



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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

## Club Evaluation Process Defined – And members have a fun time talking about it. - story below

**VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:** George Schewgler, a local Chiropractor and guest of Matt Wahl; Dennis Price who drove Mary Alice to the meeting (see member news below); Dion Jensen, our Rotary exchange student; and Jan Smith Honorary Member.

**ATTENDANCE** - reported by Russ Crook: 25 members, 1 honorary member, and 3 visitors / guests

### MEMBER NEWS

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

We'd like to send a warm welcome (and some of our snow) to the snowbirds of our club. Bob Thompson and Beans Bement are both basking in the south and Ken and Jan Smith are heading there for a few weeks (Jan would rather stay here).

Mary Alice Price came to this morning's meeting with one foot in a sandal. She had undergone some minor surgery and was treated to a drop-off at the back door from the chivalrous Dennis Price.

Pat Mallery missed this morning's meeting and probably won't have time for a make-up. He's gone to Haiti to help out with local charities. He promises a full report as a speaker at one of our future meetings.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:** The District Assembly will be held the morning of March 27<sup>th</sup>, in Bath. As always the club will sponsor the cost of the meeting for those who want to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how Rotary works and get involved in the leadership of your club. All members are encouraged to attend and especially those who have recently been elected to board positions this year. It's also a great learning experience for new members.



**WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL:** Mark your calendar for a wine and cheese gathering at Lynn Freshman's home on Friday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. It's a time for fun and getting to know new members and their spouses. Lynn will have more particulars at next week's meeting.

**A TASTE OF PITTSFORD:** We are still adding restaurants and ask members who have connections with local eateries to talk to Gaven, Ray, or Lynn.

Tickets are printed and are available for sale. If you need more tickets for yourself or to sell to friends and relatives see Ray Robbins. Remember we are limiting this to the first 300 – the rest will have to wait until

next year. A newspaper ad was submitted to the Pittsford Post and a copy is attached to this week's newsletter.

## FEATURES

### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**SPEAKER:** In Lieu of a speaker today we had the club evaluation committee present the methodology they plan to use to conduct a club-wide evaluation. Gerry Vesling chairs the committee. The other members are Bob Vukosic, Beans Bement (who made calls to members from Florida for this effort), Don Henderson, and Mary Alice Price.

Mary Alice held an interactive session with questions about the strengths and weaknesses of the club. The responses about our strengths included: good meeting time, lots of activities / opportunities for involvement, the newsletter, fellowship, leadership, and good fund raising ideas / events. The answers for ways to overcome our weaknesses included: mix table seating up (get to know more members), more information on finances, get good speakers from non-charity organizations, have more involvement by all members (not just the usual suspects), better mentoring of new members, and general public relations / publicity. The last question asked for ways we could improve or develop our club. The suggestions included: a public relations person or committee, joint events with other clubs, getting to know new members, maybe a central office (in the community center), making the club calendar more visible, and adding activities that appeal to younger members.

Gerry told us these responses are only the first step in this process. Additional written surveys will be distributed at a future date. The responses will be tallied and a report prepared for the board of directors meeting in June. The board will take actions



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** There was a major fine levied on Ray Robbins today. It was Ray's 76<sup>th</sup> birthday and President Rick asked for a one dollar a year fine! Luckily Ray just happened to have a check in his shirt pocket in that amount made out to the RI Foundation for Polio Plus. Ray went on to challenge all members to make like donations on their birthdays. Gaven was reminded of his fine for last week as paying it slipped his mind. On to Happy Dollars... Peggy Albrecht gave for the evaluation committee involvement in calling everyone to remind them to come to today's meeting. Chris Leone gave because he's going to Colorado on a ski trip ( I guess they have snow there). Matt Wahl gave for his guest, George. Gerry Vesling gave for the great participation by everyone in this morning's evaluation kick-off. Charlie Richardson gave because his wife Pat had a successful knee operation. Fred Gallina gave a happy dollar for going to Florida twice. Rick Haverty gave for seeing Bill Pieper at Odyssey of the Mind judges training and another for Pat Mallery who is in Haiti doing volunteer work. Bob Vukosic gave to celebrate Dion's 5<sup>th</sup> month anniversary with us. Ed Francis gave for Bob Vukosic's effort making phone calls for the evaluation committee. Dennis Price gave for Mary Alice's courage for going for a toe operation.

**50/50 WINNER:** 50/50 winner's- Elthea's ticket was pulled first – she purchased three chances at the door. But she didn't draw an ace from the deck. Russ Crook's number came up second and he did pick an Ace! The pot was \$50! It all starts again next week.

**ROTARY INFORMATION:** "What Paul Harris Said" From Rotary's Global History Fellowship (An Internet Project)

"It should us all good once in a while to see ourselves as others see us..." (source – 'The National Rotarian' magazine 1912)

This week, some of us may celebrate the anniversary of Robert Burns, one of the world's most influential poets. We all know of the song "Auld Lang Syne" and perhaps "A Red, Red Rose" but Paul Harris was

one who knew much more about the works of Rabbe Burns. Here, Harris quotes from the Burns poem "To a Louse" written in the lowland Scots vernacular. Clearly Paul Harris recognized how wonderful it would be if we could be a "fly-on-the-wall" and see ourselves for what we really are – what a shock to our egos we would get!

O wad some Power the giftie gie us  
To see oursels as ithers see us!  
It wad frae monie a blunder free us  
An foolish notion:  
What airs in dress an gait wad lea'es us,  
An ev'n devotion!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny." - **Frank Outlaw**

**JUST FOR FUN:**

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Winters are fierce in northern Scotland, so the owner of a large estate thought it would be kindly to buy his overseer a warm pair of earmuffs. After a few days, he noticed the man was going about as before, so he asked, "Don't you like those earmuffs I bought you?" "Aye...Ah lahk 'em fine, Y'lordship, it's just the' first day I wore 'em, one o' me friends offered t' buy me a drink down t' pub, and Ah didn't hear 'im!"

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MacDougall had to send a wire home to advise the rest of the clan that Uncle Angus had passed away. The telegraph clerk told him the cheapest rate would be three dollars for a message of ten words. Old Mac sent this: Uncle Angus died yesterday. No Pain. Seven. Eight. Nine. Ten.

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Jan25 - Greece Rotary 26th Annual Ziti Dinner**  
Diplomat Party House [Elizabeth Richardson <drichar3@rochester.rr.com>](mailto:Elizabeth.Richardson@drichar3@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.

**6 February** – Wine & Cheese social at Lynn Freshman's home

**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** \*\*\*\*\*

**28 January: Gail Mulkeen, Pittsford Community Service Advisory Board (Greeter – John Bernacki)**

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**4 February:** Bill Bross – Director of Development for Mercy Flight (Greeter – Bob Vukosic)

**11 February:** Pat Mallery, his trip to Haiti and RYLA. (Greeter – Matt Wahl)

**18 February:** Speaker TBA (Greeter – Charlie Richardson)

**25 February:** Pittsford Fire Chief Jared Lusk (Greeter – Peter Crooker)

### HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

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

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

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

**The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York**

**1-800-867-0513 extension 388**

#### 2003-2004 Club Officers

President – Rick Haverty  
President Elect – John Bernacki  
Vice President – Pat Mallery  
Secretary – Jennel Dillon  
Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein  
Past President – Lou Christakos  
Sergeant-At-Arms – Frank Burns



#### 2003-2004 Board of Directors

Club Service – Bob Thompson  
Community Service  
Ray Robbins – Fund Raising  
Pete Crooker – Rochester Projects  
Lynn Freshman – Pittsford Projects  
Vocational Service – Chris Leone  
International Service – Bob Vukosic

# *A Taste of* Pittsford

Monday, March 15th, 2004

6:30 - 9:00 PM

*Presented by the Pittsford Rotary Club  
in cooperation with*

**Pittsford Village Business Association**

**Pittsford Chamber of Commerce**

*Hosted by* **Nazareth College**

If you love great food and wine, here's your chance to indulge your passion. Come and sample a wide variety of tempting dishes from Pittsford's award-winning restaurants, *all served in* Nazareth College's spectacular Shults Center.

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UNDER ONE ROOF**

**Don't miss this Culinary Event of the Season!**

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**A Rotary Fundraiser for local charities**