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APRIL IS "MAGAZINE MONTH"

Patience Long, PR Director, tells us about the Volunteers of America



- story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Prospective member Mike Doughty, our speaker Patience Long, and Dion Janssen.

ATTENDANCE - reported by Helmut Albrecht: 27 members, 1 Honorary member, and 3 visitors / guests

MEMBER NEWS

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

This week the board of directors approved three new membership applications. Ray Robbins will be providing Rotary information to them as soon as he can arrange meetings with each. The prospective members are, Danny Harper – a Pittsford resident and vice president with The Rochester Group, Thomas Kremers, also a Pittsford resident and VP of Fulfillment and Director of IT for Small Business Systems, and Mike Doughty, Principle of Thornell Road School and a resident of North Chili. If there are objections to any of these individuals becoming members of the Pittsford Rotary club please notify the club president, in writing, on or before April 19th.

John Bernacki attended President-Elect Training Seminars (PETS), where he gained some insight beyond what he had learned in other leadership training classes. The lunch was great, too.

The following members attended the District 7120 Assembly in Bath, NY: Peggy and Helmut Albrecht, Charlie Richardson, Pat Mallery, Ed Francis, Lynn Freshman, Gaven Hurley and Bruce Spector. Pat Mallery led a session on Interact with dozens of people in attendance. There were five Interact members from Pittsford Sutherland and Pittsford Mendon participating as well.

We passed around a get well card for PDG Bob Gaffney, who is recovering from a quadruple bypass operation. Best wishes to Bob for a speedy recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FISHING DERBY AND FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA SIGN UPS: The Fishing Derby and Friedreich's Ataxia walk signups lists will be circulated at the April 7 meeting. The really good news is that these two events

are NOT on the same day this year. The Walk will be held on May 15th and the Fishing Derby a week later on the 22nd.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE: The annual District Conference is coming up the end of April. If you plan to attend please get your reservations in now! We have eight members from our club going along with five from Interact and our two exchange students. Overall attendance is looking very low right now and the district strongly encourages you to attend. Information is available on the district web site – www.rotary7120.org.



ROTARACT AT WORK: The Rotaract Club at Nazareth College is sponsoring a Relay for Life to be held at St. John Fisher College on the evening of April 2 through the morning of April 3, with donations benefiting the American Cancer Society. Charlie Richardson encourages us all to contribute to this fine event. During our meeting \$90 was collected to help them out – thanks Pittsford Rotary!

GREAT RAFFLE TO HELP DION SEE THE USA: Dion Janssen is running a raffle to help earn his trip across the US. The top two winners will receive up to eight hours of yard work (or other chores) by Dion. How can you pass this one up? Tickets are \$2 or three for \$5. There are three stubs at the bottom of this week's newsletter that you can clip and use. Dion will get you as many as you want!

WINE & CHEESE EVENT AT NAZARETH: Helmut Albrecht noted that the Taste of Pittsford might have set a trend. The Nazareth College Center for International Education will sponsor "The Finest Wines and Cheeses of the World" on May 1 at Medaille Hall, Nazareth College. This "black tie optional" event costs \$45 per person, rsvp by April 23 to global@naz.edu or 585-389-2371.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD TO BE GIVEN BY PITTSFORD ROTARY: Pat Mallery announced the first annual community service award which will be given to someone in our community but not in our club, who exemplifies the Rotary motto, qualities and best practices. This has been approved by our Board of Directors. The Selection Committee is the Director of Vocational Service, the Director of Community Service and the club Vice President and President. Entries should be submitted by May 1, with the honoree and a guest to be invited to our club's change-over dinner in June where a plaque will be presented.

PAUL HARRIS NOMINEES (AND DONATIONS) NEEDED: Rick Juskiewicz asked us to think of nominees for a Paul Harris Award, and to contribute toward the \$1000 club requirement per award. He noted that this award has never been given to a non-club member, and the introduction of the community service award (described by Pat Mallery) will likely address the non-member issue.



CALLING PAST PRESIDENTS: The last two week's we've published information about two of our past presidents – Lou Christakos (2002-2003) and Elmer Michael (1945-1946). Now we need your input. Can you provide a story or some facts about your year or that of another past president? Photos are always welcome as well.

POSITIVELY PITTSFORD AND RCP: Our club was asked if we'd like to participate in the Positively Pittsford event this year by supplying chalk for the sidewalk art contest. We would also act as judges and help direct people away from walking on the artwork. This activity was approved at the April 1st board meeting. Funding will be brought to the Foundation Board at its next meeting. The cost will be under \$300.

NEWSLETTER HELP THANK YOU & SUGGESTION: Thanks and a tip o' the hat to Bruce Spector for stepping up and helping with note taking this week. Bruce suggested that we make it a rotating weekly assignment – perhaps to that week's greeter? Not a bad suggestion as it would certainly spread the load. We'll start this week with Ed Francis.

FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: Lynn had us sing America

SPEAKER: Patience Long from Volunteers of America

Most people mix Volunteers of America up with the Salvation Army. Volunteers of America was started in New York City in 1896 and in Rochester in 1901. There are four distinct programs in Rochester - Residential Services, Children's Services, Community Outreach, and Retail and Recycling Operations. The Children's Services is the fourth largest day care provider in Rochester, serving 260 children a day. For more than 100 years VOA has offered shelter, food, clothing, compassion, care, love, and support for those who are suffering.

Most all the programs offered provide a chance for renewal and an opportunity for those in need to become self-sufficient. VOA operates nine retail centers, which enable people from all income levels to purchase household items at affordable prices. The revenue generated from sales is used to support VOA's human service programs. Community Outreach extends a hand to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Some of the services are crisis assistance; clothing closet; interpreters service; holiday food and toy baskets; Adopt-A-Family Program; and the scholastic book program.

Rotary members who want to help can call for pick-up of clothes or household items, donate a car, or simply provide financial help. An upcoming event is remembering "Mamas". It is a Mother's Day event for those who don't have families nearby. It will be held at Logan's Party House, where 250 women will enjoy a brunch. Bus service is available. Rotaract at Nazareth College is involved with the VOA Children's Center. Thanks to Patience for spending a morning with the Pittsford Rotary Club.

HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: A few scooter fines that will be collected next week – Peggy Albrecht, Rick Juszkiewicz, and Elthea King. Chris Leone gave a sort of happy sort of sad dollar. It was his Grandmother who passed away, not his mother as reported last week. Pat Mallery gave \$5 for the five activities Interact has going on this weekend. John Bernacki gave a happy dollar for Chris Lawrence who just purchased Zornow's Funeral Home. Peter Crooker gave three sports dollars – the first because Gerry Vesling got a hole in one in California, the second for his Alma Mater U of Maine getting into the Frozen Four playoffs, and the last for those damn Yankee's who got their butts kicked in Japan (of course they won the next day). Rick Haverty dropped a buck to congratulate Mary Alice Price for receiving the "Educational Leadership Award" from the Rochester Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.



50/50 WINNER: John Bernacki and guest Mike Doughty had the lucky numbers, but no aces were drawn. Next week's pot will climb to over \$80. Buy extra tickets for extra chances to win!

ROTARY INFORMATION: Elmer Michael – President of the Rotary Club of Pittsford (1945-1946) Elmer J. Michael of Pittsford, N.Y., was named recipient of the United States Golf Association Green Section Award, presented for distinguished service to golf through work with turf grass. Mr. Michael was Golf Course Superintendent at the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y., from 1929 until his retirement in 1965. The award was presented by Wm. Ward Foshay, of New York, USGA President, and Henry H. Russell, of Miami Beach, Chairman of the Green Section Committee.

Mr. Michael began his career in 1918 as an assistant to his father at the Park Club of Buffalo, NY, which was built on the site of the Pan-American Exposition. A few years later Walter J. Travis redesigned the city course and, at the age of 22, Mr. Michael was put in charge of construction. He supervised the work of 40 men. He remained at this course until 1925, and from there went to Transit Valley Country Club, East Amherst, N.Y., until he moved to Oak Hill. Mr. Michael was among the earliest superintendents to

recognize the value of creeping bentgrasses for putting greens. He planted the East Course at Oak Hill to a strain of bentgrass that he discovered on grass plots that were abandoned after the Pan-American Exposition.

He also designed and installed an irrigation system for both the East and the West Courses at Oak Hill. Mr. Michael trained numerous men who are now working as golf course superintendents throughout the country. He is a member of the USGA Green Section Committee and of several turfgrass organizations, including the Finger Lakes Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He served as Mayor of Pittsford from 1956 until 1960 with no interruption to his duties at Oak Hill. He is a past President of the Pittsford Rotary Club and an Elder in the Pittsford Presbyterian Church. Mr. Michael is the seventh recipient of the Green Section Award. Previous winners were Dr. John Monteith, Jr., of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson, of Amherst, Mass.; O. J. Noer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Joseph Valentine, Ardmore, Pa.; Dr. Glenn W. Burton, of Tifton, Ga., and Professor H. Burton Musser, of State College, Pa.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "As long as you're going to be thinking anyway, THINK BIG." - **Donald Trump**

JUST FOR FUN: A few military quips...

"Aim towards the Enemy." - **Instruction printed on US Rocket Launcher**

"When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend." - **U.S. Marine Corps**

"If the enemy is in range, so are you." - **Infantry Journal**

"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed." - **U.S. Air Force Manual**

"Try to look unimportant; they may be low on ammo." - **Infantry Journal**

"Tracers work both ways." - **U.S. Army Ordnance**

"Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid." -- **David Hackworth**

"Any ship can be a minesweeper... once." - **Anon**

"Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you." - **Your Buddies**

"If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him." - **U.S.A.F. Ammo Troop**

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Apr 24 - Brockport Rotary Club 13th Annual Italian Festa Dinner** - Ziti & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls Coffee & Dessert. Live Entertainment Continuous Serving 11:30 am - 5:30 pm. Brockport Elks Lodge 4400 Sweden Walker Road (Rte. 260) Proceeds to disabled children & community projects in Brockport, New York. Adults \$6.00 Under 5 Free Contact Norm Knight @ 585-638-5371
- **Apr 24 - German Fest at Camp Haccamo, East Rochester Rotary** - Starts at 6:00pm. The cost is \$20 per person and it includes dinner, wine, beer, or soft drinks, plus entertainment. The money will be used to support our exchange students and our centennial project. For more information and ticket request call Volker Hausin 381-5485 or Joyce McChesney 670-9749
- **Apr 30-May 04 - 2004 District Conference -Valley Forge**
- **May 16 - Rotary Day at the Ball Game honoring Bill Farrell**
 - Tickets will be available from your club ball game rep and if you don't have one tell your club president to contact Norm Boughton at nbought1@rochester.rr.com or by calling 315-986-3141.
 - Bill Farrell was a member of the Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club and served the children's camps of Monroe County by serving as the first President of what is now the Wegman's LPGA presented by Lincoln-Mercury, after Rotary took it over. Bill also served as President of the Red Wings

- **May 22 - Brighton Rotary's First Golf Tournament**

- Ravenwood Golf Club, Victor. Shotgun start at 12:30 - For details and printable entry form [click here](#).

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 May – MDA Friedreich’s Ataxia “**Walk to seek a Miracle**” – 8:30 am Nazareth College - 424-6560

22 May – 7th Annual **Fishing Derby**

13 June – **Positively Pittsford.** Sidewalk art contest.

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** *****

7 April: Jerry Ciccone, Marketing Manager – Canadian American Transportation Systems will speak about the Fast Ferry. (Greeter – Ed Francis)

14 April: Joe Hossenlopp of Camp Haccamo (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 – Bob Vukosic)

12 May: Club Assembly – Evaluation results and discussions (Greeter – Chris Leone)

19 May: Paul Spiegel will speak about the history of South Main Street (Greeter – Lynn Freshman)

26 May: Kathleen Carrol of the St. Louis School (Greeter – Gaven Hurley)

2 June: Interact Presidents will address our club (Greeter – Fred Gallina)

9 June: No Meeting – please attend the LPGA work night

16 June: Changeover Dinner – no morning meeting

23 June: LPGA WEEK – No Meeting


30 June: TBD (Greeter – Elthea King)

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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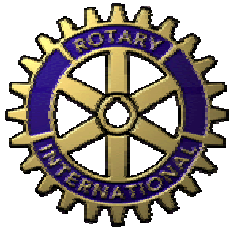


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