



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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Today's Rotary Team: President Peter Crooker, Set Up: Paul Stuart and Ray Robbins, Greeter and Invocation: Kevin O'Grady, Raffle Tickets: Robyn McMaster, Collection & Attendance: Malcolm Bugler, Happy Dollars: Paul Stuart, Songs: "I've Been Working on the Railroad", 50/50 Raffle: Paul Stuart.

## Our Program: Salva Dut, Water for Sudan

Attendance: Guests: Our speaker Salva Dut, visiting Rotarian John Turner (Penfield Rotary), Cameron Michaelree and his parents Joan and John; and Honorary Member Jan Smith, with 31 members for a total of 36 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](mailto:bruce@spectors.org) .

Jack Pickering updated us on the golf tournament and reminded us of the urgent need for foursomes and hole sponsors. We only have 50 golfers and 27 hole sponsors, considerably behind the pace of previous years for the tournament on August 13. If you know anyone who would be willing to play, please urge them to attend this important fund raising event, one of our three major fund raisers of the year. Also, we are looking for everyone to support the event through service or donation as a hole sponsor. The raffle for a two-person weekend at Esperanza Mansion has \$500 in tickets sold, meeting Jim Cameron's donation, but short of our goal of 2 or 3 times his investment. Let's sell those \$5 tickets !

Bruce Spector received a fine response to the sign-up sheet for Camp Haccamo activities for the week of August 6 to 10. We are sharing duties with Irondequoit Rotary. On Monday August 6, we are asked to provide Rotarians to greet new campers from 8:30 to 10AM. We will provide evening snacks to the camp staff on August 6 and August 7. Then, in lieu of our Wednesday morning August 8 breakfast meeting, members are encouraged to attend the Firemen's Band Concert on August 7 at the Camp. The picnic starts at 5:30 and the band begins playing at 6PM. Then, at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 10, we will staff the popcorn, sno cone and cotton candy concessions at the Camp Haccamo carnival. It will be a bigger event than in past years since any camper during the entire summer is entitled to attend.

Club members were given member directories, and asked to notify Mary Alice Price of changes to any of the information.

On August 12, it will be Rotary day at the ball park as the Rochester Red Wings will be playing Ottawa. Jerry Gambino will pass around a sign up sheet and give more details later this month.



Yearly, the Rotary Club of Pittsford recognizes one student at each Pittsford high school for community service work. Cameron Michaelree is this year's Pittsford Mendon High School recipient of the \$1000 Student Service Award. Cameron has focused on supporting the Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance, logging over 1800 hours. He will attend R.I.T. this fall, in the physician assistant program and studying diagnostic stenography. We offer our congratulations to this fine young man.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

July			
	21	Rotary Night / Raging Rhinos, 7:30 p.m. with \$6 bleacher tickets and \$11 upper sideline tickets, \$5 off regular prices. Contact Jim Murphy.	PAETEC Park
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 (No August 8 morning meeting)	Camp Haccamo
	9	Board of Directors Meeting	Amica Insurance
	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 1450 Brace Road Victor, NY 14564
	16	Camp Haccamo Senior Ball	Camp Haccamo
September	16	Pittsford Celebrates "Birds for Words" where we sell barbecue chickens.	In back of the Pittsford Library

Peter Crooker announced the decision of the Pittsford Rotary Board of Directors to direct the Happy Dollars to the operating fund throughout the year.

Starting on July 17, there will be exactly one ticket selected for the 50-50 raffle, with the owner of that ticket receiving a chance to win the raffle. If an ace is not drawn, they receive a free breakfast at the next meeting if they bring their winning ticket to the next meeting.



Gaven Hurley discussed the benefits of donating to the Rotary Foundation, including helping international projects, Ambassadorial Scholars, and helping our own District 7120 which receives half of our donations in grants each year. During the past year, our club donated \$6191.62 including \$2000 from the Pittsford Rotary Foundation and \$2000 from one individual. Per capita, we donated \$119.07 per Rotarian which was 8<sup>th</sup> in District 7120 and exceeds the goal of \$100 per Rotarian per year. Over the years, our club has donated \$90,000. The Pittsford Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and the Rotary Club of Pittsford has a separate operating budget.

The money that we pay in dues, for breakfasts and for social events is funded through the operating budget. The charitable donations from our fundraisers are received by the Pittsford Rotary Foundation which pays for none of our club's activities or events, but which instead contributes to charitable causes. If someone asks you where the profits are going from their donation for the chicken barbecue or the pancake supper or the Golf Tournament or the Taste of Pittsford, please respond that it goes to charity and none goes to fund Rotary meetings or social events.

The Rotary Club of Pittsford donated \$3100 from its Operating Budget to the Pittsford Rotary Foundation as a result of an excess of cash at the end of Lynn Freshman's year as Club President.

Peter Crooker stated that it is the responsibility of each Rotarian to attend 60% of meetings including make-ups which can be at other Rotary clubs, events, and online. Also, it is the responsibility of the coordinator of each event to send participant names to the Club Secretary.

There will be a Saint's Place concert on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Rochester Academy of Medicine on East Avenue. Donations are \$50 per ticket. The concert is from 5pm to 7pm with Wilfredo Deglans performing. He is the Associate Concertmaster of the RPO. Please consider this fun and exciting evening to benefit Saints Place. You can contact Mark Mungenast at 760-4101 to get your name on the list or contact anyone at Saint's Place directly.

## Speaker: Salva Dut, Water for Sudan



← Salva Dut is one of the Lost Boys who arrived in the U.S. in 1996. Sudan is the largest country in Africa, was colonized by the British, and has two cultures and religions that are often the cause of conflict. The north is primarily Islamic, and the south is primarily Christian due to the work of Christian missionaries. After the British left in 1956, the fighting began. Boys were displaced from Sudan to Ethiopia, starting with 70 boys and increasing to 17,000. 3,800 are now in the U.S., with others in Europe, Australia and Canada. Salva was sponsored by the Episcopal Church, he now has an Associates Degree from M.C.C. and is working on a degree at Brockport State University. Salva is also a member of Penfield Rotary.

Arriving in the U.S., he had to adapt from third world thinking to learn how to do laundry, shopping, how to catch a bus, and all the tasks that we take for granted. We also assume the right to clean drinking water, and this is not assumed in Sudan, where villages often fight and die over access to polluted lakes whose bacteria and infestations cause disease and death. Every living thing in the Sudan is desperate for clean drinking water. In 2002, Salva Dut visited his Dad, who was suffering from a water-borne disease that required an operation and subsequent moving to a different village.



← John Turner (Penfield Rotary) is Chief Operating Officer of Water for Sudan, a District 7120 project which raised over \$600,000 to build 50 wells that provide fresh drinking water for thousands of Sudanese. The wells must be placed, so Salva meets with village elders and asks them to choose which village will have the well. The well is drilled, and three teams of villagers are instructed on maintenance, solving disputes, and keeping animals away. Each well costs about \$10,000 to drill 75 to 100 meters deep. Naming rights cost \$5,000. Thanks to Salva Dut for his thought-provoking presentation.

### HAPPY DOLLARS

Jim Cameron: no pin

Lynn Freshman: scooter dollar for Pam Wright

Ray Cornelius: scooter dollar for Billy Pieper

Matt Wahl: Palm Pilot going off

Peter Crooker: for the great speaker and a fine for himself

Bob Vukosic: great presentation, also for his grandson's birthday

Jack Pickering: one of his children closed on a house

Gavin Hurley: sad dollar because Happy Dollars will not be used for charity.

**50/50:** Fred Kopp picked no ace, but won a breakfast next week due to the new rules (sweet)

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

**OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS**

The June 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
7/25/07	Pam Wright	Know Your Member	Matt O'Connor	Jim Murphy
8/01/08	Sandra Parker	Rochester Business Alliance	Kevin O'Grady	Matt O'Connor
8/08/07		No meeting due to August 7 picnic.	Jack Pickering	Kevin O'Grady
8/15/07	Carl Helbig	Messenger Post Newspapers	Bill Pieper	Jack Pickering
8/22/07	Hen Goemans	U.S. Foreign Policy from a European's Perspective	Dennis Price	Bill Pieper
8/29/07	Gail Donofrio	Know Your Member	Mary Alice Price	Dennis Price
9/05/07	Charles Brown	Center for Excellence in Math and Science		
9/12/07	Ellie Phillips	Preventing Dental Diseases		
9/19/07	John Hall	District Governor		
9/26/07	Mary Alice Price	Pittsford School District		

**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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