



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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FEBRUARY IS – "WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH"

Gail Mulkeen tells us about Community Service in our high schools - story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Gail Mulkeen, our speaker from Pittsford Central Schools, CJ Bullen from the Nunda Rotary, and Dion Jensen, our Rotary exchange student.

ATTENDANCE - reported by Russ Crook: 18 members, and 3 visitors / guests

MEMBER NEWS

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

Beans Bement and Bob Thompson send their best as they head off to their Rotary meeting in Florida. Bean's says it was 70°F but was going to cool down over night to 49°F! The skiing must be terrible!

Ray Robbins was away this week helping out his son, Jeff, who had recent shoulder surgery. We wish Jeff a quick recovery and Ray a safe trip back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL: Mark your calendar for a wine and cheese gathering at Lynn Freshman's home on Friday, Feb 6th at 7pm. It's a time for fun and getting to know new members and their spouses. Let Lynn know what appetizer you'll bring and the club will supply the wine.

A TASTE OF PITTSFORD: Did you see the ad in this week's Brighton-Pittsford Post? Hurry and get your tickets before they're all gone! Remember this will be a fun night with good food, good music and no other sales (raffle tickets, etc.). The \$40 ticket covers everything!

CAL-MUM VALENTINES CELEBRATION: Cal-Mum is the home club of our Assistant District Governor, Mary Lou Coene. It's on Valentine's Day at 7pm - Jones Hall on route 36 in Caledonia. If anyone has any items for the silent auction as a donation and a way to support this endeavor they would appreciate it.

NAZARETH ROTARACT WEB SITE: Did you know that the Nazareth Rotaract Club has a web site. Stop in and take a look sometime... <http://www.jason-richardson.com/rotaract/> . Once there you can check out photos of their Valentines Day project at the Friendly Home.

FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: Lynn led us in a rousing (for 7:00am) version of "You're a Grand Old Flag." George M. Cohan wrote the song for his 1906 stage musical *George Washington, Jr.* It was introduced to the public in the play's first act on opening night, February 6, 1906, in New York's Herald Square Theater. It was the first song from a musical to sell over a million copies of sheet music.

SPEAKER: Gail Mulkeen, Career Internship/Service Coordinator for Pittsford Central Schools. Responsible for grades 6-12

Service Learning is an educational methodology that connects classroom curriculum with community needs. Students are involved in projects that require the application of knowledge, skill and systematic reflection. Pittsford School District believes its students are worthy citizens capable of giving of themselves. The Community Service Program provides students the opportunity to learn beyond the classroom. They also gain social responsibility, build self-esteem, become aware of community needs, learn problem solving, attain a sense of belonging and become successful, productive members of society. During the students junior year credit is given for hours accumulated since 6th grade. Presently the senior class has 35,000 community service hours logged.

Every year a grant is passed to fund some of the community projects. That grant is now up to \$50,000. There is a Community Service Advisory Board that consists of adult volunteers (8 representative from 8 different Pittsford Schools). The board usually determines district wide projects (no fund raising projects). A favorite project is stocking the Pittsford food cupboard. Every school has a different item. It's been so successful that every classroom now has a different item to stock every month. It involves everybody and there are tours to the food cupboard by the kids to see what happens to the items and how the process works. After the projects are completed there is a reflection period on how the children feel about what they are doing. There is even a dance at the end of the year.

Here is the icing on the cake. The program is so well run and successful that when seniors apply for college a very big plus is the community service recommendation. After all, colleges want their graduates to become successful, productive members of society and Pittsford Schools have laid a very fine foundation. Thanks Gail for sharing your morning with Pittsford Rotary.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: President Rick fined Bruce Spector today! It was Bruce's 51st birthday and by gosh he happened to have a check for \$51 made out to the RI Foundation in his pocket. Bruce took up Ray Robbins on his challenge for all members to do the same on their birthdays. Thanks Bruce!

On to the Happy Dollars – Peter Crooker gave \$2, one for not wearing his pin, and one for Gail's great presentation. Peter started plowing snow last night at 11:30 pm and hasn't been home yet! Matt Wahl gave a happy dollar today for tubing with 25 kids. Helmut Albrecht takes his US/NY driver's test today (the conditions are perfect). Helmut sent a note later indicating that the dollar he gave was indeed happy as he passed his test. Dion Jensen showed off his international coat with buttons and stickers from everywhere. Charlie Richardson gave for getting a great inspiration from Gail on doing an athletic shoe drive to help pave the track at Camp Haccamo.

50/50 WINNER: Peggy Albrecht (who bought three tickets) was drawn first but didn't pick an ace. Ray Cornelius drew second but also missed the ace (there are only three in the deck now). The pot grows for next week.

ROTARY INFORMATION: Our club's Centennial Committee will be coming forward soon with their recommendations. In the meantime, here are examples of what some other clubs are doing... Neenah, Wisconsin Rotary builds a playground structure at Malher Park.

The Rotary Club of Scott Valley, California, an area experiencing 15% unemployment, raised \$35,000 to help fund a new ambulance. Their 1979 and 1990 Ford ambulances each had catastrophic mechanical failures in the last year. Their labor consisted of fund raising with everything from a door-to-door campaign to Bingo games at the seniors home.



Juneau, Alaska's downtown club has decided to build an open-air picnic structure – to take advantage of the balmy weather no doubt.

The East Haddam, Connecticut club will be donating 100 books to its elementary school. Each year in elementary schools children are taught the meaning of numbers through tracking the school days as they pass. On the hundredth school day celebrations and special events happen to emphasize the meaning of the number 100. On the 100th day of school (January 2005) the school district will be given, in a public

assembly, 100 books related to countries around the world that have Rotary.

One Friday morning last March, 18,000 Krispy Kreme doughnuts arrived in Oswego, N.Y., town of 18,100. By noon, not a crumb remained. The glazed doughnuts were clearly a good choice for a Rotary Centennial project fundraiser. The Rotary clubs of Oswego and Oswego Sunrise raised \$3,750 with the breakfast sale to renovate and expand the town's historic library, which has seen few changes in its 147 years, other than an exterior restoration 30 years ago. The project is a perfect way to link Rotary history with community history for the Centennial.

And from Guildford District, UK – a club that has boxing matches for fundraisers...



Rotary Centennial Whiskey

The specially commissioned malt whiskey, to commemorate the Rotary Centenary can now be ordered through the District Foundation Officer.

A bottle is but £18.75 each (+ carriage) with a full £1.50 going to Rotary Foundation and credited to the Club's Foundation Annual Giving contribution. If you wish more detail or to purchase a bottle, please contact our representative on the District foundation committee, Peter O'Keefe:

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: If we had no winter, the spring surely would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. - **Anna Bradstreet**, poet

JUST FOR FUN: From Bob Thompson...

The most destructive habit.....Worry	The most dangerous pariah.....A gossip
The greatest Joy.....Giving	The world's most incredible computer.....The brain
The greatest loss.....Loss of self-respect	The worst thing to be without..... Hope
The most satisfying work.....Helping others	The deadliest weapon.....The tongue
The ugliest personality trait.....Selfishness	The two most power-filled words....."I Can"
The most endangered species.....Dedicated leaders	The greatest asset.....Faith
Our greatest natural resource.....Our youth	The most worthless emotion.....Self-pity
The greatest "shot in the arm".....Encouragement	The most beautiful attire.....SMILE!
The greatest problem to overcome.....Fear	The most prized possession..... Integrity

The most effective sleeping pill.....Peace of mind The most crippling failure disease.....Excuses The most powerful force in life.....Love	The most powerful channel of communicationPrayer The most contagious spirit.....Enthusiasm
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And a little levity too...

To celebrate 50 years of marriage, a couple booked a weekend at St. Andrews. On the third tee, the husband said, "Darling, I have to confess something. Twenty years ago I had a brief affair. It meant nothing. I hope that you can forgive me." His wife was hurt but said, "Dearest, those days are long gone. What we have now is far more valuable. I forgive you." They embraced and kissed.

On the seventeenth tee the wife said to her husband, "Darling, I've been thinking about it and since we're being honest with each other, I have something to tell you. Fifty-two years ago I had a sex change operation, I was a man before we met." The husband threw a fit! He cursed, threw his driver away, broke the rest of his clubs one by one, and tore at his clothes, screamed and ranted, "You liar, you despicable cheat How could you? I trusted you, and you have been playing off from the lady's tee all these years!"

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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** *****

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

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


- 18 February:** Speaker TBA (Greeter – Charlie Richardson)
- 25 February:** Pittsford Fire Chief Jared Lusk (Greeter – Peter Crooker)
- 3 March:** Club Evaluation Committee – round two. (Greeter – Ray Robbins)
- 10 March:** Speaker TBA. (Greeter – Ken Smith)
- 17 March:** Speaker TBA. (Greeter – Peggy Albrecht)
- 24 March:** Tony Sciolino, Tony resides in Pittsford, and is a member of Rochester Rotary. He is a family court judge and presides over the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. (Greeter – Jim Cameron)
- 31 March:** Speaker TBA. (Greeter – Jim Murphy)

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
<p><u>2003-2004 Club Officers</u> 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</p>		<p><u>2003-2004 Board of Directors</u> 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</p>

Rotary Club of Pittsford Meals policy (V 2.1.2004)

This policy covers regularly scheduled club meetings. The fees are subject to change, but are current as of this writing.

MEMBERS: (All Rotarians including active members, honorary members, and visiting Rotarians)

All members attending a regularly scheduled club meeting where breakfast is served will be required to pay the full \$10.00 meeting fee (unless they have paid in advance on the pre-payment option). Breakfast is to be ordered off the special "ROTARY" menu only. The \$10.00 charge covers the cost of the room, one 50/50 ticket, coffee & juice, and a meal ordered off the "ROTARY" menu.

Any member wishing to forego the meal may still attend the meeting and will be responsible for a meeting charge of \$5.00. The \$5.00 charge covers our cost of the room, one 50/50 ticket and coffee and juice.

SPEAKERS: The invited speaker from outside our club is a guest of the club and their full meeting fee is covered by the club's operating budget.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: The club will cover the full meeting fee for the first meeting attended by an invited prospective member. All subsequent visits by the same person will be charged at the full rate.

GUESTS: Any guest (family or friend), other than a prospective member on their first visit, invited by a club member is charged a full meeting fee – paid for by the guest or the member at that member's discretion.

EXCEPTIONS: Special guests, or guests of the club may, on occasion, have their meeting fees paid for by the club. These are guests at the discretion of the club president and a waiver of their fees requires the club president's consent prior to the meeting. Typically, all visits by the inbound Exchange student we sponsor are included. Guests from Interact, Cub Scouts, or other groups we support may be included as well. It's also not unusual for an invited speaker to bring a second person with them. Most of these require a judgment call based on the circumstances, number of people, and if we have invited them as guests for a club purpose.