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FEBRUARY IS – “WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH”

Pittsford Fire Chief Jared Lusk and President Jeff Kocian ask us a favor.

- story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Our speakers Jared Lusk and Jeff Kocian of the Pittsford Fire Department were the only visitors today.

ATTENDANCE - reported by Russ Crook: 24 members, 1 Honorary member, and 2 visitors / guests

MEMBER NEWS

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

Jackie Swift is recovering nicely from knee surgery. She is at the Friendly Home and should be returning to her own home this week. She's in great spirits and should be "hopping" back to our meetings soon.

Charlie Richardson also spent a little time at Highland Hospital (down the hall from Jackie as it turns out) with an infection in his foot. He was up and back to our meeting on Wednesday even before we got to wish him a quick recovery! Charlie also made the Cub Pack Blue & Gold dinners this week (one on Tuesday night and the other on Friday).

Pete Crooker has recently returned from Florida where he attended a Rotary meeting with the likes of Beans Bement and Bob Thompson. He reported that they send their regards and hope we can see our grass soon! Just in case those snow birds are reading this, we're happy to report balmy weather and some serious melting of the ice cap!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TASTE OF PITTSFORD: "A Taste of Pittsford" is coming together nicely. The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce has put together many door prizes. Brian Marcellus secured two LPGA Hall of Fame passes. There will also be a subscription to the Brighton-Pittsford Post, a portrait sitting at Duncan Studio (courtesy of Rick Juskiewicz), interior design services, and many more. Please help promote this great cause and

sell those tickets. There are just over two weeks left! If you are not going to sell (or buy) your tickets please let Gaven know as soon as possible. We need to raise money, but we also need to have a good turn-out for the vendors who are donating their food and services!

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNER: Elthea King put together our first Dinner of the year for Ronald McDonald House on Monday night and it was a great success. Bruce Spector, Elthea, Lynn Freshman and Bob Vukosic were some of the participants. Another dinner is coming up Monday, March 22nd. Let's see if we can't get a whole new line-up of volunteers. It makes for a busy and fun evening.



FOOD CUPBOARD DRIVE – BRING A CAN OF VEGGIES THIS WEEK!: Pete Crooker noted there are some pretty severe shortages at the Food Cupboard. Elthea suggested that we all bring in a canned good to our next meeting. They are particularly short of canned vegetables (except for green beans). Gaven asked if monetary donations would be accepted as well – and of course they would. An employee of the cupboard told me they really appreciate purchased food though as it saves them the extra work. So if you forget a can, bring a buck, but try to remember a can.

HAPPY ROTARY BIRTHDAY: This past Monday Rotary International became older than most of our members – 99! President Rick wished the club a Happy Rotary Birthday.

UPDATE ON HAITI: Pat Mallery gave an update about the Living Hope Mission and the missionaries he visited in Haiti about a month ago. Meg Merzilus and her two children are US citizens (the children hold dual citizenship) and left the island on one of the last planes out. Wilbert stayed behind to care for their home and the mission. We wish them safety and a quick resolution to this crisis.

NEWSLETTER HELP: The newsletter staff could still use an extra set of hands or two to help take notes at our meetings. If we have enough people help out it would mean that no one would have to take all the notes at any given meeting and you may not even be asked to take notes at every meeting. Currently Jim Cameron is carrying most of the load. Bob Thompson splits the work when he's not in Florida and Ray Robbins helps out from time to time. Please let Rick know if you can help out.

FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: “You are my Sunshine” – how appropriate for a sunny February morning in Pittsford.

SPEAKER: Our speakers today were Jeff Kocian, President of the Pittsford Fire Department, and Jared Lusk, Assistant Fire Chief. Jeff began the talk with the business side of the department that he handles. A lot of what he does is recruit members, manage training, promote fire prevention and arrange the open house and other events. Presently the Pittsford Fire Dept. is all volunteer, but with time commitments changing, it might someday be a thing of the past. About a third of the members have been with the company for a long period. Last year the company fielded 1,050 fire or emergency calls. Typically 30-35 voluntary members respond to each call.



Jared Lusk continued with the presentation. He joined in 1986 and for four years was in the Explorer Fire Service. In 1999 he became a lieutenant and is now 2nd in command under the chief. Of those 1050 responses last year Jared went to 450 of them. Our Pittsford Rotary member Brian Marcellus is Jared's neighbor and can vouch for the number of times Jared hops in his car during the night. About 40-50 percent of calls are generated by security systems that are false alarms. Fire marshals can fine a resident

for unintentional false calls. You can help by maintaining your home equipment by doing things like keeping detectors clean and changing the batteries in smoke detectors. If smoke detectors are not in your house install them – they save lives. Every house should also have a fire extinguisher, especially in the kitchen. Do you have one? Another area responsible for a lot of calls is a clothes dryer. Make sure the dryer vent and screen are lint free, and that wiring is not impacted with lint. Carbon monoxide detectors are also something you should have in your home.

When a call is made the response time is usually 6-8 minutes. Most firemen are now CPR trained for emergencies. Jeff stressed it is hard to cancel a call - the motto like the field of dreams is “we will come.” Stress to kids that smoke detectors, obnoxious as they are, do not necessarily wake everyone up from a sound sleep. Questions asked were “has the fire department ever been sued?” Yes, but most of the cases are dropped because they are without merit. They also pointed out that children’s car seats are frequently installed incorrectly. The fire department will help with proper installation and it’s best to call ahead for an appointment. Many thanks to Jared and Jeff for taking time from their very busy schedules to talk to us.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: President Rick levied a \$1 fine on all members who were present last week and did not volunteer to help with the note taking. That would be everyone that was present! Matt Wahl paid \$2 as he was sporting a tan he got while in Hawaii. Ed Francis gave a buck for being late to the meeting. Don Henderson left the meeting early (Rick calls this his “scooter” fine), Don doesn’t know he’s been fined yet but will be charged \$1 next meeting. Bruce Spector handed over \$3 to celebrate the Ronald McDonald dinner success, and Charlie being back from his quick visit to the hospital. Pete Crooker gave \$5 for his trip to Florida, Jared’s great presentation (a past student of Peter’s), and a great basket ball game at Sutherland. Ken Smith is also recently back from Florida and gave a happy \$10. Jim Murphy gave a buck and noted that Donna Hepburn (a past Pittsford Rotary member and past president now in Phoenix) called to say hello. Russ Crook chipped in for a great Rotaract meeting. Charlie put in \$3. One to thank Russ for filling in for him at Rotaract, another for Jared’s talk, and a third because he’s glad not to be in hospital. His advice - don’t go there.

50/50 WINNER: Russ Crook and Bruce Spector had their tickets drawn but neither picked an ace from the deck (that only has three aces in it!). The pot will swell for next week – buy your extra tickets.

ROTARY INFORMATION: Don’t forget we’re voting on our by-laws on March 3rd. Here is an excerpt...

Article V Fees and Dues

Section 1 — The admission fee shall be \$ 25.00 to be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Section 2 — The membership dues shall be \$ 150.00 per annum, payable annually on or before the first day of July, with the understanding that a portion of each annual payment shall be applied to each member’s subscription to *THE ROTARIAN* magazine.

(Note: The subscription price of THE ROTARIAN as of 2003 is US\$12.00 per annum.)

Article VI Method of Voting

The business of this club shall be transacted by *viva voce* vote except the election of officers and directors, which may be by ballot.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “There is nothing harder than the softness of indifference. “ - **Juan Montalvo**

JUST FOR FUN: Thoughts To Ponder - from Jim Murphy’s dad Tom.

* Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

* If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea ... does that mean that one enjoys it?

- * If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- * Why do we say something is out of whack? What's a whack?
- * If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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, Canisteo
 - 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
- **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 12th 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
- **Mar 14 – St. Patrick’s Euchre Party** - The Penfield Rotary Club will hold a Euchre party at Camp Haccamo on Sunday March 14th. 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.
- **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** *****

3 March: Club Evaluation Committee – round two & Vote on by-laws. (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: Jerry Ciccone, Marketing Manager – Canadian American Transportation Systems will speak about the Fast Ferry. (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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