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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMING UP IN APRIL

Director of the Equinox Symphony, Paul Stewart - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Speaker Paul Stewart, Sylvia Fix, Susan Wahl,, and prospective member Matthew Kells.

ATTENDANCE – 33 members, 2 guests, 0 visiting Rotarian and 2 Honorary Members

MEMBER NEWS



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

It was great to see just about everyone at the Taste of Pittsford Monday night. There were two photos in this week's Brighton-Pittsford Post, including one of Honorary member Paul Spiegel and his wife Tommy

Now here's a make-up; Lynn Freshman described her evening at a Rotary Club in Salzburg, Austria with her bodyguard/husband. There is at least one club in Salzburg with a female member, but the club that Lynn visited was not one of them. The 2-hour meeting included a 30-minute introduction for the speaker. Positive notes: white cloth napkins with gold Rotary insignias, gentlemen kissing Lynn's hand, and beer at the meeting. Other notes: questions were mini-speeches, there is no discussion of money at the meetings, German is not Lynn's primary language. Lynn and Manny had a great time.

From Jim Murphy; Fred Blum is one of our newest members. He has three children; his youngest, Sarah, age 5, was recently brought to the hospital with bacterial pneumonia. She has been in the hospital for about 2 ½ weeks now and while it was "touch and go" for a while, she has finally turned the corner and should be OK. She will be in the hospital for another two weeks and will need some recovery time beyond that. Anyone wishing to send him a note of support can contact him at fredgdmd@frontiernet.net . He lives on Sutton Point in Pittsford.

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).**



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.

IN CASE YOU MISSED BREAKFAST THIS MORNING: Hick's & McCarthy has been doing a great job with the new buffet and have pledged to keep the food varied and interesting. Today's special feature was a wonderful Mexican egg wrap with salsa. Special requests for dietary needs (or tastes) are accepted at the counter.

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 1st – and we aren't fooling.

TASTE OF PITTSFORD HAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR: Pittsford Rotary gave a standing ovation for Gaven Hurley's wonderful work in developing the Taste of Pittsford from an idea to reality, and for maintaining a high-class event. Gaven was pleased to receive requests from guests on Monday, asking to be placed on the mailing list for the event. Thanks too to all those who helped out along the way and at the event itself. Please remember that the restaurants donated their time and food to help make this a huge success. You can continue to help by patronizing them and mentioning that you enjoyed them at the Taste of Pittsford. That's all for now, until John Bernacki provides the official wrap-up for this year's successful Taste of Pittsford.



GOLF TOURNAMENT RAFFLE & HOLE SPONSORS: No new hole sponsors to report this week. We began selling raffle tickets for the trip to Ireland. Tickets are available from Rick Haverty. Buy them for yourself or sell them to potential lucky winners. The tickets are \$10 each. Chance of winning depends on the number of tickets sold. Last year it was 1:450 – not bad odds for a great prize. Anne Thompson won last year's raffle and took husband Bob to Ireland with her in September. They had a great time. The prize includes golf at five courses, but can also be taken as a sight-seeing trip.

KIDS FISHING DERBY IS AROUND THE CORNER: Pete Crooker reminded the club our next big event is coming up on May 7th. The Kids Fishing Derby is sponsored annually by the Pittsford Rotary and will once again be held at Powder Mills Park. This is Harry Womeldorf's signature event and has been co-chaired the last few years by Pete.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT AT THE LIBRARY: Jim Murphy invited us to attend a meeting today at the library, to discuss terms and conditions of placing the Rotary Centennial Plaque. There should be more news on this at next week's meeting.

CALLING ALL EVENT & PROJECT CHAIRS: If you chair an event or work project that is scheduled sometime before July 30th – now is the time to get it in our club calendar. Please notify the newsletter editor of the upcoming event dates.

PENFIELD BIG BAND SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT: Penfield Rotary's upcoming major fundraiser is a Big Band Scholarship Concert on Tuesday evening, April 12. It will take place at Penfield High School Auditorium, with the downbeat at 7:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Penfield Rotary Scholarship Fund for students residing in the Penfield School District.

For 45 years, Penfield Rotarians performed in zany musicals accompanied by the Penfield Rotary Band. The show shut down five years ago, but its band members have continued to play the classic

arrangements of the BIG BAND Swing Era. They celebrate their 50th Anniversary of concert service this year, highlighted by this special performance.

Tickets are \$10 each if purchased individually, but at \$7 each if purchased in advance for groups of ten or more. If you have any questions, please contact Penfield Rotarians Bruno Sniders (671-1277) or Nels Carman (586-5466). If someone from our club wants to volunteer to coordinate it, this could be a fun social event – any volunteers? If so please let President John know.

ROTARY CENTENNIAL WINE GLASSES: Ed Francis brought a sample of a wine glass with a Rotary 100-year emblem, sold by Webster Rotary, at \$2.59 each. Anyone who is interested should contact Ed, who will communicate with the Webster club.

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 24th (**not the 21st**) 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: America the Beautiful

PROGRAM: Paul Stewart, Director of the Equinox Symphony, described the purpose of the Pittsford-based organization as providing performances of American masterpieces and rarely performed historical music. Most orchestras focus on well-known composers and works whose names are likely to appeal to ticket-buyers. This keeps the seats filled, but can ignore fine composers and orchestral pieces, particularly by American composers. Where a major orchestra may require an audience of 4000 to pay the bills, the Equinox Symphony needs only 400. In addition to performances, the Equinox Symphony auditions high school students, who then are selected to sit next to the professional musicians in a mentoring opportunity. The organizations goal is to increase from the current 3-4 performances per season to 6 per season, with important guest conductors and soloists offering master classes. Performances of the Equinox Symphony have been described as riveting, mesmerizing, adventurous and deeply affecting. Their next performance is on April 2 at the St. Louis Church, and Paul distributed two free tickets to each Rotarian at today's meeting. Let's all try to show our support! If you can't use the tickets try to find someone who will.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Due to time constraints Happy Dollars were not collected today. That means you can double up next week!

50/50 DRAWING: As the pot nears the \$100 mark again Pete Crooker and Jim Kubarek had chances to pull an ace, but neither prevailed. Get your 50/50 tickets at next week's meeting.

ROTARY INFORMATION: DISTRICT ASSEMBLY APRIL 30th (Not to be confused with the District Conference): District 7120 Assembly will be held on April 30, 2005 at Honeoye Central School - Rt. 20A Honeoye, NY

It is once again time for the District Assembly. This year the Honeoye Lake and Lima Clubs are jointly hosting this event. This is the time to offer special training in a wide range of Rotary projects as well as Rotary itself to members. It is vital that all officers, chairpersons and new members attend. Pittsford Rotary is paying \$60, which allows up to 6 members to attend. Any more than six will cost an additional \$10 per member. Any member who has joined the club since April 1, 2004, can attend at no additional charge. Each club is being asked to bring one door prize that has a value between \$10-\$20 that can be raffled off. Proceeds from the raffle and 50/50 will be donated to Rotary International.

There will be 30 sessions available to participate in so there is something for everyone, even the seasoned Rotarian! Registration will start at 8 am and the program will start at 8:45 am sharp. There will be a continental breakfast as well as a lunch served and you will be on your way home at 1 pm.

A sign up sheet is being passed around so let's represent Pittsford Rotary strong. After sign ups are done a meeting spot is determined (usually 2nd parking lot behind Great Northern Pizza) so that we can car pool there. Hope to seeing you at this year's District Assembly as we prepare for Governor Elect Eric Parker's year.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"There are two ways to look at life. One is as though nothing is a miracle; the other is as though everything is."* - **Albert Einstein**

JUST FOR FUN: Fred Kopp provides this weeks punny business...
Here are the 5 first place winners in the International Pun Contest:

1. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
2. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says "Dam!".
3. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
4. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says "I've lost my electron." The other says "Are you sure?" The first replies "Yes, I'm positive."
5. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **April 12** – Penfield Big Band Concert - Penfield High School Auditorium @ 7:30 pm. Bruno Sniders (671-1277) or Nels Carman (586-5466) for tickets or information (\$10 each)
- **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
- **June 19-22** Rotary International Convention (Chicago, IL)
- **June 26** District Changeover Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On-Going –

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

Watch this space for Ronald McDonald House spring clean-up; East Street road clean-ups; Canal clean-ups; Little League events; LPGA events; and other Pittsford Rotary spring time events. If you are a chair person of one of these please get your information into our club calendar.

30 July – 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
3/30/05	John Bernacki Nat	Club Assembly Bringing Relief to Tsunami Victims in SE Asia	Rotary Club of Pittsford	Matt Wahl
4/6/05	Yogachandra Donovan	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
[NAZARETH ROTARACT](#) – Rotaract

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