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OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

Jonathan Friedlander and Joe Best of the EquiCenter Therapeutic Riding Program - story below



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Jeff Staples (guest of Ed Francis), Fred Kopp (guest of Ed Francis & Jim Murphy), speakers Joe Best & Jon Friedlander. Jeff & Fred are potential members.

ATTENDANCE – 38 Members, 1 honorary member, 0 visiting Rotarians, 4 guests.

MEMBER NEWS

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

It was great to see Jackie Swift back this morning. She's doing great with her new knees.

CLUB Attendance - Our attendance figure for August – 64 %

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PANCAKE SUPPER – IT'S ALMOST HERE: Tuesday November 2nd is getting very close. Your job is to sell as many tickets as you can and show up to work on Election Eve – Ray has plenty of extra if you need them. At \$5 per person it's a great deal – you'll be doing the people you sell them to a big favor. Wear your Rotary shirt and comfortable shoes. Jim Cameron, of Incredible Graphics, has completed the ad booklet and sent it off for printing. It looks like another work of art from Jim – thanks!

HALLOWEEN FEST HELPERS NEEDED: October 23rd from 3:00 – 6:30 (please be there by 2:30). Lynn has a sign-up sheet for the hayride and Pat Mallery will need help with games at the booth as well. See either of them for details. There are 40 Interact students volunteering to help. Alan Wood Reality is once again donating the use of his truck to transport materials – thank you Alan Wood.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWL-A-THON: Volunteers are needed to help on Friday October 22nd and Saturday the 23rd. Pat Mallery passed around a sign-up sheet at this morning's meeting. If you missed it please call Pat to volunteer.

LIVING HOPE MISSION UPDATE: Pat Mallery gave an update on the situation at the Living Hope Mission in Haiti (the one he visited a little over a year ago). Conditions continue to be difficult with flood damage and a lot of unrest. He read us a thank you note he received for school supplies that were sent by Interact.

CANAL CLEAN-UP: Pat gave kudos to Bob Vukosic and Ray Robbins for their canoe ride down the canal to help beautify the stretch we maintain (from Burgundy Basin to the Village line). Several Interact students were also involved. Pat is encouraging our club to participate in joint events with Interact. The upcoming Halloween Fest is a good opportunity.

INTERACT SCHEDULE – HELP IS WELCOMED: Working with Interact is a good thing for our club. If you can help with any of the following events please let Pat Mallery know:

10/19 – Intervol (6:00-8:00pm)

10/20 & 10/21 – Cameron (3:00-5:00pm)

10/23 – Special Olympics Bowling Tournament (8:00am – 5:00pm) @ Clover Lanes

10/23 – Pittsford Halloween Fest (3:00-6:00pm) @ St. John Fisher Field House

10/24 – Mary Cariola Walkabout – (9:30am) @ Eastview Mall

10/27 – Ronald McDonald House (4:00-7:00pm)

10/28 – Blood Drive (7:30am – 2:30pm)

CAMP HACCAMO: Birx Works cleaned carpets at the camp and donated their services. The owner was introduced to Camp Haccamo by Jim Murphy. The first planning committee meeting was held this month. This group is headed by Bruce Spector and is attempting to put a number of the camp's priorities in order.

EASTERN CITIES DINNER: The 79th Annual Rochester Rotary Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 26th at the Riverside Convention Center. The keynote speaker is Rotary International President Glenn Estess. The cost of the dinner is \$40.00 per person – please get your check to Lynn Freshman. Our club usually has two or three tables there (two are already reserved). It's always a great event and will replace our morning meeting the following day. We do this to encourage attendance. If you've never been to this event, now is a great time to try it out. Some members will bring their spouse or other special guest and some will come "stag" (mostly us cheap guys).



As has occurred in the past, new members who have joined Rotary since Fall of 2003 will receive special recognition from Rotary International President Glenn Estess. The place will be crawling with fellow Rotarians from clubs across New York State and the Province of Ontario, Canada.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT CONTINUES: Several members have already worked on this project (Gerry Vesling & Peter Crooker for two). Tom Gunter-Kremers will provide a full list at the projects conclusion. Upcoming work dates are November 20, December 8 and December 21. Each volunteer is asked to work a full day from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information email Tom at Tkremers@bturnkey.com or call his cell phone at 749-7664.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – Saturday 11/6: The one-day institute session is coming up on November 6th in Canandaigua. Our club will split the \$90 tuition fee with you if you're interested in going (you pay \$45 – the club pays \$45). It is a worth while educational experience that will also afford you the opportunity to hear from other Rotary members from the area. See President Bernacki to sign up.

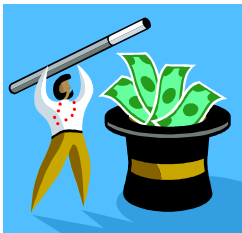
FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: In honor of the ALCS (American League Classic Series) – “Take me out to the ballgame.”

SPEAKER: Jonathan Freidlander spoke to us about a new therapeutic horse riding program. Equicenter was founded in February 2004 and is located at ABC farms in Honeoye Falls. The pilot program started in May of this year. They had 21 riders this semester. Children from the Hillside Children’s Center participate as well. There are lots of volunteer opportunities for people like us. They also accept donations. Joe Best is a handicapped rider who is very involved with Equicenter and sits on the board of directors. He spoke to us about a typical day at the farm. He cares for Charlie – a horse he donated to the program. There are three other horses at the center at this point. Joe talked about the benefits of therapeutic riding. Benefits include exercising muscles he normally wouldn’t use, comradery with other riders, learning to care for the horses, and an increase in self-esteem and confidence. About 30% of the funding comes from fees for service. The remainder comes from fund-raising and donations. The horses are either donated or on a free lease. ABC Farms has donated the boarding facilities. Thanks to Jonathan and Joe for teaching us about the Equicenter and equine therapy.

HAPPY DOLLARS & FINES: John Bernacki gave for the good times (in his youth?) at Wrigley field. Jack Pickering gave for the excitement the Red Sox provide. Rick Haverty gave a buck because Mike Mussina didn’t no-hit the Sox. Elthea King gave for her newest great grand child. Jackie Swift gave for being back at a meeting. Jim Cameron’s son passed his drivers test after four tries. Gaven Hurley gave for a Yankee ball player born in zip code 07444 (Derek Jeter). Lynn Freshman gave for a weekend with Manny in the Adirondack Mountains. Kevin O’Grady gave one for the Yanks and one for being late this morning (after celebrating the Yankee win). Bruce Spector gave for Jim Murphy doing something good (I couldn’t write that fast). Bob Vukosic gave for



Ray Robbins paddling his canoe so fast (who needs an outboard motor?). Fred Gallina gave for the increase in town fines now that Jim Cameron’s son has his license. Ed Francis gave a buck each for his guests. Ben Johnson wanted to see what it felt like to give away his last buck. Gaven gave another buck for John Bernacki’s outfit this morning (all his good clothes were at the cleaners?). Rick Juskiewicz had a scooter dollar and a happy dollar (for being able to make the meeting) from Peggy Albrecht.

50/50 DRAWING: This week the pot was \$70. Jim Cameron had the first ticket but he didn’t draw an ace. The second ticket went to Lew Wolfe but he drew the Q of hearts. Lew & Jim had purchased extra tickets.

ROTARY INFORMATION: POLIOPLUS

A couple of years ago you probably made a three-year pledge to PolioPlus. The third installment is due now. Here’s a refresher about Rotary’s PolioPlus program from the ABC’s of Rotary: PolioPlus is Rotary’s massive effort to eradicate poliomyelitis from the world by the year 2005. It is part of a global effort to protect the children from five other deadly diseases as well-the "plus" in PolioPlus. The program was launched in 1985 with fund- raising as a primary focus. The original goal was to raise \$120 million. By 1988, Rotarians of the world had raised more than \$219 million in cash and pledges. By 1994, the cash total exceeded \$246 million! These gifts have enabled The Rotary Foundation to make grants to provide a five-year supply of vaccine for any developing country requesting it to protect its children. Grants have been made to nearly 100 countries - a commitment, thus far, of \$181 million to buy vaccine and to improve vaccine quality.

In 1988, the World Health Organization adopted a goal of eradicating polio throughout the world by the year 2000, and Rotary has endorsed that goal, hoping to celebrate a polio-free world in its own 100th anniversary year, 2005. Achieving eradication will be difficult (only one other disease, smallpox, has ever been eradicated) and expensive (estimated cost to the international community is nearly \$2 billion). It will require continuing immunization of children worldwide, and it also must include systematic reporting of all



suspected cases, community-wide vaccination to contain outbreaks of the disease, and establishment of laboratory networks. Rotary will not be alone in all these efforts but in partnership with national governments, the World and Pan American Health Organizations, UNICEF and others. Rotary's "people power" gives us a special "hands on" role. Rotarians in developing countries have given thousands of hours and countless in-kind gifts to help eradication happen in their countries. No other nongovernmental organization ever has made a commitment of the scale of PolioPlus. Truly it may be considered the greatest humanitarian service the world has ever seen. Every Rotarian can share the pride of that achievement!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.” – Christopher Reeve

JUST FOR FUN: Growing Up Poor

When I was young, my family was really poor. Everything I wore - socks, blouses, even handkerchiefs - had been darned over and over by my mother. I wasn't the smartest or the prettiest, but I sure was the best darned kid in the neighborhood!

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Oct21 - Brighton Rotary's 47th Annual Pancake Day** - Brighton Presbyterian Church, 1775 East Ave., Rochester (East Ave. near Winton) - 7:00am - 8:30am, 11:30am - 1:30pm, and 4:45pm - 7:30pm - Donation: Adults \$6.00; Children 3 thru 11 \$4.00, Children under 3 Free; Seniors 65+ \$5.00 - Tickets at the door or Email [Deanna Krusenstierna, Club Treasurer](#)
- **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.

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)

21 March – A TASTE OF PITTSFORD – Monday evening at Nazareth

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

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

Attendance Assignments: 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** *****

20 October: John Bernacki – Club Assembly (Greeter – Rick Haverty)

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 – Don Henderson)

17 November: Know Your Member – Ed Francis (Greeter – Rick Juszkiewicz)

24 November: Family Court Judge Gail Donofrio – Adoption Day celebration in Monroe County (Greeter – Elthea King)

1 December: Church Street Holiday Party at Camp Haccamo

8 December: Debbie Masters - YMCA

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)

Club President – John Bernacki (6/30/05)

Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein (life term)

Other Voting Members:

Ray Cornelius (6/30/05)

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