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APRIL IS CENTENNIAL "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" MONTH

Nat Yogachandra- Bringing Relief to Tsunami Victims in SE Asia - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Jeneen Gibson (Fairport), Dave Ferris (Rochester), Nancy Sutton (guest of Peter Brizee), Emily McGrath, Kate Harney, Elizabeth Merrill (all of the Pittsford-Mendon Interact club).

ATTENDANCE – 36 members, 4 guests, visiting 3 visiting Rotarians and 1 Honorary Member

MEMBER NEWS



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

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.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE LAST CALL: Reminders from DG Charlie Clemens:

1. Conference registration has been extended to Friday, April 9th
 2. There is still room on the bus- \$63.00 round trip
 3. Roll Call of clubs is Saturday night so have your little ditty ready!!
- See you at Kutsher's!! Charlie

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW MATCHING DONATIONS: Gaven Hurley noted this year our club will be providing matching grants for all Paul Harris donations. If you make a \$100 donation, the club will send \$200 to the RI foundation. Now's the time to make your donation and don't forget to nominate someone for the Paul Harris award while you're at it.

KIDS FISHING DERBY: Pete Crooker handed out posters to be distributed for the derby. This year the event is on May 7th at Powder Mills Park (The Powderhorn Lodge). For all our new members, this event is fully sponsored by our club. We pay for the lodge, stocking the stream, and refreshments and staff the event. It starts early and ends early (just like real fishing). The purpose is to provide a fun fishing event for local kids. We get a large crowd every year and even if it rains there's always lots of fun. Please plan to help out at this event. You'll be home by 10:30 am.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAFFLE & HOLE SPONSORS: Jim announced a golf committee meeting Friday morning at the Coal Tower. Rick made an announcement about raffle tickets – please plan to sell (or buy) some of these. The prize (details will follow in next week's newsletter) can be taken as a golf trip or a site seeing / leisure trip.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT COMMITTEE: Will be touring the library area later today to find a placement for the Rotary plaque. The library will be designed and planted by the town. Our club will make a \$10,000 donation for naming rights in the garden area and have work projects to help keep the garden area up.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM DAYSTAR: The sisters, staff and babies of Daystar sent us a thank you note for our \$500 contribution. The money will be used to continue a music therapy program that had been started earlier this year.

MARCH OF DIMES WALK AMERICA: Fred Kopp passed around a sign-up sheet for this event. It is planned for Saturday 4/24. For fast and easy registration, club members can go to www.walkamerica.org to register online. You can sign-up to walk, download and print a sponsor form, and even elect to make your donation online. You can also sponsor Fred directly at: <http://www.walkamerica.org/FredKopp>

... Our team name is: **Pittsford Rotary**

... We will be walking at the: **Rochester Walksite**

At this point, Fred has tentative commitments to walk from a couple of his friends from the Spencerport Rotary. No commitments yet from our own club members - so he'll start soliciting for sponsorship donations.

If you have any questions about WalkAmerica please contact Fred.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ELLIOT SPITZER TO VISIT PITTSFORD ROTARY: Our guest on May 11th will be New York State DA Elliot Spitzer. He will be with us in his capacity the DA – and will not talk politics. This is a nice coincidence since Rotary endeavors to avoid divisive topics such as politics, religion, and baseball – well two out of three isn't bad.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY APRIL 30th: This half-day event will be held at the Honeoye Central School - Rt. 20A Honeoye, NY – the closest it's been to Pittsford in some time. If you haven't been to a District Assembly now's the time to try it out. If you have been I'll bet you're going back again this year anyway.

FEATURES



THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: God Bless America

PROGRAM: Lynn Freshman introduced our speaker, author, Fairport Rotary President, President of his own company, Nat Yogachandra. He founded an organization of volunteers, *Friends of the World*, formed in New York, to teach students about different cultures around the world in order to promote unity among races and recently visited India and Southeast Asia. During this visit, the Tsunami struck the area. He has been on a mission to help the effected areas since. He brought along a slide show that showed the

human side of the Tsunami. His mission – and his family’s – has been to bring comfort to people of the area, to help restock the libraries with books (they bought 3,000 text books), help rebuild day-care facilities (610 of them were wiped out), stitch clothing for the children, and to spread the word about the effect of the disaster. Their next goals include trying to help those children who lost parents in the disaster and provide shoes for 250 children. Nat expressed his desire to understand what the real needs of the area are so his support can be focused on those needs. He noted that even today the nightmare for many of these people continues. Their living conditions are very poor and it’s not clear how long it may be until things return to relative normalcy. Sponsorship of a child costs about \$1 per day. Ray Cornelius noted that Nat’s 13 year old daughter, Tasha, was voted the Perinton Youth Citizen of the year recently. Nat’s presentation had been put together by her and much of this mission has been her idea. Tasha started a fund called “Project Book Angels”.

Named an Able Toastmaster by the Toastmasters International, Nat served as the chairman and secretary of the Laemthong Toastmasters International, in Bangkok, Thailand. A member of the Fairport Rotary Club, Nat is a Paul Harris Fellow in honor of his outstanding community service.

He is also the author of two books, *The Dragon Arises* and *Mysticism, Money and Madness*, as well as the author of more than a hundred articles in Asian newspapers and magazines (and at least one in the Democrat & Chronicle). He is currently working on his next book which discusses the current economic crisis and the future of Asia.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Bill Pieper fined himself because his cell phone rang during the meeting. Gerry Vesling gave \$10 for being in California for six weeks (welcome back Gerry). Pat Mallery read a note from Ronald McDonald House thanking the Interact club for serving breakfast there Sunday morning – the same morning we set the clocks back! Jackie Swift gave for being here a second consecutive week. We hope you can continue the streak Jackie! Jerry Gambino, Pete Crooker, and John Bernacki all gave happy dollars for Nat’s presentation. It was fantastic!

50/50 DRAWING: The first attempt to win this week’s pot of \$115 went to visiting Rotarian Janeen Gibson. The second try was to Jeff Staples (he’s had quite a few lately). Neither won so the pot will grow again for next week.

ROTARY INFORMATION: Centennial Service Above Self Volunteer Month — April 2005

To highlight the volunteer spirit at the core of Rotary service, April 2005 has been designated Centennial Service Above Self Volunteer Month. Join this massive worldwide effort by encouraging each club member to volunteer at least 10 hours of personal time in service to others in April. Clubs should identify meaningful volunteer opportunities in the community in which members can participate during April 2005, with a focus on meeting community needs, lending vocational expertise, or assisting a community abroad. At the end of the month, clubs are asked to report the number of volunteer hours contributed by their members via the Member Access section of the Rotary International Web site. www.rotary.org The total number of volunteer hours reported by all clubs will be announced at the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago, 18-22 June.

For more information or to share your club’s volunteer success story, please contact the [RI Programs Division](#), Rotary International, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, 60201-3698, USA; phone: 847-866-3361, fax: 847-866-6116.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Think it more satisfactory to live richly than die rich.” - Sir Thomas Browne

JUST FOR FUN: From Will Rogers – by way of Fred Kopp
ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I’ve ! traveled a long way and some of the roads weren’t paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
 Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
 Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
 Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.
 Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.
 Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
 Tenth ~ Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.
 And finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.

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 –
24 April – **WALK AMERICA** – to raise money for the March of Dimes – See Fred Kopp
7 May – **KID'S FISHING DERBY** – Powder Mill Park
20 May – **Hospice Angel Gala** – See Peggy Martin for tickets & information
8 June – **LPGA Work Night** at Locust Hill Country Club. Wear work cloths – hot dogs and soda will be provided. Wednesday evening ~ 5:30 – 7:30.
14 June – **LPGA Luncheon** at Locust Hill Country Club. Tuesday at noon. Happy Flag Day!
 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 – Robyn McMaster * 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
4/13/05	Donovan Shilling	Early Rochester Transportation	Rochester Author/Historian Village of Pittsford	Peter Brizee
4/20/05	Bob Corby	Village of Pittsford Mayor Challenges/Opportunities at PS#36H.Longfellow Sch.	Pittsford Rochester City Schools	Jim Cameron
4/27/05	Montanarello		Sam Patch (the boat)	Russ Crook
5/04/05	Ted Curtis	News about the Erie Canal	NYS Government	Peter Crooker
5/11/05	Elliott Spitzer	NYS Attorney General	Rotary Club of Pittsford	Ray Cornelius
5/18/05	Kevin O'Grady	Know Your Member		Mike Doughty

5/25/05	Kelly Saucke	Rochester in the Making	ROC City Coalition	Hank Ferris
6/1/05	Russell Crook	Know Your Member	Rotary Club of Pittsford	Curt Fey
6/8/05	John Bernacki	Club Assembly	Rotary Club of Pittsford	Ed Francis

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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