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MARCH 7-13 IS WORLD ROTARACT WEEK

Linda Baney pumps up the District Conference – Do you know where it is this year? -



story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Speaker Linda Baney from the Rotary Club of Elmira Heights, Norma Glamack and prospective member Matthew Kells.

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

MEMBER NEWS



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

Another new member: Pittsford Rotary welcomed our newest member this morning, **Robyn McMaster**, in an induction ceremony. Robyn is a co-worker of recent inductee Ellen Weber.

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for January – **79 %** * **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 noon Wednesday for that week's edition. Email rhaverty@rochester.rr.com or a written note at the meeting will do.

ANNUAL SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES: Mary Alice Price accepting nominations for a June award to a Pittsford resident who is not a member of Pittsford Rotary. Nominees must exemplify Service Above Self,

with a significant contribution above and beyond their usual job responsibilities. Please let Mary Alice know of potential nominees.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNERS: The next dinner is next week - March 15th – and you can help out by letting Bobbie Gardiner know you can volunteer a few hours. At this week’s meeting Bobbie Gardiner asked to ensure that Peggy Martin and Jackie Swift are documented as having participated in the dinner on February 17th at Ronald McDonald House. Please remember that if you want an accurate announcement to read the note at the beginning of this section.

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Matt Wahl described the following proposal which was approved by the Pittsford Rotary Foundation:

- Objectives:
- To increase giving to R I Foundation
 - To increase knowledge of and amounts in individual Rotarian accounts
 - To provide for the funding of two Paul Harris Fellow Awards annually
 - To increase giving by individuals and the Club
 - To address International Service

It is proposed that the Pittsford Rotary Foundation “match” member giving up to a total of \$2,000 annually. The member will present his/her check to the Foundation treasurer for recording and forwarding to the R I Foundation and credit being given to his/her individual account. This will build up the individual Rotarian’s account. The club, through its Foundation, will keep track of amounts up to a club total of \$2,000 and then submit monies for Paul Harris award(s) no later than May. If more than \$2,000 is given, that will increase member accounts but the Club Foundation cap is \$2,000 for the “match”.

Through the years, many club members have contributed to PHF and have nothing to show for it. Under this plan, both members and the club gain recognition.

BREAKFAST BUFFET TO CONTINUE: Bob Vukosic reported the results of the breakfast survey. The buffet was overwhelmingly approved. Feedback included keeping food warmer and increasing variety. In response, lids are being kept over the food as long as possible, and sterno cans keep the food warm. Also, each week there will be slightly different items on the buffet, and the pattern will be repeated monthly. For those with dietary restrictions, please contact Hicks & McCarthy or Bob Vukosic to ensure that your needs are met.



HEADS UP: Peter Crooker distributed Rotary caps to the newest members. An alternate form of head gear available is a visor with the Pittsford Rotary logo. Every member of the club should have a Pittsford Rotary cap and mug.

TASTE OF PITTSFORD UPDATE: Only a few short weeks away – Taste of Pittsford tickets are running out, with 20 available from Lynn Freshman and 20 in stores. Jim Cameron completed the booklets, which include free ads for participating restaurants that are providing their time and delicacies. Gaven Hurley reports that there are over 40 door prizes, including RPO tickets provided by Russ Crook. We still need a few people to monitor the valet parking. Gaven noted that we pay nothing to Nazareth, but instead provide a Service Award scholarship to a Nazareth student.

GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATES: Our sponsor, Eamonn Kennelly of Golf Vacations Ireland, has obtained three nights in Dublin, three nights in Donegal, six rounds of golf, and a car rental. We will throw in round-trip airfare for a package valued at over \$5,000! Eamonn has helped out in a big way the past two years. If you know anyone who would like a well planned trip to Ireland (with or without golf) have them check out <http://www.golfvacationsireland.com/> . Corporate clients, private groups, and individual packages are available – including trip to the 2006 Ryder Cup matches in Ireland. Several of us have used his services and can vouch for his personal care and great value.

Peter Crooker thanked Jack Pickering for signing up golf hole sponsors Mascot, Inc., E. K. Rivard and Just Solutions for a total of 39 sponsors on the way to 50 sponsors. Jack’s effective technique is to use email.

Jim Murphy provided lists of golf outing volunteers and responsibilities. There was a meeting on the golf outing after the club meeting.

WALK AMERICA: Fred Kopp is coordinating our participation in the Walk America supporting the March of Dimes to be held on Sunday, April 21 with registration at 9 a.m. and the 3.5-mile walk beginning at 10 a.m. Teams are being formed, with members of Rotary, Rotaract and Interact. The March of Dimes provides neo-natal support, advocacy for those receiving support, and information to the public. Last year, \$214,000 was raised, and this year's goal is \$220,000.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE INFORMATION: This year's District Conference will be held from April 15-17, 2005. The Conference is a social event and will be held at Kutsher's Golf Resort, Monticello, NY. We were told that is where many prize fighters had once trained. A registration form can be found on the district web site - <http://www.rotary7120.org/Conference/Conf2005.htm> . The registration fee is \$45 per couple and accommodations are available for from as low as \$375 (single) to a deluxe double rate of \$522. The rates are "all inclusive" – meals, cocktail hours, Rotary events, wine tasting, and rooms. For details please visit the District web site.



FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: "You are my Sunshine"

PROGRAM: Our speaker today, Linda Baney provided a wealth of information about the District Conference. The Elmira Heights Rotary Club hosts the event this year and invites District 7120 Rotarians to come celebrate the 100th Anniversary Conference to be held April 15-17 at Kutshers Country Club in Monticello, NY.



The weekend will be jam-packed with events, beginning with Registration all day Friday, and a wine-tasting at 3:30 with Wagner Winery. Friday evening will feature a social hour with an open bar, a variety of hors d'oeuvres and a gala dinner celebrating the 1905 era. Nightclub entertainment and dancing will cap off the night. There will even be a visit by Mark Twain. As part of the Rotary International 100th Anniversary celebration, attendees are invited to wear turn-of-the-century costumes on Friday evening.

Saturday will begin with a Rotary Foundation Breakfast, followed by informative and entertaining breakout sessions. Lunch will be with the GSE Team from Sweden. Saturday afternoon will continue the Celebration with Tea and Chatter with Jan for the ladies and Beer and Bull with Charlie for the gents. Saturday evening will again feature a social hour with open bar, the Governor's Reception Line and the Governor's banquet, Celebrating 100 Years of Rotary. After the Banquet there will be nightclub entertainment and dancing til dawn.

Sunday morning will feature a continental breakfast for early risers and a traditional Memorial Service followed by a Get Away Brunch. All meals, cocktail hour beverages, wine tasting and coffee breaks are included in the registration fee, which is \$45 per couple and \$25 per single.

If you are interested in attending the Conference, please contact Pat Mallery for a registration packet.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Fine for no pins was assessed. Bobbie Gardner gave \$2 for her guest and visiting daughter. Ed Francis gave for Fred's March of Dimes pitch. Peter Crooker gave for Ed's pin. Our speaker gave a happy dollar hoping to see us all at the conference. Pete Brizee gave for his new Rotary hat which is an Otto hat (one size fits all?). Gaven Hurley noted that Ben Johnson's niece is in Kathy Hurley's Harp class. Matt Wahl had no pin today (and he purchased an extra pin after the meeting from Jim Cameron). Jim Cameron's son Alex was in today's paper for being on Dean's

List. That makes the third consecutive year! Robyn McMaster was happy to be the newest member and

yesterday was her birthday! Happy Birthday Robyn! Peggy Martin gave \$3 for no pin today, going on a much needed vacation, and her son is on a defense case? (sorry Peggy I couldn't read my notes). Roger Zaenglein had no pin today. Dennis Price gave because Ric J. was able to drive himself to the meeting this morning (the wonders of modern medicine). Matt Kells (a prospective new member) was glad to be here. We hope he will join us in becoming a new member. Ellen Weber forgot to give a happy dollar last week when she was inducted (it's ok Ellen, as long as we have your dues!) Ben Johnson for Kathy Bride being an outstanding Harp Instructor. John Bernacki for Fred's pitch on the March of Dimes. Mike Doughty's daughter is 3 years old (forget the terrible 2's, 3's are tough also). Peter Crooker and his lovely wife Jill are going to the Big Ten Tournament.

50/50 DRAWING: Norma draws (a friend of the speaker). Elthea and Jack are our lucky winners, but neither pulls an ace. The pot is now \$33 and like the big Lotto pot is GROWING!

ROTARY INFORMATION: It's Rotaract Week!

Every year, World Rotaract Week is designated to honor the chartering of the first club in North Carolina, USA, on 13 March 1968. To commemorate Rotaract's anniversary in March, clubs are encouraged to partner with their sponsoring Rotary club and attend each other's meetings, complete a service project together, and encourage a nearby Rotary club to sponsor a new Rotaract club in their area. Participating clubs can receive special recognition from Rotary International if activities are submitted to RI staff by 15 April.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"What if you gave someone a gift, and they neglected to thank you for it-would you be likely to give them another? Life is the same way. In order to attract more of the blessings that life has to offer, you must truly appreciate what you already have."* - **Ralph Marston**

JUST FOR FUN: From Bruce Spector - The Dysfunctional Section of a Hallmark Store

Card 1. I always wanted to have someone to hold, someone to love. And now that you've come into my life... (Inside card) -I've changed my mind.

Card 2. I must admit, you brought religion into my life.... (Inside card) -I never believed in Hell until I met you.

Card 3. Congratulations on your wedding day!... (Inside card) -Too bad no one likes your husband.

Card 4. Someday I hope to marry... (Inside card) -Someone other than you.

Card 5. Happy Birthday! You look great for your age.... (Inside card) -Almost lifelike!

Card 6. We've been friends for a very long time... (Inside card) -What do you say we stop?

Card 7. I'm so miserable without you... (Inside card) -It's almost like you're still here.

Card 8. Congratulations on your new bundle of joy.... (Inside card) -Did you ever find out who the father was?

Card 9. You are such a good friend. If we were on a sinking ship and there was only one life jacket... (Inside card) -I'd miss you terribly and think of you often.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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 –

15 March - Ronald McDonald House Dinner – see Bobbie Gardiner

21 March – A TASTE OF PITTSFORD – Monday evening at Nazareth

7 May – KID’S FISHING DERBY – Powder Mill Park

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker contact Lynn Freshman for scheduling.

Attendance Assignments: 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
3/9/05	Linda Baney	District 7120 2005 District Conference	Rotary District 7120	Bruce Spector
3/16/05	Michael Tobin	St. John Fisher College Relay for Life	American Cancer Society	Jeff Staples
3/23/05	Paul Stewart	Director of the Equinox Symphony	Equinox Symphony	Bob Vukosic
3/30/05	John Bernacki	Club Assembly	Rotary Club of Pittsford	Matt Wahl
4/6/05	Nat Yogachandra Donovan	Bringing Relief to Tsunami Victims in SE Asia	Rotary Club of Fairport	Roger Zaenglein
4/13/05	Shilling	Early Rochester Transportation	Rochester Author/Historian	Peter Brizee
4/20/05	Bob Corby	Village of Pittsford Mayor	Village of Pittsford	Jim Cameron
4/27/05	Ted Curtis	News about the Erie Canal	Sam Patch (the boat)	Ray Cornelius


HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

<http://www.rotary.org/> - Rotary International

<http://www.rotary7120.org/> - Our District

<http://www.pittsfordrotary.org/> - Our club’s website

[NAZARETH ROTARACT](#) – Rotaract

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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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