



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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Invocation: Ray Robbins

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Russ Crook

JANUARY IS – “ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH”

Annual Meeting and Selection of Officers

- story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Our guest today was Diana Torrance, a visiting Rotarian from Penfield, and her husband Mark.

ATTENDANCE - reported by Jim Cameron: 18 members, 1 honorary member, and 2 guests

MEMBER NEWS

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

Bob Thompson is escaping the mid-50 degree weather of Rochester for the upper 40s in Florida! We know this won't last long, but we can gloat for a couple of days. Bob will be thinking of us when he's swinging a golf club and we're swinging snow shovels!

Judi Sturge has resigned her membership in our club due to her new travel schedule and commitments with other charities. We hope she'll come back often to visit.

We have two newly proposed members who are scheduled for induction in January. Peggy Albrecht will become an active member (she's been acting like one for a year!) and Bruce Spector. Charlie Richardson has proposed Bruce for membership. He works for EDS as a computer technician – compatibility leader. Bruce lives on Sutton Place in Pittsford with wife Donna. Any objections to these proposed members should be made in writing to the club president on or before January 10th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD MEETING: The monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday January 8th at 7:00 am. Location is the Re/Max office on Grove Street. Roger Zaenglein and Jim Kubarek will be bringing budget / financial information for review. Pete Crooker will provide information about a local Habitat for Humanity project. If anyone has a topic they want covered or has something you'd like to present to the board, please let Rick Haverty know well in advance.

TASTE OF PITTSFORD: This is the next big fund-raiser on our calendar. The date will be March 15th (a Monday night) and it will be held at Nazareth College. The committee (Gaven Hurley, Ray Robbins, and Lynn Freshman) will be asking for help in the near future. We also plan to dedicate one of our weekly meetings to provide plans and solicit help.

FEATURES

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM

MUSIC: Lynn led us in song – although not Auld Lang Syne as no one could remember all the words!

NEW OFFICERS and BOARD ELECTED: The Pittsford Rotary 2004-2005 officers and board members were elected and approved as follows;

2004-005 Slate of Officers (John Bernacki President, Rick Haverty immediate past-president)

President Elect - Patrick Mallery

Vice President – Lynn Freshman

Secretary – Jim Cameron

Treasurer – Dean LoBrutto

DIRECTORS...

Peter Crooker - Community Service (Outside Pittsford)

Bob Vukosic - International Service

Helmut Albrecht - Community Service (Pittsford)

Ed Francis - Club Service

Mary Alice Price - Vocational Service

Peggy Martin - Fund Raising

Foundation of the Rotary Club of Pittsford Board of Directors (term 2003/4 – 2006/7);

Don Henderson & Brian Marcellus

SPEAKER: President Rick Reviewed our year to date. Here are the highlights of our 2003-2004 first half report...

Membership –

- We started the year with 45 members, gained two (Russ and Ed) and just recently lost Judi Sturge. There are two more awaiting induction. We currently have 46 active members and 6 honorary members. Among other things the membership committee has agreed to approach local business owners / managers in search of prospective members.
- We did our first classification survey in years.
- Good news – we are adding active members.
- We've added a club evaluation committee headed by Gerry Vesling to help understand what members like and don't like.
- Club by-laws are in the process of being updated – also for the first time in years.

Social events –

- We reinstated our club picnic with some success (even with a hurricane cancellation)
- The winery tour was a bust – but we tried something new.
- Some attended Pittsford Musicals, and others the holiday pops.
- Elthea once again hosted a wonderful holiday / Christmas party at the Century Club.
- We're planning a wine & cheese social early in 2004.

Fund Raising –

- Our golf tournament brought in less than the previous two years, but still over \$7,000 and with renewed vigor. Doug Emblidge has agreed to take on the role of active tournament chairperson in 2004! He is also working on a golf trip to Ireland for a raffle.
- The Pancake Supper brought in a little above it's usual with about \$4,500. Pete Crooker's idea for an ad booklet added another \$2,500 to that total – more than making up for the shortfall from the golf tournament.
- The coupon sales at the Bon Ton were disappointing, but we didn't expect too much there anyway.
- Gaven, Ray, and Lynn took a trip to New Jersey to learn about running a Taste of Pittsford – currently scheduled for this March. We feel this could be another signature event for our club as we build it up over the next few years.
- We got a \$600 grant from Amica aimed at getting a second Rotaract Club up and operational.

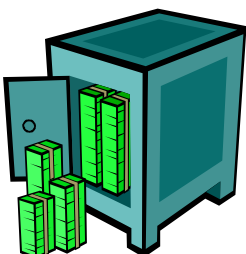
Community efforts –

- We held our annual fireman's band concert and carnival at Camp Haccamo. We also donated over \$2,000 to the Camp and collected another \$2,500 in Lou's name. As an aside – we also honored Lou posthumously with a Paul Harris Award.
- There have been two road cleanups on East Street and a yard clean-up at the Ronald McDonald House.
- We saved DayStar thousands of dollars by helping out with painting their renovated home.
- We continue to stock the mayonnaise shelf at the food cupboard. We also helped out during their post office drive.
- We've provided food baskets to Green Acres.
- We gave \$200 to Operation Food Basket and had several members deliver a week's supply of food to inner city homes.
- We held a Christmas party for the residents of Church Street. Best one ever by most accounts.
- The dictionary project was once again a great success and this year we added an international element by sending dictionaries to St. Louis' sister school in Kenya.

Resolutions –

What can we all do to help make 2004 an even better year for Pittsford Rotary? **DIP!**

- **D**onate - Make an annual donation to the Foundation (every Rotarian every year) it doesn't matter how much.
- **I**ntroduce - Introduce Rotary to at least one new person this year.
- **P**articipate - show up for as many events and meetings as you can.



HAPPY DOLLARS: Gaven Hurley, John Bernacki, and Pat Mallery each gave a happy dollar to thank Rick Haverty for a job well done as president (everyone's entitled to their opinion says Rick). Lynn Freshman's daughter made the deans list. Rick Haverty for surviving a daylong hockey clinic with seven and eight year olds yesterday. Bob Vukosic a happy dollar for the birth of a new granddaughter. Peter and Jill Crooker celebrated a wedding anniversary.

50/50 WINNER: Visiting Rotarian Diana Torrance won the 50/50 and promptly returned it to the club Happy Dollar fund.

ROTARY INFORMATION: The Rotary Rose Parade Float...

As most of you know Rotary sponsors a float in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. This year a friend of mine, Tom Knight, attended and sent the photo on the right (the one on the left is the official Rotary photo). It appears our float broke down about mid-way along the parade route and had to be rescued by a tow truck. Maybe next year we should send in the \$3 per member they ask to support the float? "SYMPHONY OF SERVICE" was the theme of the 2004 Rotary Float. This theme and design were selected to recognize the service of Rotary Clubs throughout the world. The 2004 Tournament of Roses Parade theme is "Music Music Music".

The float is funded entirely by voluntary [contributions](#) from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians throughout the United States and Canada. Rotarians together with members of Rotaract and Interact clubs donate their time and effort to decorate the float. Construction begins in Spring and the float is ready for decoration in November. A Rotary float has been entered in every Tournament of Roses Parade since 1980. Several have won awards. This year the float was winner of the Princess Trophy – "Most beautiful float under 35 feet." You can see a video of the 2003 float at the RotaryFloat.org website - [Rotary Rose Parade Float Video](#) – it won the volunteers award.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - **Mark Twain (Samuel L. Clemens)**

JUST FOR FUN: From Harry Womeldorf... These are real headlines from US papers. The meaning changes as you change the inflection on different words.

- Include Your Children when Baking Cookies
- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted
- Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
- Prostitutes Appeal to Pope
- Teachers Strike Idle Kids
- Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told
- If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last a While
- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
- Enfields Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
- Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge
- New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
- Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

- **Jan17 - Rotary Member Night at the Rochester Americans** [Click Here for Reservation Form](#)
- **Jan18-25 - Fellowship Cruise to Western Caribbean**
Ship: Carnival Victory - Carnival Cruise Lines will donate \$160 per cabin to the Rotary Foundation. Contact Penfield Rotarian Nancy Helves at 585-377-8652
- **Jan25 - Greece Rotary 26th Annual Ziti Dinner**
Diplomat Party House [Elizabeth Richardson <drichar3@rochester.rr.com>](mailto:Elizabeth.Richardson@rochester.rr.com)
- **Feb06-14 - Milt Matthews Governor Elect Hospitality Week.**
 - Brighton Rotary Club and District 7120 hosts Governors Elect from around the world for one week prior to the International Assembly
 - Sign up to host with, [Gib Blew, Brighton RC](#). 1st Host Period: Jan18-22, 2nd Host Period: Jan 22-26
 - [For information read the latest newsletter](#) (Acrobat Reader Required)
- **Feb07 - Fairport Mid Winter Dinner**
- **Feb10 - International Governor Elect Hospitality Dinner Genesee River Hotel, Mt. Morris, 5:30PM.**
 - Meet the Governors Elect from around the world. It is the mid point in the Governor Elect Hospitality Program where hosts exchange guests and get to hear about Rotary around the world.
 - Reservations: E-mail [Deanna Woodhams, Brighton Rotary Club](#) **Mail Reservation Form:** [Click here for RESERVATION FORM](#)
- **Feb15-22 - International Assembly, Anaheim, CA**
- **Feb23 - Rotary's 99th Anniversary**

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.

15 March – Taste of Pittsford at Nazareth College

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker please contact Pat Mallery for scheduling.

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

7 January: Ray Robbins will have a slide show about his lobstering business. This is a classic you won't want to miss. Ray last shared this with the club in 1952!

14 January: The "Taste of Pittsford" committee will share their learnings from Morristown and discuss our new March fundraiser.

21 January: Speaker TBA

28 January: Gail Mulkeen, Pittsford Community Service Advisory Board

4 February: Pat Mallery, his trip to Haiti.

11 February: Speaker TBA

18 February: Speaker TBA

25 February: Speaker TBA

HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York

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2003-2004 Club Officers

President – Rick Haverty
President Elect – John Bernacki
Vice President – Pat Mallery
Secretary – Jennel Dillon
Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein
Past President – Lou Christakos
Sergeant-At-Arms – Frank Burns



Lend a Hand

2003-2004 Board of Directors

Club Service – Bob Thompson
Community Service
Ray Robbins – Fund Raising
Pete Crooker – Rochester Projects
Lynn Freshman – Pittsford Projects
Vocational Service – Chris Leone
International Service – Bob Vukosic