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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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Invocation: Fred Gallina

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SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

Curt Smith of Wolfe Publications - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Joe Hamellee of the Rochester Club. Chuck Ballistrino, guest of Bill Pieper and prospective member.

ATTENDANCE – 30 Members, 0 honorary members, 1 visiting Rotarians, 2 guests.

MEMBER NEWS

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

Ken and Jan Smith were missing and missed this morning. They are enjoying a nice September week on Cape Cod. Ray Robbins is on his way back to Maine – Mary is recovering from her broken arm and doing well.

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for August – 64 %

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HELP!: Tom Gunter-Kremers is organizing work parties for the Habitat for Humanity house. Pittsford Rotary volunteers are needed to work the following days; Thursday 9/9, Thursday 9/16, Tuesday 10/5 and Thursday 11/11. Work starts at 8:45am and goes until 4pm – they asked that we not split shifts. The house is at 159 Fulton St. in the city. Anyone interested in these dates, or interested in being a standby for any dates on short notice should contact Tom. If someone needs to cancel, Tom must know at least 48 hours in advance. Those interested can email Tom at Tkremers@bturnkey.com or call on his cell phone at 749-7664 and he can send an information pack. We were given the opportunity to sign a wooden beam that will be placed in the house. Tom reports that owners are not yet identified but will be soon.

RONALD MCDONALD WORK CREW THANKED: Gerry Vesling thanks those who helped out last week at the 475 house with all the painting. Matt Wahl, Curt Fey, Bruce Spector, Bob Thompson, Peggy & Helmut Albrecht, and Gerry were present to do the work. A special thanks to Gerry for organizing another successful work party.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: Charlie Richardson has decided not to arbitrate the decision to remove him from the Pittsford Club. The issue is now closed. Keith Rawlings application for membership was accepted. Custom Lapel Pins were approved and several dozen will be sent with Samantha Hessney to Italy. The remainder will be given to club members and used at the president's discretion. The club's Video Camera is available for use. If there is a club member who would like to become the club videographer please let John Bernacki know. The Foundation budget was approved as prepared and presented by the club board. We received our Camp Haccamo bill (\$2,450) – an assessment of \$50 per member. The Golf Committee needs members for next year's tournament. Please see Peggy Martin to find out how you can help.

CAMP HACCAMO UPDATE: Our representatives to Camp Haccamo are Bruce Spector and Lew Wolfe. Bruce presented an update on happenings at the camp. The Year 2003-2004 financials were presented to board members at the meeting on August 31, 2004. There was a \$63,492.66 deficit last year. It was generally agreed that, absent additional sources of funding, future deficits will deplete the funds in the accounts available to the Board in a very few years.

In response to a question about the effectiveness of committees, the Executive Committee and Camp Committee existed prior to Bruce joining the board. As of his second meeting on August 31, the Planning Committee was created and approved by the board with Bruce Spector as chairperson, the Finance Committee was created and approved by the board with Chuck Krause as chairperson, and someone (Bruce forgot the name) was appointed to chair the Human Resources Committee. Since most of these committees were created recently, their effectiveness is yet to be seen. However, there is significant promise of results, with the Finance Committee in the process of creating a prioritized list of actions including addressing financial auditing and fundraising. Bruce hopes to link the Planning Committee with the other committees to achieve a unified understanding of where we are, where we are going, and what we have to do to get there. Bruce will provide monthly updates following each Camp Haccamo board meeting.

ROAD CREW NEEDED – Saturday 9/11: The East Street clean-up is scheduled for Saturday morning September 11th. Matt Wahl passed around a sign-up sheet. If you missed signing up don't be shy – you can still come help out. We will meet at Habecker Field (the Little League field) on East Street at 8:00 am sharp. We should be done by 10:00 am. Come and enjoy a brisk walk in the morning air with fellow Rotarians. If you get there early enough you can get one of Matt's patented pokers.



PITTSFORD CELEBRATES – Saturday 9/18: We will be monitors and judges of the sidewalk art contest in this event on September 18. Volunteers can sign up with Lynn Freshman. The event will be held from 3:00 – 6:30 PM and shifts will be less than 90 minutes long.

PITTSFORD ROTARY PICNIC SEPTEMBER 22nd: Ed Francis announced our club Picnic will be held on Wednesday September 22nd at 5:30 pm – at Kings Bend Park. This event will be in lieu of that morning's breakfast meeting. Bring a dish (or a bottle or two of ***good*** wine for tasting & judging) to pass around. The club will provide hamburgers & hot dogs. Bring your spouse, kids, uncles, aunts, and grannies. Ed will have a sign-up sheet so we know how many to plan for and what you might bring.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – Saturday 11/6: Gaven Hurley noted that the one-day institute is coming up on November 6th in Canandaigua. Our club will share the \$90 tuition fee with you if you're interested in going (you pay \$45). It is a worth while educational experience that will also afford you the opportunity to hear from other Rotary members from the area. Gaven also noted that if Canandaigua isn't in your plans, the course is also offered in Bermuda and at the Amica home office in Providence Rhode Island.



NEW PITTSFORD ROTARY LAPEL PIN: The Club has commissioned a lapel pin designed from our club banner. The first use of the pins will be several dozen that will go to Italy with Samantha and end up with other exchange students and overseas Rotary clubs. Enough pins were made for all members to have one of their own.

PITTSFORD ROTARY SHIRTS: Pittsford Rotary logo shirts and hats available for purchase. Shirts are \$27 each and come in S,M,L, and XL. (Royal Blue or White). Let Pete Crooker know as soon as possible if you want one. You can email him at jmcrooker@aol.com.

CAL-MUM ROTARY CENTENNIAL GOLF SHIRTS: The Cal-Mum club is offering golf shirts with the Rotary Wheel that say Celebrating 100 yrs on them. They have several left from the Centennial Celebration. The mediums and XXL's went like hot cakes but they have small, large and XL left in both the white and khaki for \$20 each. See John Bernacki if you're interested.



FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC WITH LYNN: "God Bless America"

PROGRAM: Our speaker was introduced by Lynn Freshman. CURT SMITH is an acclaimed author, award-winning radio/television commentator, and former presidential speechwriter. is his tenth book. Titles include *What Baseball Means to Me*, *Voices of the Game*, *Windows on the White House*, *Long Time Gone*, *America's Dizzy Dean*, *A Fine Sense of the Ridiculous*, *The Storytellers*, *Of Mikes and Men*, *Our House*, and *Storied Stadiums: Baseball's History Through Its Ballparks*.

Mr. Smith hosts two series for Rochester, New York, CBS Television affiliate WROC: "*Talking Point*" and "*Perfectly Clear*," Upstate New York's highest-rated local public affairs program. He contributes to Fox TV's Empire Sports Network and does daily radio commentary voted "Best in New York State" by *Associated Press* and the New York State Broadcasters Association.

Mr. Smith is a columnist for Upstate New York's *Messenger-Post* Newspapers and is senior lecturer in English at the University of Rochester. He has written prime-time ESPN documentaries based on his book *Voices of the Game*—and helped write ABC/ESPN's SportsCentury documentary series. He is regarded as America's leading baseball radio/TV historian. Formerly a *Gannett* reporter and *The Saturday Evening Post* senior editor, Mr. Smith wrote more speeches than anyone for President George H.W. Bush. Among them were the "*Just War*" Persian Gulf address; Nixon and Reagan Library Dedication speeches; and December 7, 1991, speech abroad the USS Missouri on the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Leaving the White House in 1993, Mr. Smith hosted a smash series at the Smithsonian Institution, based on *Voices*, before turning to radio/TV. Raised in Caledonia, New York, the 1973 SUNY at Geneseo graduate has been named among the "100 Outstanding Alumni" of New York's State University System. He is also a member of the Judson Welliver Society of former White House speechwriters.

Mr. Smith lives with his wife Sarah, and children, Olivia, 3, and Travis, 2, in Rochester. His interests include antiques, Civil War history, and the Broadway musical.

This morning Curt spoke primarily about our current presidential candidates and their use (or misuse) of the English language. He said they are the worst pair, in his opinion, since Carter-Ford in terms of speaking eloquence. After a quick Red Sox – Yankee diversion (Curt is a Red Sox fan) he went on to talk about the ability for both candidates – but particularly George W. Bush - to lose a lead with their poor speaking abilities. In Curt's words, George W. Bush is the poster child for a mandatory public speaking course in American schools. He feels that what the administration has done has been correct, but they haven't been able to explain their positions well. He also went on to consider the president's record and doesn't feel that he has acted as a conservative Republican. To be fair, Curt also spoke about the issues with John Kerry. He talked about the Democratic National Committee's options beyond Kerry and how almost any of the other candidates could have easily beaten George W. Bush. He pointed to the controversy about John Kerry's service record and Congressional record.

All things considered Curt feels that the current George W. Bush lead in the polls is tenuous. The nine to eleven points could evaporate between now and election day. In particular he pointed to the debates and said that which ever candidate does well will likely win the election. He expects that John Kerry has the upper hand in this area. He also expects the VP debate to be close and the election to be very close.

Thanks to Curt for a lively and entertaining discussion this morning. As you all know, politics is left out of Rotary intentionally. The views and opinions written here are those of our speaker only.

HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: Rick Haverty gave a dollar for the successful on-time opening of Pittsford Schools – especially Jefferson Road! Bob Vukosic gave because his son, Steve, is getting married on Saturday. Russ Crook just got back from San Francisco (where hardly anyone was for President Bush). Ben Johnson gave for our late start this morning and for a very good speaker.

50/50 WINNER: The pot stands at \$50 this week. Mike Doughty won the first draw with an extra ticket but didn't draw an ace. Frank Burns (closest guy to the tickets) was pulled the second time. He tried to draw a couple of cards, but didn't get an ace.

ROTARY INFORMATION: From "The ABCs of Rotary"...

STANDARD CLUB CONSTITUTION (see below to find out where our club documents can be viewed).

Rotary International is the most territorial organization in the world. It exists in 150 countries and cuts across dozens of languages, political and social structures, customs, religions and traditions. How is it that all of the more than 27,000 Rotary clubs of the world operate in almost identical style? The primary answer is the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

One of the conditions to receive a charter to become a Rotary club is to accept the Standard Club Constitution, originally adopted in 1922. The Standard Club Constitution outlines administrative techniques for clubs to follow in holding weekly meetings, procedures for membership and classifications, conditions of attendance and payment of dues and other policies relating to public issues and political positions. This constitutional document provides the framework for all Rotary clubs in the world. When the Standard Club Constitution was accepted, it was agreed that all existing clubs could continue to follow their current constitution. Although most of those early clubs have subsequently endorsed the Standard Constitution, a few pre-1922 clubs still conduct their club affairs according to their former constitutional provisions. The Standard Club Constitution has to be considered one of the great strengths of Rotary to enable the organization to operate in so many thousands of communities.

So where can I obtain a copy of the Rotary Club of Pittsford constitution – and by-laws and other important documents? If you're online you can go to our club website – www.pittsfordrotary.org and click on the 100 Years logo. There you will find the club constitution, by-laws, service committees and plans. You can also see the standard club constitution on Rotary International's web site. If you are not online you can obtain a copy of any of the documents form the club secretary (or another member with online access could print a copy for you).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "True happiness...is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose." - **Helen Keller**

JUST FOR FUN: From Bruce Spector (Clown, Rotarian, and so many other things)...

You know you're from Rochester, NY when.....

1. The only thing at the annual Lilac Festival in May is snow.
2. The worst four letter word you could say is "FUJI".
3. There's an 800 number to report potholes in the road.
4. You order a white hot and pop and the counterman knows what you're talking about.
5. You can travel from Greece to Egypt in about 30 minutes by car.
6. A D&C is a newspaper, not a medical procedure.

7. You can go to any mall on a Saturday and see at least 5 people you work with, went to high school with, or dated at some point.
8. You awaken from a deep sleep, look at a clock and are not sure if it's 6 A.M. or 6 P.M.
9. When 18 plus inches of snow falls overnight you don't even consider NOT going to work
10. You are perplexed when friends come to town and want to see the sights.
11. A flag pole strung with white lights seems like an acceptable alternative to a downtown Christmas tree.
12. In winter, if the temperature hits 45 degrees and the sun is out, everyone walks around wearing sun glasses and no jackets.
13. Your mother shops for outfits to wear to Wegmans.
14. You think that people from Pennsylvania have an accent.
15. Halloween and Easter are snowed out with great regularity.
16. Half the change in your pocket is Canadian.
17. You know who Vinnie and Angelo are.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Sep 10 - District Golf Tournament (Lima Country Club)**
- **Sep 12 - Sage Ruddy - Mendon Antique and Classic Car Show, Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotary - 9:00am - 3:00pm**
- **Oct 26 – Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner – Riverside Convention Center**

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.

9 September – Habitat House work day (See Tom Gunter-Kremers)

11 September – East Ave Road Clean-up. The road crew will meet at Habecker Field at 8:00 am. (see Matt Wahl)

16 September – Habitat House work day (See Tom Gunter-Kremers)

18 September – Pittsford Celebrates; Rotary judges sidewalk art contest

22 September – CLUB PICNIC – King’s Bend Park – 5:00 PM

5 October – Habitat House work day (See Tom Gunter-Kremers)

2 November – Annual PANCAKE SUPPER – Pittsford-Mendon High School

6 November – Rotary Leadership Institute at the Inn in Canandaigua

11 November – Habitat House work day (See Tom Gunter-Kremers)

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

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

Attendance Assignments: September - Bobbi Gardiner * October - Fred Gallina * November - Thomas Gunter-Kremers * December - Danny Harper * January - Curt Fey * February - Jack Pickering * March - Peggy Martin * April – TBD * May - Doug Trolley * June – TBD

BOARD MEETINGS – First Thursday of each month @ Pittsford Wegman's Market Café (upstairs) 7:00 am

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


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

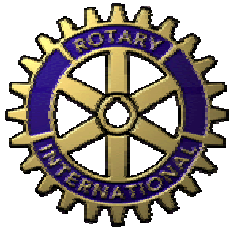
- 22 September:** NO MORNING MEETING – CLUB PICNIC AT KING’S BEND PARK
- 29 September:** Mike Doughty, “Know Your Member” Talk (Greeter – Fred Gallina)
- 6 October:** Cindy Boyer – Ghost Walk & The Landmark Society (Greeter – Tom Gunter-Kremers)
- 13 October:** Jonathan Friedlander - EquiCenter Therapeutic Riding Program (Greeter – Danny Harper)
- 20 October:** John Bernacki – Club Assembly (Greeter – Tim Hayes)
- 27 October:** NO MEETING – Eastern Cities Dinner on Tuesday night (26 October)
- 3 November:** NO MEETING – Pancake Supper on 2 November evening
- 10 November:** Marcia Rocco – New Horizons at the Airport (Greeter – Danny Harper)

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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FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2004-2005)		
Chair – Matt Wahl (6/30/05) Club President – John Bernacki (6/30/05) Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein (life term)	<i>Other Voting Members:</i> Ray Cornelius (6/30/05) Brian Marcellus (6/30/07)	Gaven Hurley (6/30/06) Jim Murphy (6/30/06) Don Henderson (6/30/07)



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