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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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MARCH 8-14 – is "WORLD ROTARACT WEEK"

Super Tuesday in NY and Super Wednesday at Pittsford Rotary. Round Two of the Club Evaluation and By-Laws are adopted.



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VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Jay Dutcher from Canandaigua Rotary, and Dion.

ATTENDANCE - reported by Peggy Albrecht: 29 members, 1 Honorary member, and 2 visitors / guests

MEMBER NEWS

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

Gerry and BJ Vesling have arrived in Palm Springs. Upon his arrival there Gerry opened his forwarded mail from the Pittsford Post office and was happy to find his March issue of Rotary Magazine. He also received Dave Ferris' March issue. We've kidded Dave about being a virtual member of our club because of all his visits, but didn't know he was moving in with the Veslings!

We've heard from Jackie Swift and her repaired knee. She's doing great and is recuperating at the Friendly Home. Jackie expects to be home soon (maybe by the time you read this issue) and back to our meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TASTE OF PITTSFORD TICKETS: Gaven reported that "A Taste of Pittsford" is coming together well. He made an urgent plea for members to either sell their remaining tickets or turn them back into Gaven or Ray. Unlike the Pancake Supper we have a limited number of tickets for this event and we need 100% of them to be sold. We'd also like to see 300 people show up on the 15th to make the event worthwhile for the food providers.

MORE TASTE OF PITTSFORD: Russ Crook donated a pair of RPO tickets for an upcoming Mozart concert valued at \$96 to add to the door prizes. The tickets are in the 8th row. Thanks Russ! Gaven has collected quite a few high quality prizes to help make the event even more fun. One member asked about

work duties the night of the "Taste." Gaven said our job is to sell tickets, promote the event, and make sure people show up. When you arrive that night, enjoy the event, thank the vendors and mingle. Everything else should be taken care of.

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: Pete Crooker reported that twelve members responded with 71 paper products and 33 containers of food for the food cupboard. He also gave them 3 gallons of maple syrup and 40 pounds of pancake mix that was left over from the pancake supper.

BY-LAWS APPROVED: The club voted (at long last) on the By-laws and they were approved with 28 votes for and one abstained. The by-laws can be viewed on our website by clicking on the Rotary Wheel.

HELP DION SEE THE USA: Dion has an opportunity to tour the US on a bus with a group of exchange students. The trip costs about \$2,500 and he's looking for a way to raise some money for it. Dion addressed our club to ask if we'd save returnable cans and bottles for him. One member suggested that instead of bringing the cans to a meeting, return them to Wegman's and bring the cash slips to Dion.

NEWSLETTER HELP: Does anybody read this??? 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.

DOUG EMBLIDGE GOLF SHAMBLE: We haven't forgotten our golf tournament. The committees will be formed right on the tail of the "Taste of Pittsford." This year's tournament will be held at a new location – Greystone Golf Club in Walworth.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE: This year's District Conference will be held in Valley Forge. Jay Dutcher from Canandaigua Rotary, the District Governors home club, came to our meeting to promote the conference. We will be sending both exchange students (Dion and Samantha) and we'll be helping to send four Interact students (their treasury pays half and we pay half). All members should have received information about the conference in the mail. Registration information is available on Terri Hall's website: <http://www.canandaiguarotary.org/TerriHall'spage.htm>

COMING NEXT WEEK: News from our Foundation and Club board meetings.

FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: Lynn led us in a round of "The Happy Wanderer" to help kick off her trip to Germany and Austria with Manny. Have a great time Lynn – just remember to get back in time for "A Taste of Pittsford."

SPEAKER: In lieu of a speaker today Mary Alice Price and Don Henderson conducted round two of our club evaluation. A survey was passed to each table and filled out by all twenty-nine members in attendance. The committee wants 100% participation and promised to dog members who were not at the meeting. To help collect data Bruce Spector volunteered to put the survey up on our web site. You can access it at: <http://www.pittsfordrotary.org/> then click on the Members Only Club evaluation link at the bottom of the page. The results will be compiled and made known within the next few months.



HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Don Henderson volunteered his “scooter” fine from last week before the meeting started. Mary Alice Price gave \$2 for her trip to a conference in San Francisco and another to Florida to visit her mother and celebrate Mom’s 75th anniversary. Rick Haverty gave a happy dollar for a happy daughter whose hockey team won their league championship in Batavia last weekend. Pat Mallery gave for his friends in Haiti who have remained safe during the unrest. Pat further mentioned the conditions there are very challenging. He also noted that the Salvation Army kettles manned by Interact during the Christmas season netted \$807. Peggy Albrecht gave \$2 for her trip to Florida and because her dog passed an obedience school test. No word on how Helmut did! Kevin

Lane gave a happy dollar for the Cub scouts holding a food cupboard drive in the next few weeks. Hank Ferris gave a happy buck for a great ski trip in British Columbia.

50/50 WINNER: John Bernacki’s ticket was drawn and he told Dion, “If I pick an Ace the \$35 pot is yours for your Trip Across America.” John picked an Ace!

ROTARY INFORMATION: Pittsford Rotary and the Rotary International Foundation
This week’s Rotary information provides some specifics about our club’s involvement – and performance – with the RI Foundation. Early this year we strongly promoted the theme – “Every Rotarian, Every Year.” The theme asks that every member make some sort of donation to the RI Foundation every year. We asked that you make that donation in any amount – from \$5 to \$5,000. Here’s where we stand as a club:

- As of March 1, 2004...
- All time giving (from or through our club) - \$67,751.75
- Number of Paul Harris Fellows – 40
- Number of Paul Harris Fellows who are currently active members – 21
- Number of members in our club – 47
- Current members who have made a contribution of any size – 29 or 62%
- Current members who have never made a donation – 18 or 38%

If you’re one of the 18, please help us close this gap to 100% participation. As I said, the size of the donation doesn’t matter – getting into the habit of making an annual donation makes a huge difference. You can make your donation online at www.Rotary.org or talk to Rick Juszkievicz. Please support Rotary and all that it does. The RI Foundation is not the same as our Pittsford Rotary Foundation. The latter is our club’s fund.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe.” - **John Henry Newman** (1801-90), English theologian and Cardinal

JUST FOR FUN: "A SENIOR MOMENT"
An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating; the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two elderly gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly." The other man said, "What's the name of the restaurant?" The first man knits his brow in obvious concentration, and finally said to his companion, "Aahh, What is the name of that red flower you give to someone you love? His friend replies, "A Carnation??" "No. No. The other one" the man says. His friend offers another suggestion, "The Poppy?" "Nahhhh, growls the man. You know the one that is red and has thorns." His friend says, "Do you mean a rose?" "Yes, Yes that's it. Thank you!" the first man says. He then turns toward the kitchen and yells, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

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OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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

22 March – Ronald McDonald House Dinner

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** *****

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: Marian Turner, Empire State Special Olympics (Greeter – Mary Alice Price)

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


5 May: Kevin Lane will fill us in on Cub Scouts (Greeter -)

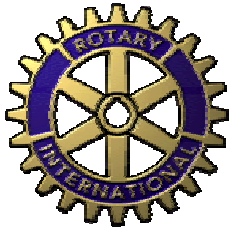
HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

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

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

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

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