



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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**INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN ROTARY**

## Paul Spiegel speaks about Main Street History - story below



Our 2004 Fishing Derby winners!

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Bobbie Gardner from the YMCA, a prospective new member. Kurt Fay, a guest of Ed Francis who purchases raffle tickets from Ed at every opportunity. Brian Haan, a prospective member and friend of Russ Crook who works at Kodak. Dave Ferris from the Fairport Club. Our speaker, Paul Spiegel.

ATTENDANCE – 33 Members, 1 Honorary member, 1 visiting Rotarian, and 5 guests.

### MEMBER NEWS

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

The Board of Directors has received an application for membership from Kevin O'Grady. Kevin lives in Rochester and works in Pittsford at O'Grady & Associates, Inc. He is a Cub Scout committee member and past Den Leader. Kevin is a founding member of the Webster Village Business Improvement District (BID). He is also on the board of directors of the Pittsford Village Green Property Owners. If any member has an objection to Kevin becoming a member of this club, please submit your reason(s) in writing to the club president on or before May 25, 2004.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FISHING DERBY – MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Another fantastic success. Here is a report from Derby Deputy Peter Crooker... The 2004 Derby Day was overcast and perhaps helped hold our registrants down to 142 (40% girls). Twenty-four Rotarians turned out, 21 actually helped out (editors note: in Pete's words, "you know who you are."). 1000 yearling fish were placed in the stream on Thursday, and 53 were reported caught by the children that had fish measured.

Winners: Grand Prize: Sam DeBiase, age 5, of Pittsford, 11 1/4 inches. Boys First: Brett Furstbauer, 6, Webster; Boys 2nd: Antonio Tivera, 7, Gates. Girls First: Amber Hord, 8, Pittsford; Girls 2nd (tie): Danielle Privitera, 9, Rochester and Mggie Benson, 9, Brockport.

Surveys showed: For 2/3 of the entrants, it was their first time at the derby; The great majority learned of



A Family of happy anglers

the derby through the D&C, with posters, PTSA email Newsletter and Rotarians being the other most frequent sources. (zero reported either radio or TV) Anglers were from 23 different towns, with 46 from Pittsford, 25 from Rochester, and as far away as Geneva, Newark and Mt. Morris.

Many positive comments – The Hatchery sold 14 Riedman Foundation shirts. Fly tiers were up for doing it again next year. Donated lures were available for kids to select. Robin Crook - Russ' better half - was super at the measurement table, working with Matt "The Ruler" Wahl. Second event in President Rick's term in office where the coffee WAS NOT READY when the event began -0 it's time for a change! (Editor's note: President Rick agrees!)

Great Rotary support. Please forward any suggestions for improvement to the derby committee. A number of photos are posted on our website – [www.pittsfordrotary.org](http://www.pittsfordrotary.org) . Unless you have broadband internet they will take some time to download.

**FRIEDRICH'S ATAXIA WALK – MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>** : Thanks to all who helped out. Sara Ferraroni and her sister led the walk. Pat Mallery brought pictures from the walk to the meeting.

**DISTRICT RED WINGS GAME – MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>** : There was fun and baseball lore for all who attended. Terri Hall turned over the "first pitch" duties to incoming District President Charlie Clemens. There were only three members from our club at the game and it was poorly attended by the District as a whole. This has been the trend in recent years. Perhaps it's time to find a way to pump it up or maybe just drop it?

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE NIXED:** Judge Gallina advised us that **neither Rotary nor Kiwanis** are invited to walk in the parade this year. So, please **do not show up** at 9:30 a.m., at Sutherland High School. The judge will appeal this decision by the town.

**MATT WAHL on PARADE:** There was an excellent story on Matt Wahl in the local newspaper. He and Suzie were the subject of almost an entire section. Did anyone count how many times Matt mentioned Rotary in the article?

**BLAST FROM THE PAST:** Harry Womeldorf gave Peter Crooker a scrapbook from 1995-1996, Elthea King's year as the Club President. There are pictures from activities throughout the year. If anyone has historical pictures or memorabilia, please give them to Peter Crooker. On a related topic, Elthea noted that a ceremonial flag raising used to occur each morning, and the flag was lowered at sundown. She suggested that we consider taking up that duty again.

**LPGA AND CHANGEOVER:** Brian Marcellus has rescheduled the LPGA working work night for Wednesday evening June 16<sup>th</sup> (the night after our change-over dinner). This means we will be having a regular meeting on June 9th. Please see the calendar.

**THE DISTRICT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** will be held at 7 p.m. on August 14 at the Finger Lakes Performing Arts Center <http://www.rbt1.org/html/flpac.htm> , with \$12 lawn seats available through each local Rotary club. We can order as many lawn seats through our club as we like, with one check from our club to be sent to the District by June 1. Please get your requests in by May 26<sup>th</sup>!

**GATHERING OF EAGLES:** Pat Mallery told us about an all-day event at R.I.T. on June 5, with many activities for Interact members. Also, Pat noted that Harry Longfellow P.S. 36 will remain open in the coming year, and we hope to provide school supplies for these students.

**INTERACT:** Interact presidents will address our club on June 2, describing their accomplishments for this year. Let's all show them our support.

**GOLF RAFFLE TICKETS:** Some of the tickets have been sold already. Get yours sold and the money turned in as soon as possible. If you didn't get tickets or need more just ask Rick. The trip being raffled is for a six-night stay in Ireland for two. It includes round trip airfare from Rochester to Shannon, lodging, daily breakfast, three rounds of golf, and a rental car. If the winners are non-golfers, the trip can be a sightseeing trip. Extended stay at the winner's expense is also possible. The trip must be taken within one year of the golf tournament.

**CAMP HACCAMO WISH LIST:** Please note the list attached to this week's newsletter.

**FOOD CUPBOARD:** On Monday, June 7, Pete Crooker will be driving food from the Post Office to the Pittsford Food Cupboard, and stocking the shelves. The food will have been collected in bags provided to local residences by postal employees. Lend a hand to Pete and help move the food to the cupboard.

## FEATURES

### THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

**MUSIC:** We sang "America".

**SPEAKER:** Our speaker this morning was longtime Pittsford resident, historian and former town supervisor, Paul Spiegel. Paul has written a series of books on Pittsford history and currently speaks to local groups who are interested in learning about Pittsford's intriguing past. Today, Paul spoke to us about the history of some of the buildings in the vicinity of our current Rotary meeting place - in particular, the Hicks and McCarthy building.

What is presently the site of Hicks & McCarthy began being used as an Episcopal church in the year 1846. The church used the building for 20 years before building a new church elsewhere in the village. In 1887, a 4500 lb. bell and a clock were given to the new church and Paul spoke of the difficulty of trying to photograph the huge bell from inside the bell tower. After the church left their original building, the location became Roger's Meat Market and carried on business there for many years. Paul told us how Rogers' son, Hiram, lost a finger there while working at the meat market and later went on to become a minister. In 1913, the original Hicks & McCarthy restaurant took over the location. Paul remembers going to Hicks & McCarthy to listen to the radio there, as his family didn't have a radio at home. His family always knew to find him there when they needed to locate him.

Next to the Hicks & McCarthy building on one side was a cigar and candy store. On the other side of the building (in what many of us call the Burdett's building because the grocery store was located there for 50 years) was a boarding house/hotel/grocery that was owned by Jim Armstrong beginning in the 1870's. He later added a large hall upstairs, called Armstrong's Hall, where dances, dinners and political rallies were held for many years. In 1905, Pittsford's first gas pumps were installed in front of the building. Paul told us about a colorful Pittsford resident named Burt Wiltsey. He was physically a big man as well as a "big man" about town and owned one of the first automobiles in Pittsford. Paul said that Burt used to like to go on 3-day binges and would buy 5 gallons of gas for a dollar, then drive around town until he ran out of gas and his car stopped. At this time, he would put his head down and go to sleep. Pittsford residents at the time were very familiar with this sight.

After his talk, Paul answered other questions about Pittsford history and promised to come back another time with a slide show. He was a delightful speaker and we'll be sure to have Paul back again to speak to us.



**HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES:** Peggy Albrecht is recently returned from Florida where she was visiting her parents; also Helmut has met his sales quotas in Canada. Ed Francis gave \$2 to pay off a fine and to welcome his guest Kurt Fay. He noted that Kurt always buys the Rotary raffle tickets that Ed has to sell. Matt Wahl was in the paper and gave a happy dollar. Jackie picked up the Krispy Kreme donuts a week too early for fishing derby and paid a fine. Rick Haverty gave a buck because Jackie dropped off the early donuts at Ford Field for the Little Leaguers (and Rick's daughter's team – which is surprising not the

Rotary team!) Peter Crooker went to ball game and sat with Rick Haverty and Ray Cornelius (who had a Yankees hat on near Peter!).

**50/50 WINNER:** The pot is up to \$95! Bob Vukosic and Peggy Albrecht had their tickets drawn (Peggy noted she had purchased extra tickets) but they drew no aces. The pot thickens.

**ROTARY INFORMATION: WOMEN IN ROTARY...**

"Women have brought new life to Rotary. Every club that has female members is more active, more committed, has more vitality than those without. It took us too many years to realize we were wrong. Women will help steer the future of Rotary in a very exciting direction; and with so many women in business and the professions now, we have unlimited opportunities for growth there."

*Carlos Canseco 1984-85 Rotary International President  
Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico*

A significant event took place 17 years ago in May 1987, which dramatically changed the future of Rotary International. It was the controversial acceptance of women into Rotary membership. There is no doubt that every club that has female members is more active, more committed, has more vitality than those without. Women have helped to steer the future of Rotary in a very exciting direction

*Eddie Blender  
Past District 5470 Governor  
Vail-Eagle Valley Rotary Club*

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "The ultimate test of a man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard." - **Gaylord Nelson**

**JUST FOR FUN: What is Love?**

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

1. "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8
2. "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4
3. "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4
4. "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)
5. "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6
6. "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6
7. "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - age 4
8. "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget," Jessica - age 8

And the final one -- a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

**OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS**

- **Jun05 - Antique Show** at Perinton Park (Fairport Rotary)
- **Jun12 - 1:00pm - *Bring the family to see Shrek 2-at the Second Annual Rotary Family Day at the Movies***
  - 1:00pm at the West Wayne Theatre in Macedon thanks to the generosity of PDG Ralph Kommer.
  - **Shrek 2** is probably the most anticipated kids movie of 2004, a movie suitable for the whole family so please save the date.
  - **Tickets: \$5.00 (All money goes to Polio Plus)**
- **Jun14-18 - Council on Legislation, Chicago, Illinois, USA**
- **Jun14 - Annual Greece Rotary Charity Golf Tournament** Ridgemont Country Club, 3717 West Ridge Road, Greece, NY , 14626. Registration begins at 11:00am, with lunch at 11:30am and a shotgun start time at 12:30pm. Proceeds from the tournament will again benefit the Greece Little League - Challenger

## 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.

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

**15 June – Changeover Dinner** at Locust Hill – Cocktails at 5:30 PM dinner at 6:00 PM.

**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 contact Lynn Freshman for scheduling.

\*\*\*\*\* **NEXT WEEK** \*\*\*\*\*

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

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

**9 June:** Our exchange student, Dion Janssen (Greeter – Thomas Gunter-Kremers)

**15 June:** Changeover Dinner – no morning meeting on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**16 June:** LPGA Clean-up night – 5:30 at Locust Hill

**23 June:** LPGA WEEK – No Meeting

**30 June:** TBD (Greeter – Elthea King)

# Donations Needed For Camp Haccamo!

**Camp Haccamo is a non-profit organization that provides summer camp free of charge to children and young adults with developmental disabilities. At the current time we are in need of the following donations:**

- Used clothes in good condition (All sizes, male and female; shirts, pants, jackets, shoes, shorts, socks, etc.)
- Used formal wear (suits/dresses)
- Children's/Family Video Tapes (G & PG)
- Used Blankets/Sheets/Pillows
- Old toys (toddler-adolescent)
- Board Games
- Puzzles (Especially ones with 25 or less pieces)
- Compact Discs (All kinds of music, especially children's and pop)
- Instruments (Any and all you wish to get rid of)
- Musical Toys for small children
- Books (Picture books, children's stories, and young adult novels)
- Old Halloween Costumes
- Old X-Mas/Halloween Decorations
- Arts & Crafts Supplies (Glue/scissors/ glue guns/fabric/old magazines/ paintbrushes/markers/crayons/stickers, and anything else you can think of will be put to good use)
- Sports Equipment
- Fishing Poles
- Old computers
- Children's computer games
- Any kind of party decorations/balloons/ birthday candles
- Anything else you can think of, feel free to run by Erik or the other directors
- NOTE: We're looking for things that you already have lying around the house that we can put to good use. We're not looking for you to go out and buy anything. Thanks again!

If you have any questions feel free to contact Erik Horton at Camp Haccamo during the following business hours: Wed. 4-6, and Sat. 12-4. Feel free to leave a message as well. Myself and the other directors, as well as the campers, thank you for your generosity.

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Lend a Hand

**HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:**

<http://www.rotary.org/> - Rotary International  
<http://www.pittsfordrotary.org/> - Our club's website

<http://www.rotary7120.org/> - Our District  
**NAZARETH ROTARACT** – Rotaract

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President Elect – John Bernacki  
Vice President – Pat Mallery  
Secretary – Open  
Treasurer – Jim Kubarek  
Past President – Lou Christakos  
Sergeant-At-Arms – Frank Burns



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Ray Robbins – Fund Raising  
Pete Crooker – Rochester Projects  
Lynn Freshman – Pittsford Projects  
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International Service – Bob Vukosic

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**FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2003-2004)**

Chair – Matt Wahl (6/30/05)	<i>Other Voting Members:</i>	Gaven Hurley (6/30/06)
Club President – Rick Haverty (6/30/04)	Ray Cornelius (6/30/05)	Jim Murphy (6/30/06)
Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein	Gerry Vesling (6/30/04)	Hank Ferris (6/30/04)

2004-2005 members – term starting 7/1/04 and ending 6/30/07: Brian Marcellus & Don Henderson