



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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**IRISH GOLF RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEEK**

## Michael Tobin, cancer survivor and community service role model talks about the St. John Fisher Relay for Life - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Michael Tobin, Matthew Kells (prospective member), Dave Ferris (Rochester Club), and Gaven's friend Maewyn Succat,

ATTENDANCE – 36 members, 2 guests, 1 visiting Rotarian and 2 Honorary Members

### MEMBER NEWS

### News

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

Matt Kells has been proposed as a new member to our club. His sponsor is Pat Mallery. Matt is a commercial property manager for Longley-Jones Management Corporation. He lives with his wife and three children on Meadow Wood Circle. Matt's uncle, a long-time Rotarian in Connecticut, has encouraged Matt to join Rotary. If you have any objection to his membership please notify the club president in writing within seven days of this notice.

Correction: Peter Brizee points out that his new Rotary cap actually says, "One size fits most." He's thinking they have very clever lawyers over at the cap plant. Don't get a big head now...

Bob Thompson reported in this week. He and Beans have been faithfully making up at the Vero Beach Sunrise meeting. He said Beans almost missed last week when he killed the alarm clock before he was fully awake (never done that have you?). Their speaker was a native of Iran – tragic and interesting according to Bob.

Rick Haverty made up at the Irondequoit meeting last Wednesday night. He reports an interesting tradition they have. If you miss a meeting and didn't make it up they fine you \$5. For special events the fine increases to \$10. They are a great group and meet at Murph's Pub (near the House of Guitars) Wednesdays at 6:15pm. Their speaker this week was a club member who had been a seaman on an oil tanker in 1950. Good to hear club members sharing their stories.

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for February – 72 % \* **Be sure you receive credit for your make-ups by either email or other notice to our club secretary (Jim Cameron - [graphics@frontiernet.net](mailto: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](mailto:rhaverty@rochester.rr.com) or a written note at the meeting will do.

**ANNUAL SERVICE AWARD NOMINEES:** Nominations are still being accepted. You can find the form and more details on our website in the Club Business section – Mary Alice says, “Get your nominations in NOW!!!” <http://www.pittsfordrotary.org/clubbusiness.htm> . They are due by April 1<sup>st</sup> – and we aren't fooling.

**RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNERS:** Our club sponsored its second dinner of the year. Coordinator Bobbie Gardiner thanked Bruce & Donna Spector, Peggy Martin, Bob Vukosic (who also helped with the February 17 dinner), Jerry Gambino & his family, and Elthea King. Thanks to Bobbie for taking on this task this year – a job well done. Bobbie also passed around a thank you note for the first dinner.

**ROCHESTER DEAF ROTARY FISH FRY:** The Rochester Deaf Rotary will be holding its first ever fund raising event this Friday (3/18) from 4:00pm – 8:00pm at the Alpha Lutheran Church on 1969 South Clinton Ave. in Rochester. The price is \$6.50 per person (\$4.00 children 12 and under) and includes a full meal.

**TASTE OF PITTSFORD IS UPON US!!!:** Gaven recognized Jim Cameron with a plaque for his work on this project. Similar plaques will be given to all the participating restaurants. When you arrive at the event Monday night please wear your Rotary badge (they will be available at the door) and don't forget to thank the restaurants for their participation. Gaven reports that we're on the verge of a sellout. If you have any unsold tickets PLEASE get them back to Gaven right away. There will be a nice selection of door prizes as well as a great selection of food (including some Aflak Duck!).

**GOLF TOURNAMENT RAFFLE & HOLE SPONSORS:** Raffle tickets were printed by Jim Cameron (thanks Jim!) and will be sold starting on St. Patrick's Day at Flaherty's Three Flags Inn on Rt. 31 in Macedon. If you'd like to let your friends in on this great drawing (prize value ~ \$5,500) you can sell tickets from now until July 30<sup>th</sup>. See Rick Haverty for tickets. Pete Crooker noted that our 39<sup>th</sup> hole sponsor signed up this week – SwiftLift. SwiftLift rents cranes and other equipment and until last year was owned by Peter Swift (Jackie's good looking husband who hangs with the likes of Don Henderson).

**HORSEHEADS CENTURY BIKE RIDE:** The Horseheads Rotary club will be having a Century ride (100 miles) to celebrate the Rotary Centennial. The ride will be held on June 11, 2005. For those not up to the full 100 miles there will also be a “Metric Century” (60 miles) and a 10 mile team event. Registration is \$10 and pledges are to be collected. Proceeds will go to the Polio Plus fund. For information contact Dan Brojakowski (607) 734-3450 or email [Rotary.Century.Ride@verison.net](mailto:Rotary.Century.Ride@verison.net)



**ROTARY FOUNDATION ISSUE:** Ric Juskiewicz announced that he will be stepping down as our Rotary International Foundation representative due to a conflict in interests. Ric did some research and found a link to RI support for family planning and in essence (he believes) abortion. The club leadership will discuss the issue at the next board meeting. In the meantime we'll continue to promote things like the Paul Harris award to help support all the wonderful things the Foundation does.

**WALK AMERICA DATE CORRECTION:** Fred Kopp is coordinating our participation in the Walk America supporting the March of Dimes to be held on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (**not the 21<sup>st</sup>**) 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:** "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" The lyrics to "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" were written by Chauncey Olcott and George Graff, Jr. and set to the music of Ernest Ball for Olcott's production of "The Isle O' Dreams". The music was published in 1912. Chauncey Olcott was born in Buffalo, New York. He produced several shows about Ireland for the New York stage. His other hits included "My Wild Irish Rose". Ernest Ball was also born in America.

**PROGRAM:** Russ Cook introduced our speaker, Michael Tobin. Michael is a cancer survivor and attends St. John Fisher College. He is a mentor for Relay for Life. Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research, advocacy, education and patient services programs of the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.

Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated. This year's event will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00pm. This is a college event so the music will be LOUD! Michael said he plans to be involved in this event until he doesn't have to anymore – when the cure is found. Participants can register for \$10 (which includes a t-shirt). [http://www.cancer.org/asp/coe/coe\\_global.asp](http://www.cancer.org/asp/coe/coe_global.asp)



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** Ray Cornelius saw the Taste of Pittsford plaque at Coal Tower and they tried to sell him a ticket. Don Henderson was in Colorado. Peter Brizee's son lives in Colorado. Jack Pickering is heading to Florida for a weekend of golf and will miss the Taste of Pittsford as a result. Bill Pieper was in Costa Rica. Ben Johnson's daughter is coming to Eastman School of Music. Bob Vukosic's grand daughter was in the hospital for a blood disorder, but things are improving. Bob gave another for the team at Ronald McDonald House last night. Gaven Hurley gave for Ronald McDonald House being a great organization (and he gave us some history). Jim Cameron gave for the Taste of Pittsford and the great job being done by Gaven. Pete Crooker gave for Bobbie taking over Ronald McDonald House dinner duties and another for being in Chicago for the big 10 tournament (and 80 TV time-outs.)

**50/50 DRAWING:** Today's jackpot was \$53. Tickets were drawn by Don Henderson and Robyn McMaster (who did a great job selling tickets) but neither was able to find an ace.

### ROTARY INFORMATION: PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

We're still accepting donations and nominations for this year's Paul Harris award. Undoubtedly the most important step to promote voluntary giving to The Rotary Foundation occurred in 1957, when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow recognition was



first proposed. Although the concept of making \$1,000 gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing, by the early 1970s it began to gain popularity. The distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin and attractive certificate have become highly respected symbols of a substantial financial commitment to The Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world.

The companion to the Paul Harris Fellow is the Paul Harris Sustaining Member, which is the recognition presented to an individual who has given, or in whose honor a gift is made, a contribution of \$100, with the stated intention of making additional contributions until \$1,000 is reached. At that time the Paul Harris Sustaining Member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

By 1994, more than 450,000 Paul Harris Fellows and 160,000 Sustaining Members have been added to the rolls of The Rotary Foundation. A special recognition pin is given to Paul Harris Fellows who make additional gifts of \$1,000 to the Foundation. The distinctive gold pin includes a blue stone to represent each \$1,000 contribution up to a total of \$5,000 in additional gifts. Paul Harris recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary Foundation which build goodwill and understanding in the world.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** *“The man who views the world at fifty the same as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life.” - Muhammad Ali*

#### **JUST FOR FUN:** Theology -- Kid Style

- Dear God, please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now. Amanda
- Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. Timmy
- Dear Mr. God, I wish you wouldn't make it so easy for people to come apart. I had to have 3 stitches and a shot. Raymond
- God, I read the bible. What does beget mean? Nobody will tell me. Love, Lynn
- Dear God, how did you know you were God? Who told you? Gaven
- Dear God, is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house? Peggy
- Dear God, I like the story about Noah the best of all of them. You really made up some good ones. I like walking on water, too. Peter
- Dear God, my Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go? Love, Dennis
- Dear God, do you draw the lines around the countries? If you don't, who does? Mary Alice
- Dear God, in bible times, did they really talk that fancy? Johnny
- Dear God, how come you did all those miracles in the old days and don't do any now? Billy
- Dear God, maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they each had their own rooms. It works out OK with me and my brother. Jimmy
- Dear God, I keep waiting for spring, but it never did come yet. What's up? Don't forget. Ellen (*must be from Rochester*)
- Dear God, is Reverend Coe a friend of yours, or do you just know him through the business? Donny
- Dear God, I do not think anybody could be a better God than you. Well, I just want you to know that. I am not just saying that because you are already God. Matt
- Dear God, it is great the way you always get the stars in the right place. Why can't you do that with the moon? Jeff
- Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday night. That was really cool. Thomas
- Dear God, I am doing the best I can. Really. Frankie



## **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 11** HORSEHEADS CENTURY BIKE RIDE - contact Dan Brojakowski (607) 734-3450 or email [Rotary.Century.Ride@verison.net](mailto:Rotary.Century.Ride@verison.net)
- **June 19-22** Rotary International Convention (Chicago, IL)
- **June 26** District Changeover Dinner

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### On-Going –

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

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

**30 June – ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE** – Shadow Lake Golf & Racquet Club

## 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
3/23/05	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.pittsfordrotary.org/> - Our club’s website

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

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<b>FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2004-2005)</b>		
Chair – Matt Wahl (6/30/05)	Other Voting Members:	Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)
Club President – John Bernacki (6/30/05)	Ray Cornelius (6/30/05)	Jim Murphy (6/30/06)
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