



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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FEBRUARY IS ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding: President Pat Mallery, Greeter and Invocation: Paul Stuart, Set up & Take down: Peter Brizee, Money Collection & Attendance: Jim Kubarek, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollar Collection: Peter Brizee.

Our Program: The Pittsford Rotary Citizen of 2005, Bill Brizee

Today's Attendance: 29 members, 2 guests, 1 speaker (an honorary member), and 2 students for a total of 34 persons. Guests: Nina Rentel and John Robbins, and exchange students Manuel and André.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT: If you have an announcement to make at a club meeting please provide the details to the newsletter writers either by paper copy or by email to bruce@spectors.org .

Announcements:

Brian Marcellus mentioned there will be one more weekend of LPGA ticket sales. He needs three volunteers on Friday 2/17 at Marketplace Mall. Wegmans has offered a challenge to the various Rotary clubs in our area. The club selling the most tickets will win \$1000. Also, for every 100 Hall of Fame passes sold a club will win \$1000. Tickets can be purchased by cash, visa and master card. Please remember to obtain phone numbers if payment is by credit card.

Gaven Hurley states that fully one half of the tickets for Taste of Pittsford have been sold. We now need to put a push on selling the remainder. Jim Cameron is printing signs that can be placed in different public venues. Olives and Organic Alley are two new restaurants joining the action on March 13. We will be outsourcing valet parking this year to the same organization that does it for Nazareth College. A sign up sheet will be passed around to obtain a number of signups.

Jack Pickering announced a short meeting of his golf committee members after today's weekly meeting. Two more committee persons are needed to round out the management committee.

Bruce Spector and Bill Pieper are still looking for more sign-ups, a few casseroles (chicken or ham) for the Ronald McDonald House Dinner that the club is sponsoring on February 14. Please see Bruce at the February 8 meeting if you can help.

On April 1 there will be an annual Rotary meeting hosted by the Palmyra/Macedon club. Six Pittsford members are allowed to go. Forty five different topics will be discussed. Pat Mallery will be reviewing the activities of Pittsford Interact and encouraging the formation of new Interact clubs.

The Annual District Conference will be held in State College, PA on May 5-7, which also happens to be the home of the Penn State Nittany Lions, one of the better teams in college football.

FEATURES



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Bill Brizee, the Pittsford Rotary Club Citizen of the Year

Member Peter Brizee introduced his younger brother Bill Brizee, the Rotary Citizen of the Year. Bill has been on the Planning Board of the Town of Pittsford for the past ten years. All of the work has been done as a volunteer.

Bill Brizee gave us some history of the rapid population growth of Pittsford. It was founded in 1799 and was predominantly agricultural until the 1960's. Schoen's Alley was an important commercial center on the Erie Canal. The largest manufacturer was Foreman's Pickle Factory owned by Lester Foreman, and eventually sold to French's. In 1960 only 8600 people lived in Pittsford. The 1960's building highlights included Pittsford Plaza, the Longmeadow subdivision, and Caldwell & Cook's development of the Knickerbocker Farm. By 1970, 18,600 people inhabited Pittsford. During 1980-89 Pittsford grew at a decade average 9% growth rate. In the 1990's the growth slowed to 4.5% for the decade. So far in the 21st century the growth rate is 2% and Bill predicts final build-out to occur by 2030 with an estimated population of 28,300 persons. Empty nesters account for many of the building permits at this time.

Bill relates there are few new business opportunities, hence the main source of taxes is from the residents. The last remaining open land is the Russo sandpit near Bushnell's Basin and a few farms south of the thruway. In the 1990's 94 parcels of land with at least 10 acres were left comprising 3500 acres. Now, Pittsford has development rights for 2000 of the 3500 acres since the town purchased the rights by paying farmers 75% of the appraised value of their land. Pittsford has been a pioneer in cluster zoning. For instance in a 24 acre parcel of land, typically 4 acres are uninhabitable, 10 acres can be used for homes, and 10 acres for open space and parks. Pittsford's plans have been highly lauded by other communities and in fact emulated. In contrast, Mendon has 5 acre lots for many of its houses. At this moment about 1000 acres are left for development with an estimated 700 home build out.

The planning board is involved with the study of traffic intersection functionality, cell tower positioning and design, and the approval of zoning for more student dormitories at Nazareth and St. John Fisher Colleges.

Worthy of note Target Stores may inhabit the former Chase-Pitkin facility in Pittsford Plaza. Lastly, Pittsford won an award as one of the 19 best nature conserving communities in the USA.

HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINES:

Elthea King—10 years ago moment mentioned in last week's newsletter, a fundraiser for the Easter Seals Volleyball marathon, raising \$8000.

Jim Murphy—scooter dollar.

Roger Zaenglein—President Bush's state of the union speech.

Ray Cornelius—for Dan Russo, a great Pittsford Rotarian donator.

Happy Dollars for a great presentation by Bill Brizee—Jack Bent, Peggy Martin, Hank Ferris, John Bernacki, Peter Brizee (sparring and pounding partner), Pat Mallery, and Jim Kubarek.

50/50 DRAWING: None this week.

Welcome, Bob Thompson who sprang up from nowhere out of town to attend the meeting.



Blast from the past for the first week in February:

Five years ago—Charlie Richardson said a location for auction was still up in the air.

Ten years ago—We welcomed a visiting Rotarian from Cumberland RC in Rhode Island, Jim Murphy.

ROTARY INFORMATION: February is **Rotary World Understanding Month**. Please check out <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html> for more information.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The January 13, 2006 *District Newsletter* has been published to the [Rotary District 7120 website](http://www.Rotary7120.org/DistrictNewsletter.cfm). You may also read it on-line by visiting <http://www.Rotary7120.org/DistrictNewsletter.cfm>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CHAIRPERSONS – PLEASE SEND THE DETAILS OF YOUR EVENT – Date, Time, & Location.

| FEBRUARY | ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH | |
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| 2 | Board Meeting | |
| 2 | PS 36 after school | |
| 7 | Intervol | |
| 8 | Foundation Board Meeting | |
| 14 | Ronald McDonald House dinner | |
| 17 | LPGA Ticket Sale, 2-6pm, Marketplace Mall | |
| March 4 | Foul Shooting Contest | |
| March 13 | Taste of Pittsford | |

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS


If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker, contact Peter Crooker for scheduling.

| DATE | SPEAKER | PROGRAM | GREETER |
|---------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| 2/8/06 | Anne Bayer | School Community Partnership Council | Gerry Vesling |
| 2/15/06 | Peter Brizee | “Know Your Member” | Bob Vukosic |
| 2/22/06 | Kristen Miranda | GSE to Sweden | Matt Wahl |
| 3/1/06 | Frank Maston | Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance (At Library) | Roger Zaenglein |

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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| The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York | | 1-800-867-0513 x-56312 |
| 2005-2006 Club Officers | | 2005-2006 Board of Directors |
| President – Pat Mallery |  SERVICE Above Self | Club Service – Bob Thompson |
| President Elect – Lynn Freshman | | Community Service |
| Vice President – Pete Crooker | | Peggy Martin – Fund Raising |
| Secretary – Russ Crook | | Bill Pieper – Rochester Projects |
| Treasurer – Kevin O’Grady | | Fred Kopp – Pittsford Projects |
| Past President – John Bernacki | | Vocational Service – Mary Alice Price |
| Sergeant-At-Arms – Frank Burns | | International Service – Bob Vukosic |

| FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2005-2006) | | |
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| Chair – Gaven Hurley (6/30/06) | <i>Other Voting Members:</i> | Don Henderson (6/30/07) |
| Club President – Pat Mallery (6/30/06) | Jim Murphy (6/30/06) | Rick Haverty (6/30/08) |
| Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein (6/30/06) | Brian Marcellus (6/30/07) | Ric Juskiewicz (6/30/08) |