



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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**TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM** Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Peggy Martin

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

January Private-at-arms: Gerry Vesling

January is "ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH"



## Director of DayStar Services Mary Ertuk tells of their mission - story below

**VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:** Tom Weldon and Derek Dimmer from Fairport Rotary.

### MEMBER NEWS

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

**VESLING IN HALL OF FAME** – Gerry's son Tim that is. He is among this year's inductees to the Section V Hall of Fame. He was a two-time All-County selection at Pittsford-Mendon and a star kicker at Syracuse University. Tim played in the 1988 Sugar Bowl.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RONALD MACDONALD HOUSE SUPPERS:** We will once again be serving dinner at the Ronald MacDonald House in Rochester. There will be two dates in February – the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to about 6:30. A Rotary team of 6 to 8 people will be needed for each date. Please contact Jim D'Aiello or Jim Kubarek for details.

**FOUNDATION GRANTS AWARDED:** The Foundation of the Rotary Club of Pittsford met after this morning's meeting and made two grants. One was a grant to buy \$500 worth of supplies for DayStar (see today's Speaker). The second grant was also for \$500 to be sent to Benincasa – the hospice in Mendon. The Director of the hospice, Beverly Clark, spoke at one of our meetings last summer.

**POLIO PLUS PLEDGE UPDATE:** The Rotary Club of Pittsford is on its way toward our goal of \$15,000. This is a three-year goal and we have so far raised \$6,375 in cash (\$3,325) and additional pledges (\$3,050). Seventeen (17) members have contributed so far, or about 1/3 of the club. Contributions have

ranged from less than \$100 to more than \$1,500. We want to be able to say we participated in the largest private and worldwide charitable undertaking to wipe out the scourge of polio. Please give your checks and/or pledge cards to our Polio Plus coordinator, Gaven Hurley. If you need another pledge card, feel free to ask him for one. Thanks for your efforts!

**LPGA PLANNING AND HELP:** Bill Pieper reported on plans for this year's tournament. We will once again be selling ice cream and water but will be located in the main concession area. There will be a push to sell tickets as sales are down this year – probably due to the economy and the PGA Championship.

**275 KUDOS IN THE D&C:** Great publicity from the D&C in the Thumbs-up Section this week. Pittsford Rotarians donated 190 total work hours to the Ronald McDonald 275 Westmoreland project. Thanks to everyone involved and once again a special thanks to Pete Crooker, Gerry Vesling and Peggy Albrecht. You can see more photos of the 275 house on the ofoto site. Send a note to Rick if you need to know how to get on.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL:** Plan on making arrangement to attend. Information was mailed out and members should have received, if not see president Lou. You should plan to have an up to date passport for the trip, as crossing the border may be a little more exciting than your last trip.

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:** Put February 8<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for a district conference in Geneseo. A table has been allotted for our club's board members and all are welcome to join.

**FUND RAISING MEETING:** Jim D'Aiello will be conducting a meeting with all members who have submitted ideas for fundraisers. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the ideas and select several to be presented to the club Board of Directors for consideration. The meeting will be held on February 10 (Monday night) from 5:00-6:00 PM at Amica

## FEATURES

### TODAY'S PROGRAM:

**MUSIC:** Lynn's song today was Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land" – or was it "MY" Land? We were in unusually good voice – probably had something to do with the cold and my tin ears.

**SPEAKER:** Our delightful speaker today was Mary Erturk, Director of Daystar Services. Daystar is a Pittsford organization that cares for medically fragile infants whose parents can't take care of them. It's sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and they have been quietly providing this invaluable service since 1988. They are now in an expansion phase, and would like more help with donations and volunteers, since the need is so great. There is the only infant medical day care facility in the county.

Mary was previously a nurse at Strong, and was hired recently to help with this expansion. Her salary is paid by donations -- what a wonderful service they provide. For more information, or to volunteer or donate, contact Daystar at 383-0029, their address is 47 Lochnavar Parkway, Pittsford.



**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Billy Pieper gave a Happy Dollar for his daughter who is now teaching full-time. Gerry Vesling gave one for the Amica employees, who help so much with Green Acres and other projects. Jackie Smith gave for husband Peter and Don Henderson's recent injury-free ski trip. Rick Juszkiewicz gave for his first root canal recently and he thanked Doug Trolley for a painless day. Gaven Hurley gave for the Furner's visit last week. Lou Christakos gave for Lynn's music group, and to thank those who graciously help each week with our meeting set up – particularly Pete Crooker and Bob Thompson. Peter Crooker gave for our current heat wave – breaking into double digits!

**50/50 WINNER:** Our own Jim Cameron won the 50-50, must be his reward for all those meeting notes!

**ROTARY INFORMATION: VIRTUAL MAKE-UPS...**

Can't make a Rotary meeting? Can't manage to visit another club in person? No service projects available this week? Only free time you have is from midnight to 1:00 AM this week? Now you can do a cyber make-up via the Internet and on your own schedule! The web site address is - <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/> . There is no fee, but they encourage a small donation that you can make online using your credit card (or send them a check if you think it's safer). Once you complete the virtual meeting there is a question or two to make sure you were paying attention and then you can print a make-up form. Even if you don't want the make-up there is lots of good Rotary information on the site. This club is fully sanctioned by RI and was chartered on January 4, 2002. You can even become a full member of the club for \$100 per quarter. Here are the requirements;

1. You live or do business in ANY Rotary District in our Rotary world.
2. You are restricted in your professional schedule, travel, personal mobility, or location such that it is not possible to meet attendance requirements of a traditional Rotary club, which is typically a weekly meeting in a specific location.
3. You are a contributor to society in your profession, occupation, industry, business, or community role.
4. You commit to the personal ethic of Service Above Self, The [Four-Way Test](#), and support the [Object of Rotary](#).
5. You have been invited by a Rotary sponsor to join eClub One and approved for membership by its Board of Directors. Our Constitutions requires that Out-of-District Rotarians applying for membership submit a memo of Good Standing from the active Governor in the District. (Rotarians may be a current member of only one club)
6. You are willing to participate regularly in the eClub One Community and as appropriate and feasible you are willing to accept a leadership role. Club programs, forums and business are conducted in English.
7. You are willing to be challenged to financially support club projects, the District Foundation and the Rotary Foundation.
8. You are prepared to pay current dues of \$100/quarter to support the operating costs of Rotary International, Rotary District 5450, and eClub One which include \$25/quarter Sustaining Membership in the Rotary Foundation - \$USD. (New members pay a one-time initiation fee of \$25/quarter for setup and training in club procedures.)
9. If you are a member from another District, your District dues will be sent to your home district along with DDF credits for you Sustaining Membership in The Rotary Foundation. Your home district will not lose revenue if you join eClub One.
10. You have regular access to the Internet and are willing to acquire the necessary skills to participate in the Eclub One community features.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done." - **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**, poet

**JUST FOR FUN:** A man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

**JAN 31 – FEB 03 -Canisteo Club Exchange Student Ski Weekend** Take 390 S to the second Dansville exit ( 36 S) Go through Arkport and Hornell to Canisteo

**FEB 2 - Wayne Country Spelling Bee** Eastview Mall

**FEB 8 - Rotary Day at Movies** West Wayne Theater, Rte 31 Macedon NY 14502 1:30 PM The Wild Thornberry's Movie for a donation of only \$5.00 to Polio Plus.  
**MAR 2 - BIG MAC Under Glass Project-** Scottsville Rotary  
**MAR 2 - Rush-Henrietta Pasta Dinner** - Rush-Henrietta High School, Lehigh Station Road (between East Henrietta Rd and Pinnacle Road) Henrietta between 1PM and 6PM \$6.00 a person.  
**MAR 8 - Williamson Rotary 75th Anniversary**  
**MAR 22 - District Assembly- SUNY Geneseo**  
**APR 6 - "Taste of the Finger Lakes"** (Victor Farmington) 1PM- DiPacific's  
**MAY 2 - 4 - District Conference- "Montreal '03" "C'est Magnifique!"**  
**MAY 10 - Rotary Community Invitational Golf Tournament** Honeoye Falls-Mendon  
**MAY 17 - 18 - Bath Rotary Pancake Breakfast** At the Home and Recreation Show  
**JUN 1 – District Ball Game** at Frontier Field

**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.
- Verna Hospice needs volunteers, you can volunteer by contacting Linda Eastman at 385-4745.

**FEB 3 – Ronald MacDonald House –** serve dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 PM (see Jim D’Aiello)

**FEB 10 – Fund raising meeting at Amica – 5:00-6:00 PM**

**FEB 10 – Rotary Board Meeting at Amica – 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**FEB 25 - Ronald MacDonald House –** serve dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 PM (see Jim D’Aiello)

**MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS**

Name in <brackets> is the greeter, speakers follow.

\*\*\*\*\* **NEXT WEEK** \*\*\*\*\*

**5 February: < Jackie Swift > Anne Johnson and Mike Walsh from Episcopal Church Home senior living center. For more info... < <http://www.rahsa.com/episcpal/senior.html> >.**

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**12 February: < Jennel Dillon > Bob Klein**

**19 February: < Gaven Hurley > TBD**

**26 February: < Bill Pieper > TBD**

**HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:**

<http://www.rotary.org> - Rotary International

<http://www.rotary7120.org> - Our District

<b>The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York</b>		<b>1-800-867-0513 extension 388</b>
<b><u>2002-2003 Club Officers</u></b>		<b><u>2002-2003 Board of Directors</u></b>
President - Lou Christakos President Elect – Rick Haverty Vice President – John Bernacki Secretary – Jackie Swift Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein Sergeant-At-Arms – Frank Burns SAA Assistant – Kathy Bills Recording Secretary – Peggy Martin		Bob Thompson – Club Service Jim D’Aiello – Community Service Jim Murphy – Fund Raising Pete Crooker – Service Projects Pat Mallery – Vocational Service Jennel Clark– International Service Gaven Hurley – Past President