



# The Accelerator



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**FEBRUARY IS – “WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH”**

## Pat Mallery works in Haiti and tells us about his experience and the people he met.

- story below



Haitian Children with chalked faces to look “white”

**VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:** David Doser, a Fairport Rotary Member and Dion Janssen.

**ATTENDANCE** - reported by Russ Crook: 31 members, and 2 visitors / guests

### MEMBER NEWS

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

Honorary member Marian Wilder fell and broke her hip. Her address is 61 Songbird Lane, Rochester, NY 14620 if you would like to send a get-well card. Best wishes for a quick recovery Marian.

Ed Francis did a make-up at the Wilmington Delaware Rotary Club and was given a club banner that he presented to our club this morning.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL:** Thanks to the hospitality of the Freshman's and for all the Rotarians and spouses that came, the wine and cheese (and just about everything else) party was fantastic!

**A TASTE OF PITTSFORD:** Get your money in for your tickets and bring along at least one or two other couples. This promises to be the first of many great Taste of Pittsford events and you'll be able to say you were at the first one. Remember the \$40 covers everything. The March 15<sup>th</sup> event is sneaking up on us.

**OUR WEB SITE:** New member Bruce Spector has been helping out Webmaster Bob Vukosic and our site is up to date. Check out the Taste of Pittsford ad, the club calendar, or any of the other content at: [www.pittsfordrotary.org](http://www.pittsfordrotary.org).

**FOUNDATION BOARD ACTIONS:** President Rick reported several actions taken at the last Foundation board meeting. A \$200 donation to DayStar to pay for a new vacuum cleaner was approved. So was up to \$200 for a commemorative banner for Cub Pack #2 in recognition of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with our support. The board also agreed to name Flower City Habitat for Humanity as the major beneficiary of the Taste of Pittsford with the first \$2,000 of profit and up to \$3,000 going to a Habitat project in Rochester. They further guaranteed the first \$2,000. The board also agreed to support payment of \$1,800 to round out a raffle prize for this year's golf tournament. Another \$1,800 is being donated by Golf Vacations Ireland - <http://www.golfvacationsireland.com/> and airfare is being supplied by American Airlines. The grand prize will be a golf vacation for two in Ireland – six night stay, three rounds of golf, rental car, and round trip airfare. The value of the trip will be over \$5,000. Tickets will be available beginning in April and will be sold for \$10 each.

**SNEAKER DRIVE FOR CAMP HACCAMO:** Charlie Richardson spoke to the people at Nike and found out they would provide a track made of recycled sneakers at Camp Haccamo. The catch is that Camp Haccamo – with the help of the fifteen Rotary clubs that sponsor it – needs to collect 100,000 sneakers. If you have any old shoes around the house save them for this drive! You have to hand it to Charlie for thinking BIG!

**WINTER IN ROCHESTER:** This photo is provided courtesy of Helmut Albrecht.. He took it along East Street – our adopted road clean-up street.



## FEATURES

### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** Lynn led the chorus of, “You are my Sunshine”

**SPEAKER:** Pat Mallery told us about his trip to Haiti in photos. The slide show included about 80 shots that had the club riveted to the screen. Pat was on the trip on behalf of his employer, LifeTouch. He helped build a school building while there with a group of volunteers. Pat provided the following information about Haiti during his talk...

#### Haiti

- Located between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic on the island of Hispanola. Haiti is situated on the western third with the Dominican Republic on the eastern two-thirds.
- The distance from Miami to Haiti (approximately 700 miles) is roughly the same as between Rochester and Atlanta.

- Haiti is about the size of Maryland and is right in the middle of the hurricane belt. Other problems include occasional flooding, earthquakes and periodic droughts.
- Haiti suffers from extensive deforestation and an inadequate supply of potable water. Much of the remaining land is being cleared for agriculture and the trees are being used for fuel (charcoal).
- It is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere.
- Haiti's official languages are French and Creole.
- 95% of Haiti's people are black, 5% are mulatto or white.
- 80% are Roman Catholics, 16% are Protestants and 4% other.
- 50% of the population practices Voodoo.
- 47% of Haitians over the age of 15 are illiterate.
- 70% of Haiti's 8 million people are unemployed and 80% live in "abject poverty".
- 42% of Haitians are under 14 years old, 54% are 15-64, 4% are 65+.
- The median age in Haiti is 17.9 years.
- The average daily income for a working Haitian is 80 cents.
- Parents pay \$40-100 per year to send their children to school.
- Both the U.S. and the European Union have suspended financial aid to Haiti in recent years due to issues related to the government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide

### Cap Haitian

- The second largest city after Port-au-Prince, Cap Haitian is located on a flood plain on the north coast of Haiti. It is surrounded by mountains to the east, south and west and the Atlantic Ocean to the north.
- 300,000 people live in Cap Haitian and the surrounding countryside.
- In general, there is no electricity, no running water, no sewer system, no garbage removal, no phone system, no refrigeration and no postal system. Roads are not paved; there are no traffic signs, no banks, no libraries, no public schools, no fire departments and no health care.
- Cooking is done outdoors over charcoal; clothing is washed outside and left to dry on whatever structure is available including cactus hedges.
- Most business is conducted at street side or along the roads.
- Buildings and homes in the city and suburbs consist of a concrete slab floor, cement block walls and a concrete slab or tin roof. Some are more than one story high. Most structures outside Cap Haitian are built using bamboo uprights through which strips of wood are woven and then covered with mud. Many are painted bright, contrasting colors with either tin or thatched roofs.
- Bottled or bagged water is available in the city. Those outside the city depend on water from wells or streams.

The pictures and stories Pat presented are too numerous to list in our newsletter, but they left a strong impression. Thanks Pat for sharing this extraordinary experience with us.



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** For the third consecutive week a fine was levied. This time it was Fred Gallina who is celebrated an undisclosed birthday. Still, he handed over a check for \$56 made out to the Foundation! Thanks Fred. It looks like Ray Robbins started a very positive trend when he put up his check several weeks back. **HAPPY DOLLARS** – Dion gave one for attending an International student conference in Hornell and for going on a ski trip with Bob Vukosic. Unfortunately Bob was involved with a minor auto accident on the way and taught Dion some new American words in cases of emergency. Ed Francis gave for the excellent presentation by Pat today. Dean LoBrutto gave because he has a new computer and was also involved in an accident (that Rick Haverty happened to witness). Roger Zaenglein paid \$2 for coming back from Hawaii. Jim Cameron's son Alex finished J term at the New Hampshire Primary and while he was there he was interviewed by MTV on his political views. There was no report of him losing any article or part of his clothing. His brother Maxwell also saw him on national television. Billy Pieper is back from a vacation in the Dominican Republic.

**50/50 WINNER:** Ray Robbins and Ed Francis had their numbers drawn, but neither pulled an ace from the deck. The pot will grow again for next week. By the way, Russ Crook wrote a check to the foundation in the amount of \$50 – the same amount he won in the 50/50 a few weeks ago.

**ROTARY INFORMATION:** A Wonderful Rotary Story...

Ray Cornelius noted the obituary of Rochester native Dr. John L. Pulvino. Ray pointed out how Rotary had made an investment in Dr. Pulvino and the payback to Rotary and the community was substantial. Here is the text of the obituary:

Pulvino, John L. M.D.: Clyde: Pulvino, John L. M.D., age 98, passed away on January 30th, 2004 at Newark-Wayne Community Hospital. He retired at the age of 91 from the practice of family medicine in Clyde for 62 years. He was a devoted husband, father, physician, community leader, Rotarian and believer in education. Dr. Pulvino was born in Rochester, New York on November 7, 1905 to Antonio and Sara Andolino Pulvino. He was a graduate of East High School in Rochester and received his B.S. degree from the University of Rochester in 1928. He then worked for a year to pay for his medical school education and graduated from New York University Medical School in 1933 with the assistance of a Rotary Scholarship. He completed his internship at Highland Hospital in 1934 and moved to Clyde with his wife, Dorothy, whom he had met as a nursing student at NYU. The Pulvinos had two children; A. Thomas and Marianne. Dr. Pulvino was president of the Board of Education when the main building for the Clyde Central School was built (Clyde-Savannah). World War II then interrupted the family life as he served 39 months in the Army Air Force and saw duty in the European Theater. He returned to Clyde in 1946 having achieved the rank of Major and having received the Bronze Star and five Battle Stars. He became a charter member of the Clyde Rotary Club in 1937 and was a Paul Harris Fellow. Dr. Pulvino and eight other physicians purchased the Lyons Community Hospital and turned it over to the community. He was a life member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, life member of the New York State Medical Society, Wayne County Medical Society and the American Cancer Society. Dr. Pulvino was a communicant of St. John-3/8s Roman Catholic Church in Clyde. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and a member of the American Legion and 40/8. He was a charter member of Wayne Hills Country Club. In 2002 he was inducted into the first Clyde Sports Hall of Fame for his many years of service. Burial will be in the spring in St. John's Cemetery. Those wishing may direct contributions to the John and Dorothy Pulvino Scholarship Fund at Clyde-Savannah Central School, 215 Glasgow St., Clyde 14433, St. John's Roman Catholic Church, 14 Sodus St., Clyde or to the Clyde Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box. 145, Clyde.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "I can resist everything except temptation." - **Oscar Wilde**

**JUST FOR FUN:** A few signs that have been reported...

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:

"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

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On another Plumber's truck:

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

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Pizza Shop Slogan:

"7 days without pizza makes one weak."

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At an Optometrist's Office

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

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On a Plumber's truck:

"We repair what your husband fixed."

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On an Electrician's truck:

"Let us remove your shorts."

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In a Veterinarian's waiting room:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

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## 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)
- **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** \*\*\*\*\*

**11 February: Bill Gross – Director of Development for Mercy Flight (Greeter – Matt Wahl)**

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**18 February:** Dr. George Eisen on "The relationship between Europe and the Unites States" (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:** Bob & Cindy Hunt – RYLA program in Malawi. (Greeter – Ken Smith)

**17 March:** Emerson Klees: Underground Railroad Tales With Routes Through the Finger Lakes Region. (Greeter – Peggy Albrecht)

**24 March:** Anthony Sciolino, family court judge - The Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. (Greeter – Jim Cameron)

**31 March:** Patience Long - Volunteers of America. (Greeter – Jim Murphy)

**7 April:** Speaker TBD (Greeter – Ed Francis)

**14 April:** Speaker TBD (Greeter – Russ Crook)

**21 April:** Speaker TBD (Greeter – Mary Alice Price)


**28 April:** Monroe County District Attorney Mike Green (Greeter – Bruce Spector)

### 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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