



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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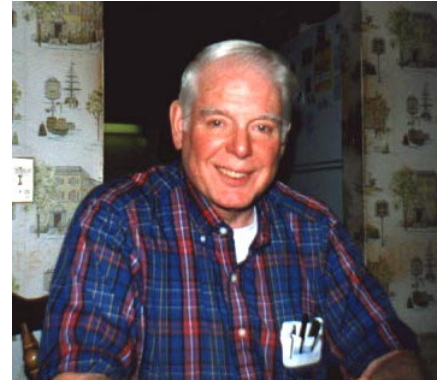
Invocation: Ray Robbins

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Russ Crook

**JANUARY IS – "ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH"**

## A Whale of a Business – Ray Robbins pots a Lobstah! - story below



**VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:** Steve Whitney, guest of Jim Murphy and prospective member. Diana Torrance, of the Penfield Rotary came back for her 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row. Tom Kremers, also a prospective member. Tommy Thompson, from Operation Food Basket came to give us an update on their efforts and thank us for our help. Dion Janssen, our Rotary exchange student. Jan Smith our Honorary Member with 100% attendance. Bruce Spector a prospective member scheduled for induction next week.

**ATTENDANCE** - reported by Jim Cameron: 29 members, 1 honorary member, and 7 visitors / guests  
January's Attendance reporter is Russ Crook.

### MEMBER NEWS

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

Charlie Richardson wasn't at this morning's meeting so he could be with his wife, Pat, during her knee surgery at Strong Hospital this morning. We all wish Pat the best for a speedy recovery.

We have two newly proposed members who are scheduled for induction in January. Peggy Albrecht will become an active member (she's been acting like one for a year!) as will Bruce Spector. Charlie Richardson has proposed Bruce for membership. He works for EDS as a computer technician – compatibility leader. Bruce lives on Sutton Place in Pittsford with wife Donna. Any objections to these proposed members should be made in writing to the club president on or before January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TASTE OF PITTSFORD:** This is the next big fund-raiser on our calendar. The date will be March 15<sup>th</sup> (a Monday night) and it will be held at Nazareth College. The committee (Gaven Hurley, Ray Robbins, and Lynn Freshman) will present details at next week's meeting. Gaven passed around a sheet for members to provide any "connections" they may have in the restaurant business.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNERS:** Pete Crooker pointed out that we lost both members who were signed up to coordinate the dinners at Ronald McDonald House. Almost before he finished his sentence Elthea King volunteered to take leadership of them. Thanks Elthea! Now, when she asks for volunteers to staff a dinner lets give her the same response!

**RI FOUNDATION AND PAUL HARRIS:** Rick Juskiewicz asked members to remember to give an annual gift to the RI Foundation. We need to have \$1,000 for each Paul Harris award and we'd like to honor two individuals each year. Remember – “every Rotarian, every year.”

**OPERATION FOOD BASKET SAYS THANKS:** Tommy Thompson, on behalf of Operation Food Basket, attended our meeting this morning and thanked Pittsford Rotary for its participation of a cash donation and several teams of drivers for food deliveries. This concept was started 23 years ago at Xerox and is persevering and doing better than ever. Fact sheets were passed around. For additional information contact Gary Mroczek, campaign coordinator at (585) 423-9203.

## FEATURES

### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** Lynn led us in a chorus of “America the Beautiful.”

**SPEAKER:** Our program today was a slide presentation (Kodak film, by God!) by Ray Robbins about his being a lobster fisherman in Maine during part of his youth. That ended in the summer of 1952 when he went back to the University of Maine to finish his Electrical Engineering studies. The opening slides were of Camden Harbor, the Jewel of the Maine Coast, and a "must" to visit when (not "if") one goes to Maine. Some of the vacation cruise schooners were shown at the dock. From the top of Mt. Battie, a short drive from the village, one can look down on the harbor. By turning and looking a little north of east one can see in the distance the mountains on Mount Desert Island, Ray's former home. From that view of the coast we quickly see on film the construction of a typical wooden lobster trap of the 1950s, with its rounded bows, made from spruce branches in this case, and finished with spruce laths. The "heads" (entrance nets) and bait bags were normally knit by the fishermen themselves, as in this case. An explanation of how the trap functions and how the lobsters (and other creatures of the sea) get in and are caught was then given. It was stressed that rotten fish is the bait that entices lobsters and other things into the trap. You should know that while the lobster bait may have a vile odor, it DOES NOT affect the taste of the meat! Then we saw a sequence of slides showing the actual picking up of the buoy, hauling the trap, pulling it aboard, removing and plugging the lobsters, removing crabs, fish or whatever else was in the trap, rebaiting the trap and resetting it. A few more slides, taken much later, showed the current plastic-covered wire traps and a large female lobster with thousands of "seeds," or eggs, attached under her tail. Such lobsters must be thrown back overboard to hatch out the eggs and for future breeding. For the same reason, lobsters of either sex beyond a certain maximum size must be returned to the ocean for breeding. At the end of the day the fisherman may go to a dealer in some nearby harbor and sell his catch. Other times the dealer may come to a particular harbor and but from several fishermen there. A few slides were shown of some of the local scenery, including Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse, several of the vacation cruise schooners out of Camden, Maine, and the "Victory Chimes", a three-masted schooner, the largest sailing vessel under the US flag. Then pictures were shown of some of our own Rotarians (Elthea King and the Smiths) who have been up to Ray's home to enjoy a lobster cookout on his shore, followed by some homemade blueberry pie (from wild blueberries!) and perhaps a drink of Moxie. The presentation ended with slides of several rather nice sunset shots at the end of some perfect summer days. It was great to hear from a little background on one of our fine and long-standing members, Ray Robbins. Thanks Ray for sharing a very interesting slice of your life (if not blueberry pie) with us.



**HAPPY DOLLARS:** We were pretty much out of time, but took a happy dollar from Tim Hayes for an Ohio State win and Michigan loss!

**50/50 WINNER:** We began our new “progressive pot” today. Half of the daily take is at stake as usual. When someone’s ticket is drawn they get a chance to pull a card from a deck. If they pull an ace they win the pot. If not, a second ticket is drawn and the process is repeated. If the second person doesn’t draw an ace the money goes back into the pool for next week’s drawing. Visitor Tom Kremers pulled the card – not an ace, and Bruce Spector pulled the second card

– a deuce! The pot will grow for next week. Extra tickets will be available for sale at the meeting. By the way, this is the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive week that a guest has had their ticket pulled!

**ROTARY INFORMATION: Purpose Of The Four-Way Test** (An excerpt from the January 2004 Rotarian – the speaker is John Dean)

I was about ten years old when I attended my first Rotary meeting with my grandfather — who was an active Rotarian his entire life (and it was a long one, for he lived almost 100 years). But it was not until your District Governor, Mack Teasley, mentioned The Four-Way Test that I became truly aware of it. I've not only tested it with war, but I have now tested it more times than I can recall. I've made it part of my thinking. Indeed, I only wish I had known about it earlier.

It was at about this point in drafting of these notes for this talk that my wife, Maureen, or "Mo" as she is known to me, happened to read the material. Aren't you going to answer these questions on war in your talk, she asked? Aren't you going to say whether you found the president's explanation for the war with Iraq is the Truth? Was the war Fair to all concerned? Has it built Goodwill, and was it Beneficial to all concerned?

My answer to her is my answer to you. There is a reason I've not given you my answers. I don't believe The Four-Way Test is designed for me to tell you my answers, nor for you to tell me yours. The more I worked with the test, the more I felt I understood what Mr. Taylor sought to accomplish. The Four-Way Test is not an outline for a sermon. It is not a design for a lecture. Nor is it a search for the definitive answer to each question. To the contrary, as I perceive The Four-Way Test it is a personal reckoning device, a private syllabus for each of us to employ on his or her own and to find the answers for themselves.

As I told my wife, the most important part of The Four-Way Test strikes me as the mere use of it, the honest search for answers to its questions. I guarantee to anyone who has never truly worked through The Four-Way Test on any vexing issue that they will find that it opens up hidden corners of your thinking that will surprise you. I guarantee you that it will sharpen your perception of any issue you address — after you go through the exercise.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "He who establishes his argument by noise and command, shows that his reason is weak." --**Michel De Montaigne**, essayist (1533-1592)

**JUST FOR FUN:** From Jim Cameron... Red Skelton's Tips For a Happy Marriage

Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.

We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.

I take my wife everywhere...but she keeps finding her way back.

I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested the kitchen.

We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.

She has an electric blender, electric toaster, and electric bread maker. She said, "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.

I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Jan17 - Rotary Member Night at the Rochester Americans** [Click Here for Reservation Form](#)
- **Jan18-25 - Fellowship Cruise to Western Caribbean**  
Ship: Carnival Victory - Carnival Cruise Lines will donate \$160 per cabin to the Rotary Foundation. Contact Penfield Rotarian Nancy Helves at 585-377-8652
- **Jan25 - Greece Rotary 26th Annual Ziti Dinner**  
Diplomat Party House [Elizabeth Richardson <drichar3@rochester.rr.com>](mailto:Elizabeth.Richardson@rochester.rr.com)

- **Feb06-14 - Milt Matthews Governor Elect Hospitality Week.**
  - Brighton Rotary Club and District 7120 hosts Governors Elect from around the world for one week prior to the International Assembly
  - Sign up to host with, [Gib Blew, Brighton RC](#). 1st Host Period: Jan18-22, 2nd Host Period: Jan 22-26
  - [For information read the latest newsletter](#) (Acrobat Reader Required)
- **Feb07 - Fairport Mid Winter Dinner**
- **Feb10 - International Governor Elect Hospitality Dinner Genesee River Hotel, Mt. Morris, 5:30PM.**
  - Meet the Governors Elect from around the world. It is the mid point in the Governor Elect Hospitality Program where hosts exchange guests and get to hear about Rotary around the world.
  - Reservations: E-mail [Deanna Woodhams, Brighton Rotary Club](#) **Mail Reservation Form:** [Click here for RESERVATION FORM](#)
- **Feb15-22 - International Assembly, Anaheim, CA**
- **Feb23 - Rotary's 99th Anniversary**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**On-Going –**

- Pittsford Food Cupboard, 2-hour shifts on Tuesdays or Fridays between 10:00am and 2:00pm and special events.

**15 March – Taste of Pittsford at Nazareth College**

**MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS**

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker please contact Pat Mallery for scheduling.

\*\*\*\*\* **NEXT WEEK** \*\*\*\*\*

**14 January: The “Taste of Pittsford” committee will share their learnings from Morristown and discuss our new March fundraiser.**

**Our Greeter will be Dave Spaker**

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**21 January:** Gerry Vesling and club evaluation committee members will discuss how we take the pulse of our club.

**28 January:** Gail Mulkeen, Pittsford Community Service Advisory Board

**4 February:** Bill Bross – Director of Development for Mercy Flight

**11 February:** Pat Mallery, his trip to Haiti and RYLA.

**18 February:** Speaker TBA


**25 February:** Speaker TBA

**HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:**

<http://www.rotary.org> - Rotary International

<http://www.rotary7120.org> - Our District

<http://www.pittsfordrotary.org> - Our club’s website

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