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**APRIL IS "MAGAZINE MONTH"**

## Joe Hossenlopp from Camp Haccamo - story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Assistant District Governor Mary Lou Coene, Dave Dozer (Fairport), Tom Welgen (Fairport), Emily McGrath (Interact), and Thomas Gunter-Kremers (prospective member).

ATTENDANCE - reported by Bill Pieper: 24 members, 1 Honorary member, and 5 visitors / guests

Picture (right) Joe Hossenlopp with Charlie Richardson at Camp Haccamo Fireman's Band concert in 2003.



### MEMBER NEWS

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

Induction of prospective members Dan Harper, Thomas Kremers, and Mike Doughty, is planned for April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA WALK SIGN UPS:** Please get your sign-up sheet in to president Rick or send a note indicating that you are interested in participating. The walk is on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sara and Laura Ferrarone are Pittsford residents. They are the daughters of Bob & Margaret Ferrarone. The girls are 16 and 13, and they attend Pittsford schools. It was 9 years ago that Sara was diagnosed with a rare neurodegenerative disorder named Friedreich's Ataxia (FA). Friedreich's Ataxia (FA), is a genetic disorder which afflicts about one in 50,000 people; symptoms include impairment of vision, hearing and speech, scoliosis, diabetes, a serious heart condition, and loss of coordination in the legs and arms. The onset of symptoms is usually in childhood. Most are wheelchair bound. Sadly, Sara has been in a wheelchair since the third grade. It wasn't long after this diagnosis that Bob & Margaret began to see the same symptoms in their younger daughter, Laura. Although Laura can still walk, she is beginning to show the many signs of the disease and it has already robbed her of the ability to run, ride a bike, and even write legibly.

Sadly, there are no treatments or cures at this time. Due to the relatively small population affected by this disease, however, funding through traditional sources has been limited. Some very impatient and involved parents have formed a non-profit organization called the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA). Their goal is to bring researchers together to collaborate and integrate their findings ensuring that every avenue is being sought. FARA also provides financial support to these prominent researchers from around the world. You can help with your participation in the May 15<sup>th</sup> walk.



Sara and Laura Ferrarone

**DISTRICT RED WINGS GAME – MAY 16<sup>th</sup>:** This year’s game is much earlier than usual – May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see Rick Haverty for your tickets (\$8.00 each).

**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. See Dion.

**PAUL HARRIS NOMINEES (AND DONATIONS) NEEDED:** Gaven Hurley reminded us that Paul Harris nominees and donations are due. We only have TWO checks in so far. Checks can be made out to the Pittsford Rotary Foundation and given to Rick J. or Roger.



**INTERACT FLOWER SALE:** Emily McGrath from the Interact club stopped by to tell us about their annual flower sale. Forms were passed out and more will be available at next week’s meeting. All forms will need to be in by our meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Buy some for your mom, your honey, or just to spruce up your house. The baskets are huge and only cost \$15. This is a major fund-raiser for the Interact club so please support them.

**LPGA PUTTING CONTEST:** Brian Marcellus talked about the LPGA putting contest. There are two teams already formed. See Brian if you’re interested in forming a third team. It is Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> and costs \$300 per team (which is a donation of course).

**AUGUST ROTARY CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF:** Mary Lou Coene brought a video about the Beach Boys concert at Finger Lakes Performing Arts Center planned for August 14<sup>th</sup>. Each club has been allocated 200 tickets to sell, help, help, me Rhonda. Proceeds go to the six Children’s Rotary Camps. She also reminded us that the District Conference in Philadelphia is coming up. The deadline is over but you can still register on-line.

## FEATURES

### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** Lynn led us in a rousing chorus of “You are my Sunshine.”

**SPEAKER:** Joe Hossenlopp Camp Manager at Camp HACCAMO

Joe provided a 15-minute presentation on Camp HACCAMO. The presentation highlighted the many events that occur at the camp for disabled children each summer. He discussed that over 360 kids benefit by staying at Camp HACCAMO each year. The camp is free to all campers. Applications can be obtained on-line at

<http://www.rotary7120.org/camphaccamo>

The Camp offers two 2-week sessions and several 1-week sessions starting on June 28<sup>th</sup>. There is at least one full time (24-hour) nurse on duty during the sessions. The nurses are paid to provide critical care to the campers, and deliver medicines. The camp counselor to camper ratio is 1:2. The camp counselors are paid \$1,600 (starting) for the summer. The counselors are typically college students interested in gaining valuable experience in interacting with disabled children. Joe said that the camp is a wonderful place to get experience. The camp never has trouble recruiting counselors. Camp counselors teach patience, responsibility, understanding, and communication skills to the campers.

Some of the activities the camp counselors organize include:  
Dancing to Paul Stowle - Fishing/boating - Counselor talent show - Carnival

A number of area Rotary Clubs choose to hold some of their meetings at the Camp. Rick Haverty added that Pittsford Rotary holds two events at the camp each summer. These include the Fireman’s Band

Concert and a Carnival. Last summer the Carnival highlighted a Velcro wall, which was a big success with the Kids. Rick also added that Camp HACCAMO is the largest single recipient of financial support from the Pittsford Rotary Club (PRC). Each year, PRC budgets about \$3000 in support of the camp.



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** Jerry Vesling is back and was fined \$10 for his magnificent hole in one! He also gave \$5 for taking a long and wonderful cross-country trip – the third such trip for he and BJ. Mary Alice Price was seen in the newspaper and gave a dollar. It seems like Mary Alice would be in the paper most weeks, maybe we should ease up on her? Elthea King gave a happy dollar because she is going to Bermuda. Gaven Hurley gave a dollar because, “What the heck, it’s the anniversary of Bill Haley and the Comets tune, ‘Rock around the clock.’” Roger Zaenglein pitched in because he had his grandchildren visit over the break. Ed Francis gave because he joined the homeowner’s association. Frank Burns gave just a happy, happy dollar.

**50/50 WINNER:** Elthea King and Ken Smith had their numbers pulled, but alas neither was able to draw an ace. The \$121 pot will grow some more for next week! Did you know you can buy extra chances for only \$1 each?

**ROTARY INFORMATION: Past Presidents – continued... Harry Womeldorf (1967-1968)**

Harry began employment with Kodak in 1948 as a Technical Sales representative in Indiana. In 1951 he moved to Texas. After five years he and his wife returned to Pittsford. They raised two children, a girl Ann, and a boy Jim. Ann is now in Cincinnati with her husband and daughter who is in her second year at the University of Iowa. Son Jim is a social worker in Montrose, Colo.

Harry’s outside activities included fly-fishing, skiing, boating and woodworking. He is a past president of the Pittsford Rotary Club, and an Elder in the Pittsford Presbyterian Church. He has served on several citizens committees for Pittsford schools and the town. Since retirement in 1983 he has volunteered with the Red Cross, The Eastman House, Geva Theatre and the Ronald McDonald House. He is currently a board member of the Pittsford Food Cupboard.



Harry hangs out with Pat Mallery at the 2003 Kids Fishing derby.

When Harry joined Pittsford Rotary in 1957 they met in the basement of the old Methodist Church (across the street from Hicks & McCarthy). The club moved to the United Church about 1958 or so. It met there until sometime in the 70’s. In 1970 Harry moved to Brighton and joined the downtown club. He re-joined Pittsford again in the 1991-1992 year. Eight years ago Harry was the impetus behind our annual Kids Fishing Derby. He has also served as our club photographer. Medical issues keep Harry from attending our morning meetings these days, but he remains active at almost all of our other activities.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax." - **Albert Einstein**, *scientist*

**JUST FOR FUN:** Sunday school...

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

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A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

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A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one.

The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor's wife."

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

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A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

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A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Apr 24 - Brockport Rotary Club 13th Annual Italian Fiesta Dinner** - Ziti & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Coffee & Dessert. Live Entertainment and 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](mailto:nbought1@rochester.rr.com) or by calling 315-986-3141.
  - Bill Farrell was a member of the Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club and helped 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

**16 May** – District Red Wings Game – Frontier Field

**22 May** – 8<sup>th</sup> 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** \*\*\*\*\*

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

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**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

[NAZARETH ROTARACT](#) - Rotaract

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