



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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## MARCH IS WORLD ROTARACT MONTH

Today's Rotary Team: Presiding: President Pat Mallery, Greeter and Invocation: Roger Zaenglein, Set up & Take down: Peter Crooker, Money Collection & Attendance: Kevin O'Grady, Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns, Happy Dollar Collection: Peter Crooker.

### Our Program: Frank Maston, of Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance

Today's Attendance: 35 members, 3 guests, 1 speaker (an honorary member), for a total of 38 persons. Guests: Nina Rummel, Jeff McLeod, and Kevin Lane.



## 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](mailto:bruce@spectors.org).

### Announcements:

Gaven Hurley led off with information regarding the "Taste of Pittsford" by thanking Dennis Price for his success in having Nothnagle Realtors pick up the tab of \$450 to cover the cost of valet parking. Due to an accidental interaction loss, Xerox was unable to pick up the tab for the booklet but promised to do it next year. Jim Murphy and his company, Amica Insurance agreed to pay approximately \$1500 to cover costs of the booklet. Fifty tickets given to Rotarians have not been paid for yet, but Gaven considers them "sold". There are fifty remaining tickets to sell. Please remember to bring in your checks.

Peter Crooker gave information regarding the first annual Free Throw Shooting Contest. It will be on March 4 with registration at 8:15 AM and the contest 9 AM to 12 noon. It is for Pittsford students only and they will be divided into groups by age and gender. Winning students will be awarded trophies. About twelve Rotarians will be needed to make this event work out well. Please sign up.

Kevin Lane of the Cub Scout Pack 617 thanked the Pittsford Rotary Club for their sponsorship of Packs 617 and 2. In fact we have been supporting the former for thirty five years. He presented a plaque memorializing the gratitude of the Cub Scouts.

On behalf of Pittsford Rotary, Bruce Spector received a letter from Ronald Mc Donald House expressing thanks for help with the February 14 supper. Bill Pieper, Paul Stuart, Richard Colby, Jack Pickering, Peter Brizee, Matt Wahl, Bruce and Donna Spector, and Jerry Gambino gave their time and culinary skills.

Bruce Spector stated that a Camp Haccamo By-Law change grants full status to alternates from each Rotary Club, so each club has two members and one vote. The aim is to increase participation in the committees which lay the groundwork for a successful camp. Counselors will receive 48 hours of training to meet American Camping Association accreditation requirements. This will shorten the camping season to seven weeks instead of eight. However, the schedule will change to allow day campers during the

same weeks as the overnight campers, thus an increase of campers is projected. There was some turnover of staff members, but the staff is more energetic than ever.

Pat Mallery mentioned the Penfield Rotary Club will be hosting a Euchre tournament on March 6 for any Pittsford members who would like to help out or attend.

Some very sad news—Jack Pickering’s young grandson Joshua passed away last week. We offer our condolences, and any donations should be made to the Seneca Park Zoo Society.



## FEATURES

### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

#### **Frank Maston, Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance**

Peter Crooker introduced Frank Maston, a former Pittsford Rotary member and President in 1981-82, as our guest speaker from Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance. Frank began his talk by relating an important experience from last Friday morning. He took an emergency call in the Perinton district and arrived on the scene within five or six minutes. It was indeed fortunate because moments later he helped deliver a five pound baby, all in a day's work. It was just one of the ways Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance makes a difference in the lives of the people in our community.

Frank retired from Xerox in 1998 and after many rounds of golf became bored. He was encouraged to join Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance, which has been a very rewarding experience. Frank stated that Pittsford has the outward appearance of an idyllic community, but in reality through his ambulance experience there is a lot of pain and suffering. People have chronic physical and emotional problems. Many kids are on drugs. In fact, PVA made 2068 calls last year, or five per day. The ambulance crew consisting of dispatcher, driver, and medic have not missed one hour of service since 1970, the date it was founded (with help from the Rotary Club). On calls that are obviously life-threatening a paramedic from another base is also dispatched to the scene. Frank has been on about 1000 calls in the last seven years and learned a lot from a rigorous training program. It has been very rewarding work, making the difference in the lives of many people in Pittsford, and he would highly recommend it as a very worthwhile service. Many volunteers are at the age where it is physically very demanding, therefore, it is very important to have some new fresh volunteers. It is a great service for energetic retirees.

Frank reminds us that the lives of people can profoundly change in just an instant. As a reminder, if you feel a strange sensation in your chest, neck, or arm be aware it is likely a problem with your heart and please get help immediately. Have a physical every two years with colonoscopies and mammograms as appropriate. Write down all medications and put it in your wallet. Make your house fall-proof and don't get on ladders and roofs when you are over sixty.

#### **HAPPY DOLLARS AND FINES:**

Mary Alice: a scooter dollar from Dennis Price, both just back from Mexico and San Diego

Jack Pickering: sad dollar for Joshua's death and happy dollar for birth of new grand child

Tom Gunter-Kremers: slider dollar

Mike Doughty: Page is back home and doing well, and Mike is happy to be back

Rick Haverty: back from San Diego, did not see Prices

Peter Brizee: went to NY to see his son, also he recruited Black and Blue for next year's T of P

Jim Kuberak: back from a much needed trip to Carmel

Matt Wahl: Andre is on a Mississippi vacation and very busy

Gaven Hurley: Welcomed Kevin from Cub Scouts

Pat Mallery: found long lost Disney World money clip

Jerry Gambino: back from Disney World

John Bernacki: slider dollar

Peter Crooker: for comeback of Pittsford girl's basketball team

Hank Ferris: back from trip to Aspen

Elthea King: back from trip to Hillsborough beach

Bill (prospective member): mother out of hospital

**50/50 DRAWING:**

Today's winner of free raffle of a \$25 gift certificate at Richardson's Canal House was Rick Haverty.

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

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The February 2006 *District Newsletter* has been published in 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.**

MARCH	ROTARACT AWARENESS MONTH	
2	Board Meeting	Pat Mallery
2	PS 36 after school	Pat Mallery
4	Free throw shooting contest	Peter Crooker
8	Foundation Board Meeting	Gaven Hurley
13	Taste of Pittsford	Gaven Hurley
April 1	District Assembly meeting in Palmyra	
April 8	Walk for Water	
May 13	Kid's Fishing Derby, Powdermill Park	Peter Crooker

## MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

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

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	GREETER
3/8/06	Stuart Dizak	E auction traders	Jack Bent
3/15/06	Dennis Price	Know Your Member	
3/22/06	Pat Mallery	Club Meeting/Rotaract	
3/29/06	Fred Reed	District Conference Presentation	
4/5/06	Jerry Gambino	Know Your Member	

**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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### FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2005-2006)

Chair – Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)	Other Voting Members:	Don Henderson (6/30/07)
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