



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding: President Pat Mallery, Greeter & Invocation: Bob Thompson, Music: Lynn Freshman, Set up & Take down: Bob Thompson, Money Collection & Attendance: Peter Crooker, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollar Collection: Peter Crooker

Fred Kopp, "Know Your Member".

Today's Attendance: 34 members, 1 visitor, and 4 guests, totaling 39 people.

There is no morning meeting on December 21. Instead, we have our holiday party at the Century Club commencing 6 p.m. Elthea King should already have your reservation.



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 .

Announcements:

Elthea King has reservations for 50 people for the Holiday party so far. Please give her a call if you plan to attend. Be sure to bring something for the Pittsford Food Cupboard as "your ticket for admission".

Peggy Martin needs a team of "super callers" to help with the United Way funding drive. The job entails calling past donors with a reminder for them to generously give again. The calling will take place in the January-February time frame.

Gaven Claus announced that 70 tickets have been sold so far for the Taste of Pittsford. 50 invitations to past attendees have already been sent out, and over 200 will be sent in January. The tickets certainly make a nice Christmas present.

Jack Pickering will be the chairman of the Rotary Golf tournament in summer 2006. Two of the captains from last year are unable to continue, so he is looking for volunteers to fill the spots. He is looking to have a meeting with his team soon.

Bruce Spector says Camp Haccamo needs more people to participate on committees covering topics such as marketing, long-range planning and others. It is a commitment of as little as two hours a month, and the committees welcome an infusion of helpful ideas and suggestions.

Bob Maney reminded us of the importance of Rotary Club participation at the Wegmans LPGA. In 27 years, the LPGA contributed 6.5 million dollars to Camp Haccamo and the Sunshine Camp. This is the 30th anniversary year and to celebrate there will be a Tournament of Champions on the Tuesday of LPGA week. 21 past champions have been invited and it is hoped that 12 will participate. There will be a Rotary dinner meeting at Locust Hill on that Tuesday evening in place of the regular weekly meeting. Carolyn Bivens, LPGA Commissioner, will be the featured speaker.

FEATURES



THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: “Jingle Bells”

PROGRAM: Peter Crooker introduced Fred Kopp as our “Know Your Member” speaker today. Fred is a relatively new Rotarian being a member for just over a year, but contributes immensely in several activities including the May Fishing Tournament.

Fred grew up in the Elmira-Horseheads area which was the quintessential small town America of that time period. While growing up, Fred’s first job was shoveling chicken coops. He said it prepared him well for a career in advertising! He was an art major at Oswego and became the art and advertising manager at Wegmans with seventy people reporting to him. Wife Linda and Fred attended SUNY Oswego together and married in 1979. The Koppes moved to Pittsford in 1992 in large part because of the fine schools. His family followed Fred’s lead with his interest in art. His daughter, Kristin, works in graphic arts in West Hartford, CT and son Eric, a senior at Pittsford Mendon High School, will be majoring in art at college.

Fred’s family history is very colorful. All of his grandparents were of German heritage, but lived in other countries such as Austria and Lithuania. The Cossacks came into Lithuania while his grandparents resided there. Fred’s father fought in World War II during the Italian campaign. His mother grew up in Little Falls, NY.

Fred’s favorite hobbies include working on his home, finishing basements and constructing decks, flying old planes, and traveling. Fred has had “gut feeling experiences” in the past, accurately predicting events. These experiences include predicting the catch of the biggest fish at the start of trout season when he was 16 years old. We thank Fred for sharing!

HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:

Scooter dollar: John Bernacki.

Happy Dollars:

Jack Pickering returned from California and has a new grandson

Lynn Freshman’s daughter Carlie is graduating from college and moving back home

Rick Haverty is glad to be at this meeting

Jerry Gambino is happy to have Fiesta Bowl tickets

Bill Smith’s son advanced in the Boy Scout program

Fred Kopp enjoyed his chat

Pat Mallery is offering prayers to Penn State in the Orange Bowl

Peter Brizee: no pin

Beans Bement will be heading south and gave two scooter dollars

Roger Zaenglein arrived late

50/50 DRAWING: The 50/50 jackpot was up to \$56. Jim Cameron drew a green ball, then Bob Vukosic drew the red ball and won the pot.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Local and international Rotary Clubs contributed more than \$5 million dollars to quake victims in Pakistan.

A monument honoring Paul Harris was recently dedicated in Washington, D.C.

There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belonging to over 31,000 clubs located in 167 countries.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

Pat Mallery reported that the Club subscribed to National Geographic for Kids which will be given to PS 36. The Interactors have chosen Thursday afternoon 3-4 p.m. to spend time tutoring children at the school. Tutoring will commence after the holidays and the Interact volunteers will need transportation back and forth to the school. Please consider helping this worthy cause.

Tidbits:

- 19 Church St. dinner was a big success
- 50 Interactors participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Eastview Mall.
- The Rotary sign at Candlelight Night was great.
- Bob Vukosic heard from Exchange Student Shelly Rosenberg who says she misses the snow!?
- For the election of officers on 12/28, Pat Mallery removed his name from the foundation board nominees and John Bernacki has been added as a nominee. Pat will spend time on the club board as Past President for next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

DECEMBER	ROTARY FAMILY MONTH	
3, 5, 10, 14, 18, 20	LPGA Ticket Sales—Marketplace Mall	Brian Marcellus
18	Holiday POPS—Eastman Theatre	Ray Cornelius
20	Operation Food Basket, Pittsford Food Cupboard	
21	Holiday Party—Century Club	Elthea King
28	Annual Meeting—Hicks and McCarthy	Pat Mallery
JANUARY	ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH	
5	Board Meeting--Wegmans	Board
17	Intervol	

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

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

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	GREETER
12/21/05		NO MEETING DUE TO HOLIDAY PARTY	
12/28/05	Pat Mallery	Mid-Year Progress Report	
1/4/06	Ruth Kramer	Alternatives for Battered Women	Bill Smith
1/11/06	Bill Brost	Mercy Flight Central	Bruce Spector
1/18/06	Jim Cameron	Know Your Member	Jeff Staples
1/25/06	Ellen Post	Wild Wings	Jackie Swift
2/1/06	Bill Brizee	Pittsford Planning, Past and Present	Paul Stuart

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 (2005-2006)

Chair – Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)	<i>Other Voting Members:</i>	Don Henderson (6/30/07)
Club President – Pat Mallery (6/30/06)	Jim Murphy (6/30/06)	Rick Haverty (6/30/08)
Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein (6/30/06)	Brian Marcellus (6/30/07)	Ric Juskiewicz (6/30/08)