



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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This Week's Reporters: Jim Cameron and Bruce Spector

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December is Rotary Family Month

Today's Rotary Team: President Lynn Freshman, Set Up: Peter Crooker, Greeter/Invocation: Matt Wahl, Collection & Attendance: Kevin O'Grady, Happy Dollars: Pete Crooker, Song: "Jingle Bells".

Program: Camp Haccamo

Attendance: 22 members; visiting Rotarian John Lettney from North Carolina and prospective member Matt O'Connor, totaling 24 attendees.



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.

Lynn thanked the dozen Rotarians who attended calling hours for Bob Thompson's son Doug.

Gaven Hurley advised us to purchase Taste of Pittsford tickets soon, because 350 tickets remain and 389 reminder postcards will be mailed to previous attendees in January. How we can help:

Buy tickets for ourselves and our families

Sell tickets to others

Ask vendors for gift certificates for door prizes

Thanks to Pam Wright for volunteering to create a letter that we can use to ask for door prizes.

Lynn Freshman received a thank-you letter from Continuing Development Services, for 5 cases of ice cream that Pittsford Rotary provided to them, from unused Pancake Supper supplies. Lynn also received a thank-you note from the YMCA for our annual gift of \$500 toward their Invest In Youth campaign.

Thanks to those who delivered food to needy families through Operation Food Basket in its 26th year, supported by Xerox employees, using at-cost food provided by Wegman's. Helping out were: Helmut Albrecht, Peggy Albrecht, Marjorie Bleeg, Peter Crooker, Jerry Gambino, Pat Mallery, Liz Merrill, Jack Pickering and Roger Zaenglein. Pat noted that Jack's GPS system is great!

Ric Juskiewicz thanked participants in Candlelight Night, which netted \$252.90.

Peggy Albrecht reported excellent LPGA mall ticket sales, with \$620 sold during her shift alone!

Bruce Spector asked fellow members to offer their time to be the second club representative on the Board of Camp Haccamo. Bruce states that it is necessary to attend a general meeting per month and a committee meeting once a month. Your time spent directly helping to manage Camp Haccamo's future is a very rewarding experience. Please consider volunteering your time.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

January	Rotary Foundation Month	
11	Board of Directors meeting	Amica
26	Rotary Hockey Night, Amerks vs. Grand Rapids Griffins, \$10 tickets, starts at 7:30 p.m.	Blue Cross Arena
March 12	Taste of Pittsford, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Nazareth College Shults Center

Attendees voted on the following slate of proposed club officers:

President	Peter Crooker
President-Elect	Bob Vukosic
Vice-President	Paul Stuart
Past President	Lynn Freshman
Secretary	Jerry Gambino
Treasurer	Kevin O’Grady
Sergeant at Arms	John Belgiorno and Frank Burns (H)

Club Service	Mary Alice Price
Vocational Service	Jim Cameron
International Service	Matt Wahl
Community Service (Pittsford)	Richard Colby
Community Service (Area)	Pat Mallery
Public Relations	Fred Kopp
Fund Raising	TBD

The vote was unanimous, in favor of the slate of proposed officers.

Congratulations to this fine group of club officers, whose terms will begin on July 1, 2007.

THIS WEEK’S PROGRAM: Camp Haccamo by Bruce Spector



Camp Haccamo was created fifty years ago by Rotary Clubs of Monroe County to provide a camping experience for individuals who might not have the opportunity to go to other traditional residential camps. The programs are completely free of charge to all campers, and provide enriching summer fun activities as well as high quality care for children and adults with disabilities in the Monroe County Area. The Camp employs a full-time nursing staff, food service and dozens of counselors to meet the needs of the campers from age 7 to 28. Campers with a physician-documented disability are welcome, regardless of whether it is a developmental disability or physical disability or a combination. Camp Haccamo has one week of training for counselors and seven weeks of camp, serving about 400 different campers.

The Board of Directors has evolved over the past few years, and now actively participates in Committees which do the work, analysis and research. Monthly Board meetings are a lively interchange of ideas with mutual respect for points of view and a common goal of providing programs and facilities that meet the needs of the campers. The web site is <http://www.camphaccamo.org/index.shtml>

The Camp Haccamo Camp Management and support staffs experienced major changes from 2005 to 2006. In June, 2005, the Board was informed that the Camp Manager of many years would not return in the summer of 2006. In December, 2005, the Board was informed that the Head Counselors who had reported to the Camp Manager would not return to Camp Haccamo in the summer of 2006. January, 2006 was a time for job advertising and interviews. The current management team of Lynn Hoyt, Amy Nellist and Jennifer Feldman was hired. All are qualified college graduates, experienced in working in camps and with children who have disabilities. They found challenges, including hiring a counseling staff since almost none of the previous year's counselors were interested in interviewing for a 2006 position. The fact that OMRDD gave glowing reviews during the 2006 camping season is a tribute to the fine work of Lynn, Amy and Jennifer. We look forward to their continued leadership.

There were other changes in 2006. Nursing and food were provided by professional services with written contractual requirements to meet the campers' needs. At another camp, a nurse might deal mainly with accidental injuries. At Camp Haccamo, it is not unusual for a camper to have many medications, and there are 60 campers per week. At another camp, the food might be "one size fits all". At Camp Haccamo, the many campers with food allergies must be properly cared for. In other changes, the camp management staff and counselors each have a written description of their jobs. This documentation provided the basis for assessing job performance. The results were very good.

Rotarians are welcome to visit Camp Haccamo during the camping season. Find out what this is all about. The location is 125 Panorama Creek Drive, with specific directions available at the web site.

To address concerns about the physical site of Camp Haccamo, the Board of Directors created a Site Selection Committee. On February 7, 2007, there will be a presentation to Pittsford Rotary on this topic by Don Milton, who is the leader of this committee, and is also the current vice president and future president of the Camp Haccamo Board.

We look forward to another successful camping season at Camp Haccamo in 2007.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Rick Juskiewicz: \$2, thanks for the candlelight bell ringers and exchange student singers, second dollar for Bruce, great speech today and for excellent chocolate brought from Switzerland by his daughter
Malcolm Bugler: \$5, just found out they are going to be grandparents, congratulations!
Gaven Hurley: no pin and a fine speech by Bruce today
Peter Crooker: for Bruce's presentation
Helmut Albrecht: For missing meetings, might have job on Long Island and will keep residence in Pittsford at least another year, home sweet home!

50/50 DRAWING: The jackpot was \$15. Malcolm Bugler and Ray Robbins drew no aces.

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

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The December 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
1/3/07	Elizabeth Henderson	Organic Farming	Ellen Weber	Matt Wahl
1/10/07	Kevin Henderson	Long Term Care	Roger Zaenglein	Ellen Weber
1/17/07	Bill Carpenter	Pittsford State of the Union	Helmut and Peggy Albrecht	Roger Zaenglein
1/24/07	Brian Domke	Calkins Road School Architectural Features	John Belgiorno	Helmut and Peggy Albrecht
1/31/07	Shaunta Collier-Santos	Zoo Tales	Jack Bent	John Belgiorno
2/7/07	Don Milton	Camp Haccamo Site Selection Committee	John Bernacki	Jack Bent
2/14/07	Bob Corby	Pittsford Village	Marjorie Bleeg	John Bernacki
2/21/07	Greg Messner	Pittsford Village Business Association	Bob Brumm	Marjorie Bleeg
2/28/07	Dr. Andrew Newmark	Veterinary Medicine		Bob Brumm
3/7/07	Rich DeAsis, Brian Butry	District 7120 Water Project		
3/14/07	Rome Celli	Front Line School Issue		
3/21/07	Mr. Mont.	School 36		
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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August 13, 2007



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