



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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This Week's Reporters: Jim Cameron and Jerry Gambino

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Today's Rotary Team: President Lynn Freshman, Set Up: Paul Stuart, Gail Donofrio, Ray Robbins and Elthea King, Greeter/Invocation: Ric Juskiwicz, Collection & Attendance: Malcolm Bugler, Happy Dollars: Peter Crooker, Song: "America the Beautiful".

Our Program: Len Stratham, Partners in Community Development

Attendance: Speakers Len Stratham, prospective members Don Kimball, Robin Kreinsen, Nadine Parson, and Deborah Foster, RYE students Julia and Chiara, Mary Erturk from Daystar, Irene Hartman our outbound student to Hungary, her mother Judy Hartman, Honorary Members Jan Smith and John Robbins, and 34 members for a total of 46 attendees.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT: If you have an announcement to make at a club meeting please provide the details to the newsletter writers either by paper copy or by email to bruce@spectors.org.

President Lynn Freshman opened the meeting by presenting a check to Mary Erturk of Daystar. This organization serves over 40 families in the Rochester area by providing child care for medically fragile infants. Daystar will soon move to a city location closer to these families and Mary graciously accepted the check which will be used to help purchase a new copy machine.



Lynn proceeded to review our upcoming calendar of events. Today is the day that club dues should be paid. We owe the dues to Rotary International very soon and we need your payment ASAP.

On June 3 the Town of Pittsford will hold a Triathlon. We need volunteers to be positioned along Rt. 64 for the running portion of the event. Please volunteer your time on the sign up sheet.

On June 4 we will participate in the annual Postal Food Drive as in the past. We need five drivers with big motor vehicles to pick up food at the back of the Pittsford Post office and deliver it to the Pittsford Food Cupboard at the old Pickle Factory on Grove St. We will also need five persons to help unload the vehicles at the Cupboard. Incidentally, we are also collecting shopping bags for the Food Cupboard.

On June 7 PS 36 will be hosting its annual Fun Day. Principal Mont and his staff will be cooking and would appreciate volunteers from Pittsford Rotary to help out at the event so that it will be memorable for the students. Volunteers are needed from 9—11:30 and/or 11:30—3PM.

Positively Pittsford will be held behind the library on June 9 from noon till 9PM. We are looking for volunteers to sign up to sell chicken dinners for the club, especially during the busiest hours. Please review the sign up sheet and consider donating your time.

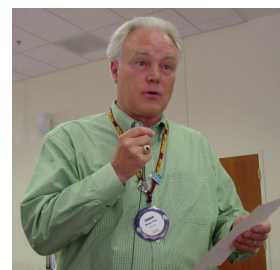
On June 14 the Joint Board of Directors meeting will be held at Amica Insurance at 7—9AM.

June 18—24 marks the annual LPGA tournament at Locust Hill Country Club. This event is one of our mandatory fund raisers and we are looking for volunteers to staff the ice cream concession between the 9th and 10th holes, and the refreshment tent at the 16th hole. Bruce Spector added information about the Camp Haccamo luncheon. It will be held on June 19 and for \$20 you will have a great lunch and gain admission to the grounds. Happy hour will start at 11 AM and lunch at about 11:45. The guest speaker will be Dennis Walters, the only professional golfer paralyzed from the waist. We are hoping for a big turnout from the club.

The changeover dinner will be held at Locust Hill Country Club on June 27. We hope you can attend and sign up sheets will be passed around starting this week.

Looking into the future August 6—10 will be our Camp Haccamo duty week with the Fireman's Band concert the evening of August 7. On Sunday August 12 District 7120 will have its annual Rochester Red Wing Baseball game night.

Jack Pickering gave us an update on the next event, the club golf tournament on August 13 at Victor Hills Golf Course. We have six foursomes signed up but need many more to make it a great fund raising event as in the past. Dennis Price indicated we have eleven hole sponsors and we are looking for many more.



Bruce Spector updated the club on Camp Haccamo's session this coming summer. 190 campers are signed up and it is hoped 40 more will sign up in the next week or so. Camp Haccamo needs life guards, drama specialists, and other camp specialists which will all be paid positions.

Jim Cameron is very generously donating a weekend at the Esperanza Mansion as a door prize for the golf tournament. The raffle will start on June 9 at our "Birds for Words" booth at Positively Pittsford. Thank you Jim!



Matt Wahl thanked the nine volunteers who helped with the East Street cleanup. It was the fastest cleanup in recent memory, about one hour and forty five minutes. Marjorie Bleeg and Peggy Albrecht spoke of the most memorable find—parts of a car wreck. The biggest piece was placed in Ray Cornelius' car!

Kevin O'Grady thanked all of the volunteers who helped make the Fishing Derby successful and happily reported 2/3 of the fish were released back into the creek.

Richard Colby reported the Beanie Baby project is doing well with several members bringing in big bags of beanie babies. He reminded us not to bring in pigs, devils, and "pug" dogs which are considered unclean in Iraq.

Lynn Freshman mentioned student Rob Little is looking for personal donations from our members to help raise money to ship many donations of goods to Iraq. He is also looking for food such as Pop tarts, Chef Boyardee food jars, and other small food items to donate to the hungry people in Iraq.

Lynn thanked Elthea King, Paul Stuart, Malcolm Bugler, and Pete Crooker for their great work setting up the library for our Wednesday breakfast meetings in May.

Jim Murphy noted by email that on May 29th Sutherland High School recognized senior graduating students with over 75 community service hours. Four Rotary members had their sons or daughters recognized: Bruce Spector, Kevin O' Grady, Jerry Gambino, and Jim Murphy.

Lynn Freshman would like to introduce three prospective members to our club. Deborah Foster is the Manager of AAA for western and central New York. She is a member of the Brighton and Pittsford Chambers of Commerce and has been a fund raiser for the School of Holy Childhood. She has volunteered to combat the disease AIDS in Rochester. Her proposed classification will be Travel Agency Manager.

Robin Kreinsen is a supervisor for the AAA of western and central New York. She is involved as a Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout leader, Boy Scout advisor, United Way campaigner, and Volunteer Coordinator with AAA. He proposed classification will be Travel Agency Supervisor.

Don Kimball was a member of the Penn Yan Rotary Club from 1993—2006. He is a retired design engineer from Eastman Kodak and his proposed classification will be “mechanical engineer”.

If anyone has an objection involving the above three prospective members, please send your objection in writing to the Club President Lynn Freshman within 10 days of the publication of this newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CHAIRPERSONS – PLEASE SEND THE DETAILS OF YOUR EVENT – Date, Time, & Location.

May			
One week trips, May 30 and June 7		Rotary District members traveling to New Orleans to rebuild a high school. Contact Chuck Chapin (Brighton Rotary) for details.	New Orleans
30		YEARLY PITTSFORD ROTARY DUES ARE DUE	May 30 Club Meeting
June 3		Pittsford Triathlon, starts at 7 a.m.	Thornell Farm Park
4		Transporting food donations from Pittsford Post Office meeting at 4 pm to Pittsford Food Cupboard with an unload, no stocking shelves.	Pittsford Post Office, Pittsford Food Cupboard
7		Fun Day at Public School 36, 8:30 am to 3 pm	PS 36
9		Positively Pittsford, our club will staff the chicken barbecue table. “Birds for Words”	In back of Pittsford Library
14		Joint Board of Directors Meeting 7—9AM	Amica Insurance
17-20		Rotary International Convention	Salt Lake City
18-24		LPGA Golf Tournament	Locust Hill CC
19		Camp Haccamo Luncheon at LPGA	Locust Hill CC
27		Changeover Dinner	Locust Hill CC
August 6 - 10		Camp Haccamo weekly duties by our Club.	Camp Haccamo
7		Firemen’s Band Concert, 5:30 club picnic followed by 6 p.m. band concert	Camp Haccamo
10		Camp Haccamo Carnival, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Camp Haccamo
12		District 7120 Red Wing Game	Frontier Field
13		Golf Tournament	Victor Hills Golf Club
16		Camp Haccamo Senior Ball	Camp Haccamo

Speaker: Len Stratham, Executive Director of Partners in Community Development



Vice President Bob Vukosic introduced Len Stratham, the Executive Director of Partners in Community Development. The Rochester metropolitan area can be very proud of this organization which has won several awards, including one from USA Today.

Len Stratham commented that his agency has been around for the past fifteen years. He is the founder and current Executive Director. Instead of having a building of their own, they provide activities on site for the beneficiaries of the program—the less fortunate people in the Rochester area. The agency saves on administrative costs since it is not necessary to pay rent and utilities.

Partners in Community Development provides senior services, children's day care, day camps, and other family services. 182 families received assistance during the past year which is remarkable considering the small staff of ten. However, 201 volunteers assisted them with 2450 hours of service, making it all possible. Len is proud of the fact there are 147 children in day camps, and 1029 neighbors attended community picnics. 71 senior citizens participated in weekly senior activities. The agency provides activities to 6 housing complexes with over 3000 people domiciled in the locations. The majority of the low income housing is owned by corporations rather than the government. Their motivation is community oriented and financial for tax purposes.

In the beginning Len was a one man show with the agency, wearing many hats and working in all facets of the service. Now the agency is much wider in scope. It is funded by several grants and has corporate sponsors. They can be nominated as an agency of choice when donating to the United Way. The agency's web site is www.parnersincommunity.org.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Jim Cameron—for Ray Cornelius returning to a law firm located at 25 East Main St. where Jim's business first began.

Jack Pickering—for Red Sox win and Yankees loss, and the Canal cleanup. Also, scooter dollar for John Bernacki.

Warren Richards—back from Alaska visiting grand kids and family.

Mary Alice Price—for Jim Cameron receiving Career Internship Program Award from Pittsford Schools.

Don Kimball—for Malcolm Bugler moving into a home.

Peggy Albrecht—car parts from accident found in brush at canal cleanup.

Ray Cornelius—biggest car part put in the trunk of his car.

50/50 jackpot is \$146, Jim Kubarek and Jack Pickering did not pull aces.

ROTARY INFORMATION: Please check out <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html>

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The March 2007 *District Newsletter* has been published at <http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictNewsletter.cfm>

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS


If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker, contact Bob Vukosic for scheduling.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	GREETER	RAFFLE TICKETS
6/6/07	Interact Leaders	Interact Clubs Report	Elthea King	Ric Juskiewicz
6/13/07	Exchange Students	Year End Student Reports	Fred Kopp	Elthea King
6/20/07	Lynn Freshman	Club Assembly	Jim Kubarek	Fred Kopp
7/11/07	Preston Pierce	Documentary Heritage Program	Jim Murphy	Jim Kubarek
7/18/07	Salva Dut	Water for Sudan	Kevin O'Grady	Jim Murphy
7/25/07	Pam Wright	Know Your Member	Jack Pickering	Kevin O'Grady
8/1/07	Sandra Parker	Rochester Business Alliance	Billy Pieper	Jack Pickering

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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