sleigh races. In 1859 Ditson reissued it with a new cover, and the title "Jingle Bells, Or the One horse open Sleigh." The original song did not have the word "fun" in it. Instead, it used words like "sport" and "joy".

PROGRAM: Scott Vegder is originally from Texas and is currently a member of the Dansville Rotary. He came this morning to speak with us about a program called, "Reading Gone Wild." While helping his child's elementary school class with reading Scott found that some of the kids didn't get any help with reading at home. The Dansville Club didn't have any scheduled winter activities so he thought it may be fun to start a literacy project. Scott took the initiative and started a reading contest in Dansville. He is

organizing a group of students to set a world record for reading aloud on February 4th through 8th at the Dansville Middle School. As a fund raiser to benefit the children's side of the Dansville Public library he is asking that fellow Rotarians or clubs support the effort by pledging some money per hour of reading. Their target is to reach a full 100 hours of reading aloud by six people. Thanks to Scott for making the long ride north to Pittsford this morning and sharing the news of this very worthwhile cause.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Elthea King gave a buck because she has her Christmas shopping done (and had a buck left over). Tom Gunter-Kremers gave because starting today there will be more daylight everyday. John Bernacki gave and said he will attempt to get his Christmas shopping done. Peggy Martin gave because she is on vacation and just got a promotion. Hank Ferris made a "quick" trip to Prague in the Czech Republic. Ed Francis' daughter is in town and was he was late to this morning's meeting. Bob Thompson gave because this is his last meeting in Pittsford until May.

Brian Marcellus doesn't have his shopping done so he chipped in. Mike Doughty gave for the LPGGA mall sales and Bob Thompson's attention to detail in the instructions. Bob Vukosic's granddaughter got a lead role in a musical. Jack Pickering got the news that he has a 4th grandchild on the way. Peter Crooker gave for the Pittsford women's golf team being champs and winning sportsmanship award and football team winning a sportsmanship award as well. Jim Murphy gave for Bob Thompson being on the editorial page in the Brighton-Pittsford Post. Gaven Hurley gave because New Jersey got rid of round-a-bouts (also known as rotaries). I missed one happy dollar – if it was you let me know and I'll put it in next week's newsletter! (and pay a fine for missing you).

50/50 DRAWING: The pot was at \$115 week. Hank Ferris, Bobbie Gardiner had their tickets drawn, but neither could find one of Lynn's well hidden aces. The pot will grow next week – extra tickets are always for sale before the meeting!

ROTARY INFORMATION:

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more." ~Dr. Seuss

JUST FOR FUN: A wee Christmas tale from another talented Scotsman named Johnny Cunningham (Phil's late brother)... "The Bat"

Twas long before Xmas, I'm quite sure of that,
 Not a creature was stirring, except for the bat.
 The window was open, the night it was fair,
 We did not expect, an attack, from the air.
 I was snoring, content, as I lay snug abed,
 but Pam shook me awake, so I raised up my head.
 There's a bat in the bedroom, she cried out in fright,
 So I promptly sat up, and I turned on the light.
 "There's no bat in here, it was but a dream"
 Then a huge flying rodent, swooped down, and I screamed.
 It flapped all around, it flew lower and lower,
 leaving Pam and I, hiding, beneath our bedcovers.
 So, like a commando, I slipped to the floor,
 I crawled round the bed, and I opened a door.
 Our bathroom attracted the bat like a lure,
 I slammed the door shut, it was trapped, I was sure.



And so, back to sleep, we were snorting and snoring,
 We'd deal with the bat, first thing in the morning.
 but when we awoke, and determined, arose,
 The bat was not there.....was the bat, in our clothes?
 We searched and we searched whilst in fear we did cower,
 Was the bat in the hamper, or hung in the shower?
 The search was continued, the day, it drew on,
 We finally decided, the bat, it was gone.
 When at the days end, we once more did resign,
 The house seemed so quiet, the house seemed so fine.
 But at two in the morning, a "visit" I owed,
 So kingly I sat, upon my commode.
 I felt so at peace, I felt so.....sublime,
 Then all HELL it broke loose, it was NOT a good time.



That leathery fiend, that sneaky wee flyer,
 had been hiding behind, our washer, and dryer.
 I could not stand up; I could not bend down,
 As the bat flew around, and around, and around.
 Oh woe I was frightened, so lost, and alone,
 Dive bombed by a bat, as I sat on the throne.
 It vanished once more, so I made my escape,
 More serious measures, we would have to take.
 So upstairs we called, to Ken, our good neighbour,
 The demise of that bat, we started to savour.
 Well armed with a dustpan, large helmet, and broom,
 We advanced on the bat, and it soon met its doom.
 We swatted him down to the cold bathroom floor,
 and while he was stunned, tossed him right out the door.
 So, if you're a thing that at nighttime goes flying,
 Like Santa or Rudolph, be warned, we're not lying.
 We're all very tense at this time of the year,
 So make sure we KNOW that it's you and your deer.
 Or you could end up, like our poor friend the bat,
 Clubbed on the head, and lying out flat.....



By Johnny for Pammy - Merry Xmas 1996

Johnny Cunningham was an award winning fiddle player and all around funny guy. He passed away on December 15, 2003.

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
12/29/04	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	Rotaract	Peggy Martin
1/19/05	Mustafa	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

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



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