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JULY IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH

Marilyn Curley, Director of the Early Childhood Center at the Rochester School for the Deaf is our speaker - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Tom Welgon (Fairport), Joe Hamele (Rochester), and prospective member Ben Johnson.

ATTENDANCE – 33 Members, 1 honorary member, 2 visiting Rotarians, 2 guests.

MEMBER NEWS

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

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figures for June - **71.78 %**

1st Week Meeting – 35; 2nd Week Meeting – 34; Dinner at Locust Hill – 38; LPGA Week – 32; 5th Week Meeting - 34

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The tournament was once again a success raising about \$7,000 for the Pittsford Rotary Foundation. One of the charities the Foundation will make a donation to will be the Tony & Dee Spirit Fund as our primary beneficiary of this year's tournament.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOFTBALL: Saturday August 7th in Brighton. Registration begins at 8:15 am and competition from 9:15 to 2:30 pm. Pat Mallery is coordinating. WHAT A BALL ! This is an opportunity to participate on the teams with Special Olympians.

WHAT ABOUT ROBIN?: Peggy Albrecht asked Lynn Freshman to announce that one of the two bat houses donated to the Golf Tournament will be donated to Camp Haccamo.

HACCAMO FOOD DELIVERY HELP: Elthea King asked for help with the groceries needed for the Camp Haccamo events. Please contact Elthea if you can help.

FLOWER CITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Peter Crooker is looking for a volunteer to be our club's liaison to Habitat. If you're interested in taking on this role please contact Pete directly.

WALNUT HILL ASCOT PICNIC NIGHT: Bill Pieper asked us to consider attending the Ascot Picnic Night at Walnut Hill, billed as an evening of romance, elegance and sport which will benefit Lollypop Farm, Historic Pittsford and the Pittsford Historic Preservation Commissions. Tickets are \$8, with an additional charge for optional picnic baskets filled with healthy food, a picnic ground cloth, a candle, flatware, salt, pepper, napkins and wet wipes – or bring your own. Who could ask for more? The picnic is at 6:00pm on Friday August 13, 2004. Please call Bill if you have more questions.

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> .

FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC WITH LYNN: We sang, “ .” (I'm sure we sang something, but no report this week)

SPEAKER: (by Jim Cameron) Lynn Freshman introduced Marilyn Curley. Marilyn is the director of Early Childhood Education at the Rochester School for the Deaf.

A Glimpse of the School: Student observations and student teaching is a big part of this school. This evaluates student development. Students with communication disorder are evaluated at school. Deaf students need a therapist, and the state mandates home visits by their therapist.

The Rochester School for the Deaf is an inclusive environment where children who are deaf and hard of hearing can access extraordinary, rich, Regents-level education and families can access professionals who have the skills, dedication and desire to help build their children's successful future. The Federal Government regulates the program. BOCES programs are in place to train children to come back to school. The view is the program is not challenging enough. Last year the school was comprised of 132 children, this year 25 new students have enrolled. The enrollment rate has gone down a little, last year 32 new students enrolled. The school offers classes for children up to the 12th grade.

RSD's educational program includes the development of spoken and written English as well as American Sign Language giving children a more direct experience with their teachers and our staff. American Sign Language is very different from English. ASL is a form of sign and gesture, and is only linked to English. Children who sign typically read more than children with hearing.

The school's campus is 10 acres, offering individual plans. Classes are small and are taught by subject area specialists. Education at RSD starts at birth, and it starts with the family. Our teams of professionals work with families to introduce them to the unique challenges they will face, answer their questions, and guide them through making the best choices for their child. The school offers programs for pre-k up to 12th grade. Pre School starts at age 3 and goes till the children are 5. The school is very up to date on technology. Computers open a vast communication gap.

The RSD high school experience prepares students to take on the world on their own terms. The school offers programs for hard of hearing students to take classes with hearing students at other schools. They also offer an internship program to their students. RSD offers its students a variety of clubs, activities, and interscholastic sports. Programs are also offered to the community, such as speech and communication classes. The school outreach program relies on professionals who have been through the program themselves. Marilyn passed out a brochure of how to communicate with deaf people.

RSD is a state agency with private funding. There are 9 other schools in New York State: Rome, Rochester, St. Mary's, along with NYC. Some of these schools have been around since the late 1800's.

This school is an early intervention source but is not connected with the county. RSD is on the list for new technology such as referrals, implants, and hearing aids. Thank you Marilyn for sharing your information and having breakfast with Pittsford Rotary.

HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Can you believe it, there were none today. We were running late and there was so much excitement about the 50/50 drawing.



50/50 WINNER: Matt Wahl and Don Henderson had a chance to take home the big money, which is now up to \$360. No Aces were drawn and all four are still in the deck. So the excitement carries on to next week.

ROTARY INFORMATION: A model for Rotary? (based on a "What Paul Harris said" article.

Two hundred and eighty-five years ago Benjamin Franklin formed a club of young working men to combine his civic life with his business life. The Junto or "The Leather Apron Club" as it was commonly known, originally met in a tavern and later in a house they rented. The club was composed of enterprising tradesmen and artisans who discussed issues of the day, debated philosophical topics, devised schemes for self-improvement, and formed a network for the furtherance of their own careers. Similar to Rotary's four-way test, members of the Junto would begin their meetings by standing, placing their hand on their breast and reciting the following four ideals,

1. Do you have disrespect for any current member?
2. Do you love mankind in general regardless of religion or profession?
3. Do you feel people should ever be punished because of their opinions or mode of worship?
4. Do you love and pursue truth for its own sake?

It makes you wonder if Paul Harris knew of the existence of Ben Franklin's club all those years ago. .

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." --**Will Rogers**

JUST FOR FUN: From funnyman Harry Womeldorf...
The Dysfunctional Section in a Hallmark Store

1. I always wanted to have someone to hold, someone to love. And now that you've come into my life...
(Inside card) - I've changed my mind.
2. I must admit, you brought religion into my life...
(Inside card) - I never believed in Hell until I met you.
3. Congratulations on your promotion. Before you go....
(Inside card) - Will you take the knife from my back? You'll probably need it again.
4. Someday I hope to marry...
(Inside card) - Someone other than you.
5. Happy Birthday! You look great for your age....
(Inside card) - Almost lifelike!
6. We've been friends for a very long time...
(Inside card) - What do you say we stop?
7. I'm so miserable without you...
(Inside card) - It's almost like you're still here.

8. Looking back over the years we've been together, I can't help but wonder...
 (Inside card) - What was I thinking?

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Aug 09 Rush-Henrietta Rotary 29th annual Golf tournament**
 - Clifton Springs Country Club. - Only \$95.00 for lunch, golf, cart, prizes and a great day of Rotary fellowship. Prize donation info and golfer applications available from Norm Boughton nbought1@rochester.rr.com
- **Aug 14 - District Centennial Celebration (FLPAC, Beach Boys)**
- **Aug 17 - Brighton Rotary's First Golf Tournament**
 - RAVENWOOD GOLF CLUB, VICTOR N.Y - SHOTGUN START AT 12:30
 - For details and printable entry form [click here](#).
- **Sep 10 - District Golf Tournament (Lima Country Club)**

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.

- 07 August – Special Olympics** softball at Brighton High School
10 August – Camp Haccamo Fireman’s Band Concert & Rotary meeting
11 August – Camp Haccamo Carnival
18 September – Pittsford Celebrates; Rotary judges sidewalk art contest

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker contact Lynn Freshman for scheduling.

Each month, one member is assigned to assist in recording attendance for monthly meetings and reporting out numbers to the membership at the end of each meeting. For the month you are assigned to this task, please be sure to be at the table by 7:00 a.m. If you miss a meeting that month, please find a member to substitute or call Mary Alice Price who will find a substitute.

<u>All Meetings in:</u>	<u>Member:</u>
August	Kevin O’Grady
September	Bobbie Gardiner
October	Fred Gallina
November	Thomas Gunter-Kremers
December	Danny Harper
January	Curt Fey
February	Jack Pickering
March	Peggy Martin
April	Brian Haan
May	Doug Trolley
June	Kevin Lane

***** **NEXT WEEK** *****

- 3 August (Tuesday night): Fireman’s Band Concert at Camp Haccamo**
4 August: Cheryl DiNolfo – Monroe County Clerk’s Office (Greeter – Ray Cornelius)

11 August: Haccamo Carnival tonight from 6:00pm-8:00pm (please be there by 5:45 if you’re working).
 NO MORNING MEETING

18 August: Pittsford RYLA recipients (Greeter – Russ Crook) **FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING (8:15 am)**

25 August: Carol De Moulin – Arthritis Foundation (Greeter – Peter Crooker)

1 September: Bill McGarry, The Longest Month <WWII Pilot> (Greeter – Mike Doughty)

8 September: Curt Smith, Wolfe Publications (Greeter – Frank Ferris)

15 September: Bob Vukosic will speak on nano-technology (Greeter – Ed Francis) **FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING (8:15 am)**

22 September: Ed Francis, “Know Your Member” Talk (Greeter – Lynn Freshman)

29 September: Mike Doughty, “Know Your Member” Talk (Greeter – Fred Gallina)

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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Chair – Matt Wahl (6/30/05)

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Ray Cornelius (6/30/05)

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