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APRIL IS CENTENNIAL "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" MONTH

Author Donovan Shilling talks about Early Rochester (and Pittsford) Transportation - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Marjorie Bleeg (Brighton), Dave Ferris (Rochester), our speaker Don Shilling.

ATTENDANCE – 36 members, 1 guest, 2 visiting Rotarians and 2 Honorary Members

MEMBER NEWS

News

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

Bean's Bement is the first of the snowbirds back in town. Welcome back Bean's.

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for March – 81 % * **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.

APRIL IS CENTENNIAL VOLUNTEER MONTH: Or in some places you'll see it called "Service Above Self" month. Either way this a very special designation made especially for our Centennial year. Rotary International has asked each Rotarian to perform at least 10 hours of community service in April and report it back through the clubs. The totals will be announced at the RI convention in Chicago. At the end

of the month please report your hours to Rick Haverty and include any work you may have already done this month. See the "Rotary Information" section of this newsletter this week and last for more information.

HELP OUT DISTRICT INTERACT STUDENTS: Pat Mallery asked for members to volunteer to help the District Interact Student Council with their Work-A-Thon and Assembly at Camp Haccamo on Saturday, April 30 (the same day as the district Rotary assembly). We're expecting to have 75 - 100 Interactors at the camp from clubs across the district cleaning up trees, brush, vines, weeds, etc. from the stream that runs down the hillside next to the baseball field and into the camp. It runs next to the train shed and behind the Pittsford Rotary cabin into Allens Creek. The kids will be on the stream from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. after which they'll hear from representatives from the five camps for disabled children in our district. They will be breaking for dinner around 5 p.m. and then continuing on with their annual assembly into the evening, capping off with a camp fire. Some of the kids are planning to stay over night.



There are chaperones lined up for the day (and night), but Pat's looking for a few able bodied Rotarians who can help supervise the kids as they work on the stream. We're going to break them up into teams and give each team a specific assignment. The Rotarians can help keep them organized and on task so we get as much done as possible. Please let Pat know if you can volunteer for this work (and add it to your April community service total).

CAMP HACCAMO NEWS: (from Bruce Spector). The Camp Haccamo Board of Directors is asking if there are printers who could help produce a new camp brochure. The Day of Caring is Friday, April 29, and Rotary Clubs are asked to help with camp improvement activities. At a special meeting of the Camp Haccamo Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. on April 12, a motion was passed to remove President Tim Forward from the Board for failure to comply with board directives. On a more positive note, Bob Maney presented Treasurer Gene Lilly with a check for \$175,000 from the 2004 Wegman's LPGA. Bob thanked the Rotarians for their support of the LPGA, and the Board gave Bob a round of applause.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW MATCHING DONATIONS: Gaven Hurley noted that checks for Paul Harris should be made out to the Rotary Foundation. Our club will match your RI Foundation donation and as an added bonus it counts toward our Polio Plus amount. Gaven has sent in something like \$500 of collected donations already.

KIDS FISHING DERBY: This year the event is on May 7th at Powder Mills Park (The Powderhorn Lodge).

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAFFLE & HOLE SPONSORS: Gerry Vesling announced that Trolley Family Dentistry signed up as our latest hole sponsor.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT COMMITTEE: Jim Murphy announced there will be a meeting this morning of the committee to discuss the location of the Rotary plaque in the garden.

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.

CORRECTION: The Visiting Nurse Association's Hospice Angel Gala is on Wednesday May 25th (not the 20th as reported in last week's newsletter). Please see Peggy Martin for tickets and information.

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. Jim Cameron is collecting names for the event and will plan the car pooling from Pittsford Village.



FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

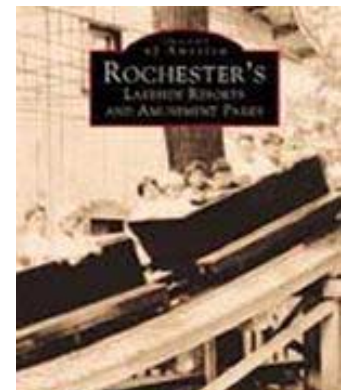
MUSIC: "I've been working on the railroad"

PROGRAM: Donovan Shilling is the author of a number books about Rochester in the "Images of America" series: *Rochester's Lakeside Resorts and Amusement Parks*, *Rochester's Downtown*, *Rochester Labor and Leisure*, and most recently, *Rochester Transportation*. He is currently working on *Rochester's Leaders and their Legacy*.

Don is the chronicler for the New Society of the Genesee. He wrote about the fabulous gatherings of the earlier Society of the Genesee and suggested to the contributors of *The Crooked Lake Review* who were getting together occasionally for conversation that they should become the New Society of the Genesee.

Don started us off by talking about a deer park in the area where Pittsford Dairy is today and a trolley that was run (by Frank Holley) between Pittsford and Rochester on the canal! The trolley ran only once with a number of dignitaries. It turned out that, as Don said, apparently water and electricity don't mix! Don displayed a group of magazine covers from 1903 to 1928 including a Rochester-based auto magazine. George Sheldon, of Rochester held one of the first patents for a cart powered by an internal combustion engine. Vacuum Oil Company motor oil, C.T. Hamm's car head lamps, and the ever popular "arooga" horns were made by Clackson right here in Rochester. Before the heavy motor oil was available things like vegetable oil was used for lubrication. It would cause lots of smoke and fumes. Early speed limits were between 3 and 8 miles per hour. That had a lot to do with the amount of dust cars would kick up. Later improvements of cobble stone and eventually paved roads helped reduce that issue.

Don regularly portrays DeWitt Clinton. He also creates fascinating miniature scenes of the Rochester area and is well known for his model railroading. Don and his wife, Yolanda, live in Penfield.



Rochester's Lakeside Resorts & Amusement Parks – by D.A. Shilling



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Ben Johnson gave a happy dollar for a happy vacation. Elthea King gave for our improved weather. Jim Cameron put one in for not having a pin. Bean's Bement gave for being back. Jim Murphy gave for not having a pin.

50/50 DRAWING: Don Henderson was the first to draw from the deck but lost with a jack. Bean's had the second draw, but did worse than Don. The \$135 pot will grow again next week. Buy your tickets – 3 for \$2.

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

As reported last week, all community service hours completed in the month of April will be reported by club at the RI convention in Chicago this year. You can report any community service activity for April to Rick Haverty and he will report our club totals to RI. If you don't already have a favorite April cause, here are a few good ideas with Pittsford Rotary relationships;

- Saturday April 16th – Pittsford Little League Ford Field clean-up (9:00-noon).
- Saturday April 16th – Pittsford Little League Habecker retaining wall construction (9:00-noon)
- Saturday April 23rd – Pittsford Little League Habecker Field clean-up (9:00-noon)
- Saturday April 23rd – Pittsford Little League Assemble new bleachers & install new batting cage @ Habecker Field (9:00-noon). Contact for all Little League projects - Tom Brennan 387-0631 - evenings, Pittsford Little League Volunteer Coordinator
- Sunday April 24th – March of Dimes Walk America. Contact Fred Kopp - fredkopp@ezcomretailsolutions.com
- Friday April 29th – Camp Haccamo Day of Caring. Come to the camp any time from 9:00 – 5:00. Contact Bruce Spector for details.
- Saturday April 30th – Camp Haccamo. Work with Interactors to clean up the stream area. (9:00 am – 9:00 pm)

You can always spend some time at the Food Cupboard, DayStar, or Saint's Place – or, like I said, pick your favorite. Anything community service you perform – even if it's not directly Rotary related or something you've already done earlier this month – can be reported.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *“Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living, the other helps you make a life.”* - **Sandra Carey**

JUST FOR FUN: Welcome back to the North Country to Bean's who provided these pearls of golf wisdom;

- Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.
- Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.
- "Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls."
- The term "mulligan" is really a contraction of the phrase "maul it again."
- A "gimme" can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well.
- An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.
- Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.
- Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.
- Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work ... and both are expensive.
- The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.
- To some golfers, the greatest handicap is the ability to add correctly.
- In golf, some people tend to get confused with all the numbers... they shoot a six, yell fore and write five.
- If you find yourself pleased that you locate more balls in the rough than you actually have lost, your focus is totally wrong and your personality might not be right for golf ... it is also just a matter of time before the IRS investigates your business.
- "The greatest sound in golf is the Woosh, Woosh, Woosh, of your opponent's club as he hurls it across the fairway"

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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

25 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
4/20/05	Bob Corby Paul	Village of Pittsford Mayor Challenges/Opportunities at	Village of Pittsford	Jim Cameron
4/27/05	Montanarello	PS#36H.Longfellow Sch.	Rochester City Schools	Russ Crook
5/04/05	Ted Curtis	News about the Erie Canal	Sam Patch	Peter Crooker
5/11/05	Elliott Spitzer Kevin	NYS Attorney General	NYS Government	Ray Cornelius
5/18/05	O’Grady	Know Your Member	RC of Pittsford	Mike Doughty
5/25/05	Kelly Saucke	Rochester in the Making	ROC City Coalition	Hank Ferris
6/1/05	Russell Crook	Know Your Member	RC of Pittsford	Curt Fey
6/8/05	John Bernacki	Club Assembly	RC 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

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