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**APRIL IS "MAGAZINE MONTH"**

## Marion Turner and Alberta Bennett talk about Special Olympics - story below



Marion Turner at a recent Special Olympics event

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Speakers Marion Turner and Alberta Bennett, visiting Rotarian Chan Coyle from Steamboat, CO, Dan Harper and Jim Doughty - prospective members, and Dion Janssen.

ATTENDANCE - reported by Jim Kubarek: 26 members, 1 Honorary member, and 6 visitors / guests

### 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> – next week!

Peggy Martin was back this week. She has completed her undergraduate degree during her hiatus from Rotary this past year. She was happy to be back and we were thrilled!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTERACT FLOWER SALE – April 28<sup>th</sup>:** These hanging plants are ideal for Mother's day (May 9<sup>th</sup>), making up with your sweetie, or just dressing up your porch for spring. The last opportunity to order will be at this week's meeting – April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have an order form you can get one from Pat Mallery. If you picked up a blank and didn't use it, bring it back. They cost the Interact club \$0.15 each to have printed.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE SPRING CLEAN UP – May 1<sup>st</sup>:** We will be cleaning up the yard on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers should sign up with Peter Crooker - the more the merrier and quicker! We will work from 8:00 am to about mid-morning.

**FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA WALK – May 15<sup>th</sup>:** 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>. We only have a couple of people signed up so far.

**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 or Ray Cornelius for your tickets (\$8.00 each).

**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FISHING DERBY – May 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Don't miss this event! The smell of the dew, the trickle of the stream, the insatiable need for coffee! We start at 6:00am and the fishing is judged by about 10:00. It will be held (as always) at Powder Mills Park ski lodge.

**PAUL HARRIS NOMINEES (AND DONATIONS) NEEDED:** Rick Juskiewicz asked for additional donations to the Rotary Foundation (checks payable to Pittsford Rotary Foundation) so we can sponsor one or two Paul Harris awards this year. Include your nomination(s) with your check. He also spoke about Rotary Community Corps. Find out more about RCC in this week's Rotary Information section.

**DON'T FORGET SAINTS PLACE:** Lynn Freshman made an appeal for donating items to Saint's Place. They need living essentials for immigrant families who arrive here with virtually nothing. Linens, pots & pans, and furniture top the list. Peter Crooker has a trailer that can transport any large items.

**CAMP HACCAMO AUCTION:** To help raise needed funds Camp Haccamo is planning to hold an auction in July (scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup>). Charlie Richardson announced that the location will be the ex-Viking International store in Henrietta. Carol Ritter is signed up to be the auctioneer. All fifteen Rotary clubs that support the camp are expected to participate. Charlie also asked that you save your old sneakers! There will be a sneaker drive later this summer to help provide material for a new track at Camp Haccamo. Nike sponsors the program.

**FOUNDATION VOTES:** The Club Foundation met immediately following the regular meeting this week. Key votes taken follow. Increase funding for cub pack banner from \$200 to \$250 – approved. Set Habitat for Humanity donation to \$2,500 (based on Taste of Pittsford fund raise) – approved. Provide funding for sidewalk chalk for Positively Pittsford art contest (NTE \$300) – approved. Establish a \$1,000 service award (scholarship) at Nazareth College – approved. Move \$600 (10% of the net from Taste of Pittsford) into the permanent fund – approved.

## FEATURES

### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** Lynn led us in a verse of "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover." When asked why she was a month late (with the song) Lynn replied that it had all the elements of spring; sunshine, rain, and roses in the lane.

**SPEAKER:** Marian Turner was the guest speaker, representing Empire State Special Olympics. Marian's laryngitis provided Alberta Bennett (Associate Development Director, Empire State Special Olympics) the opportunity to speak on her behalf. Alberta is new to the Special Olympics, having started in February. She derives great inspiration from the wonderful athletes. In one event, Alberta received more hugs than she had received in years. The athletes' oath says it all, **"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."** In 1963, Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a day camp in her back yard, which has grown to an organization of over one million athletes in 160 countries. Special Olympics athletes range in age from 5 years old to 86 years old. Locally, 3,200 athletes from eleven counties participate in twenty sports. The Special Olympics is not a once-a-year event, but instead is a collection of fifty-two events throughout the year. All funding is from local sources, including a yearly gala/auction/dinner/presentation,



Special Olympics basketball team – April 2004  
Catch a smile!

a golf event at Cobblestone Creek in August, and Spike's Hike on May 29. Also, Alberta explained that some funds are raised through sponsoring of teams and specific athletes.

Marian and Alberta presented a video showing athletes in action.

After the video, Gaven Hurley asked how athletes get introduced to the Special Olympics. Alberta replied that this happens through referrals from thirty-five schools and agencies in Monroe County, such as Life Time Assistance, BOCES and ARC.

On June 5, 600 athletes will participate in a track & field event at RIT. Interact groups will participate in the event, and all are welcome to volunteer.

Pat Mallery described the Winter Games event in which he participated with a group of Interactors. They were assigned to take the athletes from P.S. 4 through the different events. This is less of a competition and is instead focused on having a fun day for the athletes. Pat stated that when we participate in the Special Olympics, we get more than we give. At the beginning of a foul-weather day, Pat and the Interactors were not sure what would happen and how it would go. At the end of the day, they were all certain that the Special Olympics was exactly the place they should have been. His one regret is not continuing to link up long-term with the students from P.S. 4. Pat encourages all of us to take part in the Special Olympics, to get involved, and to truly get back more than we give.

Thanks to Marian Turner, Alberta Bennett and Pat Mallery for their enlightening discussion.



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** Charlie Richardson gave \$2 because his tooth is back (no details), and his son Jason is incoming president of Rotaract Club of Nazareth College - congratulations Jason! Fred Gallina gave because the new courthouse opens today, more cases, more parking, more tickets, less crime! Rick Haverty gave a sad dollar because now Fred can process speeding tickets faster. Bruce Spector gave because his daughter is a Lacrosse goalie and so far no injuries – because she stayed out of the way of the ball. Peggy Martin gave because she's glad to be back. Dion Janssen gave a buck to thank his host family for putting up with him for 8 months and for taking him to Florida on vacation last week.

**50/50 WINNER:** Gaven Hurley's number came up first, but he drew a deuce from the deck. Charlie Richardson's number came up second and he picked the only ace in the deck. The \$142 pot went to Charlie and he proceeded to make a \$100 Paul Harris donation! A great gesture Charlie – thank you.

### **ROTARY INFORMATION: ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS...**

For nearly a century, Rotarians have been putting the motto *Service Above Self* into action, using the resources of Rotary International and their club members to make a difference in communities around the world. For every Rotarian who is passionate about the call to serve, there are countless communities around the world that desperately need help. Yet these communities don't merely want a handout; they seek long-term solutions that community members can implement themselves. An excellent way to foster enduring community development is to sponsor a Rotary Community Corps (RCC), a team of non-Rotarian men and women from the community who want to spur long-term economic development and self-sufficiency. Under the guidance of a sponsoring Rotary club, RCCs can address drug abuse, crime, illiteracy, hunger, pollution, inadequate housing, and other problems that plague their communities. RCCs can work wherever they're needed. Any challenge in any community can be addressed by an RCC.

Perhaps the greatest asset of the RCC program is its flexibility. Geographic location has no bearing on the feasibility of RCCs — they are appropriate anywhere non-Rotarians and Rotarians want to work together to address a pressing concern. An RCC may comprise an entire village or community, or a smaller group within it. And because RCCs are both rural and urban, their usefulness is universal and reflects the diverse communities in which they serve. Consider the possibilities of what an RCC can do in your own or in any adopted community worldwide:

- Establish a literacy center or a tutoring group at a local school or library
- Set up a clinic for people who cannot afford regular health and dental care
- Train unskilled workers so they can find better jobs
- Organize teams to clean up local parks and highways.

To be truly effective, RCCs must consist of active participants who can mobilize to articulate, design, and carry out their own plans for change. Organizing an RCC involves a major commitment from the sponsoring Rotary club, but in time, Rotarians oversee projects less closely as corps members become increasingly independent. And as corps members take on ever-greater responsibility, real community development is achieved and sustained. You can read the entire Rotary Community Corps handbook at - <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/770en.pdf> .

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." - **Sally Koch**

**JUST FOR FUN:** Things I've learned from my children (Honest and No Kidding):

1. A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2,000 sq. foot house 4 inches deep.
2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
3. A 3-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42-pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a superman cape. It is strong enough, however, to rotate a cat.
5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
6. The glass in windows (even double pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
7. No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
8. Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
9. VCR's do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.

A young couple invited their pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having.

"Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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.

- 1 May – Ronald McDonald House Clean up – 8:00am – 11:00am
- 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** \*\*\*\*\*

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


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

<http://www.rotary7120.org/> - Our District  
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<b>FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2003-2004)</b>		
Chair – Matt Wahl (6/30/05)	Other Voting Members:	Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)
Club President – Rick Haverty (6/30/04)	Ray Cornelius (6/30/05)	Jim Murphy (6/30/06)
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