



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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

## Bill Bross talks about Mercy Flight

- story below

**VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:** David Doser from Fairport Rotary, our speaker Bill Bross, and Dion Janssen.

**ATTENDANCE** - reported by Russ Crook: 27 members, and 3 visitors / guests



### MEMBER NEWS

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

Dion visited the Honeoye Falls Club and brought back a banner for our club.

Ray Robbins made up at the Penfield club and brought back notices about an art auction and euchre tournament. The notices are posted in our announcements and have been added to the “Other Club / District Events” section.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 fast!

**WEB SITE CONTEST:** Bruce Spector added info about the Taste of Pittsford to our web site. He also added a hidden picture and promised a prize to the member who identified the picture first. Take a look at: [www.pittsfordrotary.org](http://www.pittsfordrotary.org) and see if you can find the hidden “holiday” picture.

**THE 2004 EDITION OF OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The date and location is set for this year's golf tournament. It will be held on Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> at Greystone Golf Club on Atlantic Ave in Walworth. In the next few weeks we will be pulling together committee members to support the tournament. If you have a particular interest please let Rick Haverty know. An addition this year will be the sale of raffle tickets in advance of the tournament. They will be priced at \$10 per ticket and include a grand prize of a golf trip for

two to Ireland. They will go on sale starting in April. Doug Emblidge is the tournament Chairperson this year.

**BY-LAWS VOTING:** Please remember that the club will be voting on our by-laws on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. A copy was sent with the newsletter several weeks ago. If you still need a copy or have major objections please contact Rick well in advance of that meeting.

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SIGN-UP:** A sign-up sheet for the District Assembly (March 27<sup>th</sup> in Bath, NY) was passed around at this morning's meeting. If you weren't present or missed the sign-up sheet and want to attend please let Rick know as soon as possible. Attendee names need to be sent in to the District along with our payment. Names on the sign-up list are: Gaven Hurley, Lynn Freshman, Helmut Albrecht, Peggy Albrecht, Ed Francis, Bruce Spector, and Pat Mallery. The assembly is open to all members. First year members and those elected to next year's board are strongly encouraged to participate.

**ROTARY FOUNDATION APPEAL:** Rick Juskiewicz spoke on behalf of the RI Foundation (not to be confused with our clubs foundation) and the ability donations give us to award Paul Harris Scholars. Do you know who our first and most recent Paul Harris awards were given to? Most recent was past president Lou Christakos. The first Paul Harris award made by the Pittsford Rotary went to John Branch.

**ART AUCTION:** The Penfield Lions Club is holding an Art Auction on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Penfield Food Shelf and Shepard Home. It will be at the Hospitality Party House on Rte. 441 in Penfield from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Ticket information – (585) 377-1905

**ST. PATRICK'S EUCHRE PARTY:** The Penfield Rotary Club will hold a Euchre party at Camp Haccamo on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Play begins at 1:00pm. There is a \$15 entry fee. A late lunch (4:00pm) will be served. Cash prizes, 50/50, drinks & snacks will be served. For tickets call Sean Patton – 381-1861.

## FEATURES

### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** Lynn's Valentines Week song..., "Let Me Call You Sweetheart "

**SPEAKER:** Bill Bross – Director for Development – Mercy Flight

Bill started off by explaining, "I am not a morning person!" He has been at Mercy Flight for ten years, as director for development, and is also member of the Canandaigua Rotary. Mercy Flight covers an area of 22 counties – Livingston to Steuben to 60 miles west of Albany, south to Binghamton and north of Massena. There are 3 choppers based in Syracuse, Seneca County, and Canandaigua. They have a mobile landing pad that can be set up where needed (in summer months it's near tourist attractions for instance). A recent addition is a single turbo prop plane for transportation from city to city. They are now breaking ground for a new hangar. 5,200 people have been assisted since 1991. Mercy Flight is one of two organizations in New York State that is certified. There are 350 like services in the US and only 97 are certified. Trained Paramedics and registered nurses are on 24/7 standby and ride on the helicopter that make the service a mobile hospital. The staff consists of level four paramedics, which is the highest level of support there is. Mercy Flight was started in Lyons, NY by a Vietnam vet.



Mercy Flight has had a roller coaster ride as far as keeping the organization afloat financially. Fund drives are done systematically in regions. 35% of funds come from private donations and the remainder from foundations and the United Way. Organizations such as Rotary can have an outing at the Hanger to see the facilities. Thank you Bill for being a morning person for one day and joining us at Pittsford Rotary.



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** President Rick had to leave the meeting at 8:00 this morning for a business meeting. He turned the gavel over to club VP Pat Mallery and fined himself two "scooter dollars" for leaving early. Rick will impose similar fines for anyone who needs to leave the meeting before the scheduled 8:15 from here on. Russ Crook gave \$2 for Pat Mallery's presentation last week and Lynn's wonderful party. Peggy gave because the Club's internet web site is great. Bob Vukosic gave to mention that Dion will be holding a can collection to raise money for a bus tour of the US (July 30 and 31). Pat Mallery gave \$2 dollars for the Special Olympic winter games & phone-a-thon that just took place. Pat also noted his good memories of Haiti and hopes the revolution comes to an end soon.

**50/50 WINNER:** The \$64 dollar pot will grow some more as Hank Ferris and Peggy Albrecht did not draw aces after having their ticket's pulled. Good luck next week! Get an extra chance by finding the hidden picture in our web site.

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

"Grandfather was an ambassador of good-will in the eyes of the youngster who sat at his table during his impressionable years; he never spoke evil of any man nor of any man's religion or politics." (My Road to Rotary, by Paul Harris, page 208, copyright Rotary International)

Obviously, Howard Harris, Paul's Grandfather had an incredible influence on Paul's life. Paul placed many precepts learned at Howard's knee into practice in Rotary. Historically we have high standards to live by as Rotarians. As Rotarians, your responsibility is to represent Rotary within your communities with dignity and high moral and ethical standards. Be aware of your responsibilities and practice them in all the things you, "think, do, or say."

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between political parties either-but right through every human heart." - **Alexsandr Solzhenitsyn**

#### **JUST FOR FUN: THE BULWER-LYTTON AWARDS**

As you may recall, Bulwer-Lytton wrote "The Last Days of Pompeii", which opens with the famous line "It was a dark and stormy night." Hence the contest. These are a few of the winners of this year's Bulwer-Lytton contest (run by the English Dept of San Jose State University), wherein one writes only the first line of a bad novel (which in this instance is probably more than enough!)

1. "As a scientist, Throckmorton knew that if he were ever to break wind in the echo chamber he would never hear the end of it."
2. "Just beyond the Narrows the river widens."
3. "With a curvaceous figure that Venus would have envied, a tanned, unblemished oval face framed with lustrous thick brown hair, deep azure-blue eyes fringed with long black lashes, perfect teeth that vied for competition, and a small straight nose, Marilee had a beauty that defied description."
4. "Andre, a simple peasant, had only one thing on his mind as he crept along the East wall: 'Andre creep... Andre creep... Andre creep.'"
5. "Although Sarah had an abnormal fear of mice, it did not keep her from eeking out a living at a local pet store."

6. "Mike Hardware was the kind of private eye who didn't know the meaning of the word 'fear'; a man who could laugh in the face of danger and spit in the eye of death -- in short, a moron with suicidal tendencies."
7. "The sun oozed over the horizon, shoved aside darkness, crept along the greensward, and, with sickly fingers, pushed through the castle window, revealing the pillaged princess, hand at throat, crown asunder, gaping in frenzied horror at the sated, sodden amphibian lying beside her, disbelieving the magnitude of the frog's deception, screaming madly, 'You lied!'"

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Feb 15-22 - International Assembly, Anaheim, CA**
- **Feb 23 - Rotary's 99th Anniversary**
- **Mar 06 - Polar Bear Golf Tournament** at Henrietta Town Park For info contact Fairport Rotary
- **Mar 06 - GUN RAFFLE - Canisteo Rotary Club Game Dinner** Somers Hall, Canesteo
  - Limited 600 tickets at \$10.00 per ticket  
[Click Here For Details](#)  
 Contact Bob Hollenbeck at 607-698-2950 or by email at [rhollenbeck@infoblvd.net](mailto:rhollenbeck@infoblvd.net)
- **Mar 07 - Rush-Henrietta and their Interact Club - 9th Annual Pasta Dinner**
  - The dinner will be held at the Rush-Henrietta High School, Lehigh Station Road (between Pinnacle Road and East Henrietta Road {Rte 15-A}) from Noon til 6 PM. A \$6.00 donation is suggested. Children Under 5 are free. Balloons, animals, face painting, raffles and entertainment make this a great event for the whole family.
  - Contact : [Norm Boughton <nbought1@rochester.rr.com>](mailto:nbought1@rochester.rr.com)
- **Mar 08-14 - World Rotaract Week**
- **Mar 12 – Art Auction** - The Penfield Lions Club is holding an Art Auction on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Penfield Food Shelf and Shepard Home. It will be at the Hospitality Party House on Rte. 441 in Penfield from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Ticket information – (585) 377-1905
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- **Mar 27 - District Assembly** Bath, NY @ Haverling High School, 8:45 am.

## 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

**24 July – Doug Emblidge / Pittsford Rotary Golf Tournament** at Greystone Golf Club.

# MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

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

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

**18 February: Dr. George Eisen on "The relationship between Europe and the Unites States" (Greeter – Charlie Richardson)**


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- 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.pittsfordrotary.org> - Our club's website

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

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