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**APRIL IS "MAGAZINE MONTH"**

## Monroe County District Attorney Mike Green - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Sarah Ferraroni and Liz Merrill to speak about the Friedrich's Ataxia Walk. Past District Governor Glen and Diana Balch from the Scottsville Rotary Club. Guest of Charlie Richardson - Kevin O'Grady. Bill Ruoff of the Webster club. Todd Welgen of the Fairport club. Speaker District Attorney Mike Green.

ATTENDANCE – We didn't make time for the attendance announcement, but it was a very crowded place today.

### MEMBER NEWS

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

Beans Bement and Bob Thompson were back in their seats as they both returned from Florida this past week. Welcome back boys!

Bob Vukosic wasn't with us this morning because he was attending the funeral of his father-in-law. Our sympathies to Bob and Angie.



New members Thomas Gunter-Kremers, Mike Doughty (with Lynn freshman), and Dan Harper (with Glen Balch)

We have three great new Rotarians this week. We witnessed the inductions of Dan Harper, Thomas Gunter-Kremers, and Mike Doughty. PDG Glen Balch was on hand to sponsor Danny Harper of The Rochester Group. Lynn Freshman sponsored Thornell Road School principal Mike Doughty. Rick Haverty sponsored Thomas Gunter-Kremers, owner of Small Business Systems. Thomas also sported his Rotary exchange student blazer. He had spent a year in Australia (and the jacket still fit!)

Helmut and Peggy Albrecht will be leaving our club. Helmut has been transferred to Toronto. We're very sad to see them go, but know their Rotary spirits

will soar up north. Perhaps we could start a club-to-club event with their new club (once they find one)? We were lucky to have them pass our way. Best wishes Helmut and Peggy!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Peggy Martin, Helmut & Peggy Albrecht at 275 house (photo by Bruce Spector)

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE SPRING CLEAN UP** – On Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> four Pittsford Rotarians took part in the yard clean-up at the 275 house. Helmut & Peggy Albrecht, Bruce Spector, and Peggy Martin took up arms with rakes and made the yard sparkle. Thanks to the four of you for representing us well.

**INTERACT FLOWERS:** If you ordered flowers don't forget to pick them up on Saturday morning May 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be at Pittsford Sutherland High School (rear bus loop).

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP on May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Peter Crooker announced a May 8 date for clean-up on East Street between Rout 96 and the town line. Time: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Plan to sign-up at next week's meeting. We will meet by little league fields C and D on East Street.

**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. Sara Ferraroni paid us a visit this morning to ask for our help. There are three ways we can participate; you can join the walk, make donations to support walkers, or volunteer to help with any of the walk organizers duties (cross-walks, parking, clean-up, etc.)

**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.

**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 AND SNEAKER COLLECTION ON HOLD:** The Camp's board hasn't approved either the field or track projects as yet. They have the say in whether these projects can go forward or not. For now we are taking no actions regarding these projects.

## FEATURES

### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**SPEAKER:** This week's featured speaker was Mike Green, Monroe county District Attorney. Rotarian Ray Cornelius introduced Mike and acknowledged him as an excellent trial attorney and thanked him for

his commitment to public service. We are proud to have Mike, his wife Karen and two children as Pittsford residents.

Mike has devoted 17 years to working in the District Attorney's office with dedication to working on behalf of the community, victims and their families. About 70-74 attorneys work in the office and address 30,000-35,000 cases per year. Of these, around 25,000-30,000 are misdemeanors and the rest are felonies. He explained that plea-bargaining is used as a tool to prioritize cases. In studying cases brought forward to the department, they find that some cases are very strong and others unravel. The job of the District Attorney is to find out what happened and prosecute as appropriate. He provided excellent examples of why some cases are plea-bargained.

Currently, the District Attorney's office is working on some cutting edge projects. For example, they are studying ways to reduce the homicide rate by using a collaborative model involving multiple agencies in analyzing trends and other factors across homicide cases. Experts from RIT and Harvard have been brought in to work on this project. Ultimately, a unique plan has been devised to address individuals and groups involved in illegal behaviors by bringing them in, warning them of consequences, and providing them with alternatives to crime. Then if a crime is committed, the entire group involved in the incident is sought out for consequences on a fast tracked court process. In these cases, they do not allow plea-bargaining. While it is too early to make a judgment about the impact of this approach, it is notable that there were no gun assaults for eight weeks.

Mike ended his talk by emphasizing that to reduce crime, his office is working to address the problems that give rise to crime: child poverty levels, low graduation rates, and absence of supportive family structures. By addressing these problems, we provide people with avenues to crime free living. Mike answered Rotarians' questions about insurance fraud before leaving. Thanks to Mike Green for spending time with Pittsford Rotary and for a very informative presentation.



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** Peggy Albrecht gave \$20 happy / sad dollars because Helmet is being transferred to Toronto. They will be in and out for the next couple of months but will be moving this summer. Tom Gunter-Kremers gave \$2 because his business, Small Business Systems, is doing well, and because he became a member of a great club. Mike Doughty gave because Governor George Pataki visited Thornell Road School (and thought he was in Erie County). Beans Bement gave a sad dollar because he misses the Florida sun (good news Beans - it's not good for your skin anyway). Jackie Swift gave because she's happy with the progress of her new knee – and so are we! Jerry Vesling gave a buck to announce that a second putting team for the LPGA has

been formed. Roger Zaenglein gave a happy dollar for the new look of the newsletter – he's not listed as club Treasurer any more! Of course Roger is the Club Foundation treasurer – a lifetime assignment according to Foundation chair Matt Wahl. Jackie Swift pledged \$20 for the Freidrich's Ataxia walk.

**50/50 WINNER:** The 50/50 pot is back to \$21 after Charlie Richardson's big win last week. Things were tense when Charlie's ticket was pulled first again this week! Alas, Charlie didn't pull the ace. That gave Jackie Swift a chance, but no ace there either. The pot thickens! Pete Crooker was quick to point out that Charlie had purchased extra tickets – proving that math works.

### **ROTARY INFORMATION: From Glenn Estess' "Twelve Steps To Rotary's Centennial"**

#### **#7 -- CENTENNIAL HISTORY BOOK**

A beautiful 354-page book has been written and published by Rotarian David C. Forward called, "A Century of Service – The Story of Rotary International." This colorful historical publication is now on sale for \$25. Many Rotarians will want to secure a personal copy of the book, as well as additional copies to place in local libraries. The story of Rotary would also make a nice gift to college, university and high school libraries. Each club should anticipate where the Centennial History Book should be donated.

Glenn E. Estee, Sr. is the 2004-2005 Rotary International president elect.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "If Columbus had an advisory committee he would probably still be at the dock."  
- Justice Arthur Goldberg

**JUST FOR FUN:**

1. **Andy Rooney on Vegetarians.** Vegetarian - that's an old Indian word meaning "lousy hunter."

2. **Andy Rooney on Prisoners.** Did you know that it costs forty thousand dollars a year to house each prisoner? Jeez, for forty thousand bucks apiece I'll take a few prisoners into my house. I live in Los Angeles. I already have bars on the windows. I don't think we should give free room and board to criminals. I think they should have to run twelve hours a day on a treadmill and generate electricity. And, if they don't want to run, they can rest in the chair that's hooked up to the generator.

3. **Andy Rooney on Fabric Softeners.** My wife uses fabric softener. I never knew what that stuff was for. Then I noticed women coming up to me, sniffing, then saying under their breath, "Married!" and walking away. Fabric softeners are how our wives mark their territory. We can take off the ring. But, it's hard to get that April Fresh scent out of your clothes.

4. **Andy Rooney on cripes.** My wife's from the Midwest. Very nice people there. Very wholesome. They use words like 'Cripes' 'For Cripes sake,' who would that be; Jesus Cripes? The son of 'Gosh' of the church of 'Holy Moly'? I'm not making fun of it. You think I wanna burn in 'Heck'?

5. **Andy Rooney on Grandma.** My grandmother has a bumper sticker on her car that says, 'Sexy Senior Citizen.' You don't want to think of your grandmother that way, do you? Out entering wet shawl contests. Makes you wonder where she got that dollar she gave you for your birthday.

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **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.
- **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.

**8 May – East Street Road clean-up.** 8:00-10:00am. Meet at Harbecker Field

**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 – Powderhorn Lodge**

**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** \*\*\*\*\*

**5 May: Kevin Lane will fill us in on Cub Scouts (Greeter – Bob Vukosic)**

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**12 May:** Club Assembly – Evaluation results and discussions. Also Linda Morely will visit with Foreign Exchange students. (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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