



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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December is Family Month

Today's Rotary Team: President Lynn Freshman, Set Up: Peter Crooker and Pat Mallery, Greeter/Invocation: Paul Stuart, Collection & Attendance: Kevin O'Grady, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollars: Pete Crooker, Song: "We're Pittsford Rotary" led by Lynn Freshman.

Know Your Members, John Belgiorno and Nina Rummel

Attendance: 34 members; 3 exchange students—Julia, Anna, and Chiara; 2 exchange parents, Laura Peckham and John Robbins; 2 guests including District Rotaract Chairman Norm Bouton, Sven Rummel; prospective members Brad and Lynn Schramek, and Gail Donofrio; visiting Rotarians District Governor Jim Holden, Asst. Governor Bob McGlynn ; and honorary member Jan Smith, totaling 48 in attendance.



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 .

District Rotaract President Norm Bouton gave special recognition to Russ Crook for his great work with the area Rotaract Clubs. Russ will be leaving the club just after New Years Day, and we wish him the best at his new job in Utah.

District Governor Jim Holden mentioned how pleased he is with the Rotaract Clubs in our area. Three new clubs were opened this autumn for a total of seven in the Greater Rochester and Fingerlakes area. There are two more potential clubs waiting in the wings. Governor Jim offered his sincere thanks to Russ for his efforts and gives him a lot of credit for assisting in Rotaract club growth.

Kevin O'Grady presented our caterer Lisa a holiday gift. Lisa has done a great job for the club and served a fabulous vegetable lasagna at the Church St. dinner. Thank you, Lisa!

Bill Pieper reported on the LPGA ticket sales with one more session left. Ticket sales have been going well. Bill reminded us that the sales are at the Market Place Mall.

Roger Zaenglein gave us news on the next event—Operation Food Basket. There will be several teams of the Pittsford Rotary club pairing up to make the deliveries. We should meet at the Xerox warehouse on W. Henrietta Rd. across from Jay's Diner at about noon.

President Lynn Freshman announced a new social event, the Rotary Hockey night on January 26. The ticket prices are a mere \$10 per ticket so we hope for a great turnout. The sign up sheet will be passed around next week.

Two of our Pittsford Rotary members were mentioned by the press last week. Peggy Martin's picture was in the paper and Ray Cornelius was mentioned in the Rochester Business Journal.

Ray Robbins reported that \$250 was collected for the Salvation Army on Candlelight Night. Our exchange students performed a wonderful dance jig on the sidewalk and no doubt helped our cause!

Gaven Hurley announced tickets are on sale for the Taste of Pittsford and make marvelous Christmas gifts. The tickets are \$40 each. Gaven also mentioned Annie Logan was accepted by Nottingham University in the United Kingdom.

Bruce Spector gave us the good news that a \$200,000 grant was newly found by Bill Wilcox. Bruce is on the new site search committee since the Haccamo Board is looking for more spacious grounds. Bruce is still looking for a volunteer from our club to serve as the needed second representative on the Camp Haccamo board. Please consider donating your time for this important function.

Pat Mallery and his wife are donating their piano to Public School 36. This donation is very generous and Pat is looking for a few brawny club members to help him move it.

Richard Colby mentioned the Pittsford Rotary Board is amending the Club by-laws by distinguishing between by-laws (which define how we operate) and rules, e.g. breakfast rules. The amended list will be presented for a vote next week.

The new slate of officers for 2007-2008 were announced, with Peter Crooker as President and Bob Vukosic as President elect. The foundation board will be the same as last year but we are looking for one more nominee.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

| December | Rotary Family Month | |
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| December 21 | Operation Food Basket | Xerox Warehouse opposite Jay's Diner in Henrietta. |
| 23 | LPGA Ticket Sales 3—6PM | Market Place Mall |
| 27 | Annual Mid-Year Business meeting 7:15 AM | Pittsford Library |

WEEK'S PROGRAM: KYM—John Belgiorno and Nina Rummel



John Belgiorno has a last name which is very important to him—it means “beautiful day” in the Italian language. John was born in Rochester and moved to Perry, NY where he lived from age 1 through 12. He attended high school in Rochester at John Marshall High and then served in the NY State National Guard. John has a very special skill which is how to operate a bazooka. John served his country during the Viet Nam War era.

John worked at Lincoln Rochester Trust Co. until he was 41 years old. Concurrently he attended graduate school and earned a degree in Human Resources management. It was very helpful since he was managing three shifts at the bank. John joined DBM at age 41 and became a managing consultant for the Rochester office. DBM specializes in assisting companies who need to discharge personnel through downsizing. John headed overseas to do the same work with DBM and a considerable time in Hong Kong and Singapore. His father's health began to fail, so John moved back to the USA to assist his father and mother, thereby losing his important position at DBM.

It was not easy to find a job, but he found one at First Niagara and is enjoying it. John always keeps his eyes open for potential good new jobs. John's motto is to “live every day, enjoy, and have a bel giorno!”

Nina Rummel was born a long time ago in a country far, far away. It is befitting that she was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, the home of the master fairy tale maker, Hans Christian Andersen. Nina was born and given up for adoption. She lived in an orphanage until age three, when Danish children became eligible for adoption. Her foster father was a biochemist who was a great piano player, and foster mother was a wonderful homemaker and cook. Nina was a tom-boy who showed an early interest in medicine by pretending her toy baby carriage was an ambulance! She wanted a crane instead of a doll as a present.

Nina loved school and had the same teacher from first to ninth grade. Since Denmark is a small country she learned to play with children from different cultures throughout Europe. The average Dane speaks three to four languages, and Nina speaks seven. Nina went to boarding school after the divorce of her foster parents and was the only girl majoring in math and physics. She took a year off to make money and then went to Medical school.

Nina joined the Danish army as a doctor and served in Bosnia. She had to write stories of war crimes and document them for the UN. Nina was a wonderful surgeon, but needed to change medical fields after having a car accident and fracturing some vertebrae. The result was weakened hands which led to a spinal fusion surgery. She became an Internal Medicine Doctor and moved to Pittsford in 2000.

Nina joined a crew team a year and a half ago, and it has become a passion for her. She just became aware that the Danish army wants her to serve in Iraq starting February 2007. Nina's motto has been “determine your success by comparing yourself to your capabilities, rather than comparing yourself to others.”

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Elthea—glad to be back.

Peggy Albrecht, Bob Vukosic, Matt Wahl, Bob Brumm, Russ Crook, Malcolm Bugler—great presentations!

Gaven Hurley and Matt Wahl—we will miss Russ Crook.

Warren Richards—visitors from out of town.

Russ Crook—birthday check to the foundation.

Jack Pickering—wife's daughter visiting from California.

Hank Ferris—wife Linda and Hank back from a week in Estonia.

50/50 DRAWING: The jackpot was \$99. It was won by Ray Robbins. Congratulations!

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

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The September 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 | RAFFLE TICKETS |
|----------|------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| 12/27/06 | Lynn Hoyt | Camp Haccamo | Matt Wahl | Paul Stuart |
| 1/3/07 | Fred Kopp | Seed of a Good Idea | Ellen Weber | Matt Wahl |
| 1/10/07 | Bill Carpenter | Pittsford State of the Union | Roger Zaenglein | Ellen Weber |
| 1/17/07 | Kevin Henderson | Long Term Care | | Roger Zaenglein |
| 1/24/07 | Brian Domke | Calkins Road School Architectural Features | | |
| 1/31/07 | Shaunta Collier-Santos | Zoo Tales | | |
| 2/7/07 | Kathy Connor | Rochester Without George Eastman | | |
| 2/14/07 | TBD | | | |
| 2/21/07 | Greg Messner | Pittsford Village Business Association | | |
| 2/28/07 | Dr. Andrew Newmark | Veterinary Medicine | | |
| 3/7/07 | Rich DeAsis | District 7120 Water Project | | |
| 3/14/07 | Rome Celli | Front Line School Issue | | |
| 3/21/07 | Lynn Freshman | Club Assembly | | |
| 3/28/07 | Jamie Windbrake | Hydrogen Energy – New Energy Technologies | | |


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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| Vice President – Bob Vukosic | | Fund Raising—Gaven Hurley |
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| Treasurer – Kevin O’Grady | | Vocational Service—Jim Cameron |
| Past President – Pat Mallery | | International Service—Matt Wahl |
| Sergeant-At-Arms – Frank Burns | | Membership – Peter Crooker |
| FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2006-2007) | | |
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