



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Jennel Dillon

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

February Private-at-arms: Gerry Vesling

“WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH”



Bob Klein chats with Hank Ferris

Bob Klein Knows What We're "Here-after" (Planning your funeral) - story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Ron Roberts (Fairport Club), Dave Ferris (Rochester).

MEMBER NEWS

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

One of our Newsletter reporters, **Jim Cameron**, underwent a procedure to take care of Basil Cell Carcinoma (skin cancer) on his head. Jim is doing well, but he urges you to cover up in the sun. He has a total of about 50 stitches up top.

There was no February 5th Accelerator due to our meeting being canceled. Hick's & McCarthy had some roof problems and the leakage in the ceiling kept them from turning on the lights. With the exception of a few watermarks on the ceiling all looked well this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNERS: Jim Kubarek organized and led a dinner group that included Elthea King, Bill Pieper, Jackie Swift, and Peggy Martin on February 3rd. The menu included a Chicken & Wild Rice dish that was so well received that RMH asked for the recipe to put on their web site. Once it's there the Accelerator staff will copy and paste it into the newsletter. A great big thanks to all those who helped make this a great success.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNER II: Another group of Pittsford Rotarians will be serving dinner at the house on February 25th. If you missed the fun last week you can still sign up for this date. Lynne

Freshman, Gaven Hurley, Jim Murphy, and Lou Christakos are on the list but another person or two is still needed.

THE 2003 CP ROCHESTER POLAR BEAR OPEN: Ron Roberts visited from the Fairport Rotary to tell us a little about this year's Polar Bear Open. It will be held on Saturday March 8 at Veterans Memorial Park in Henrietta. The entry fee is \$20 to play the 9-hole pitch & putt course complete with astro-turf greens. If you don't golf there's still plenty to do. For a \$12.00 fee you can come to the all day buffet in the heated tent, take part in the live and silent auctions, take advantage of the other games. Ron mentioned frozen chicken bowling and a "road-kill toss." District Governor Don Alhart will be the auctioneer! Golfers must sign up in advance. For more information call 334-6000 x339. Proceeds benefit CP Rochester and Fairport Rotary charities.

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: Do you have a good idea for community service project for our club? Rotary's 100th year is coming up in 2005 and RI has set the challenge to individual clubs to complete such a project before March of 2005. Registration of the project is due in to Rotary International by July 1, 2003. Pete Crooker has been in contact with Village Mayor Bob Corby and will be speaking with town officials as well about projects they would be willing to get behind. The project needs to be something our community wants / needs and we need to be able to put a plaque on it. Be creative and let Pete know your centennial project ideas.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS WINTER GAMES: Pat Mallery attended the games this past week in Fairport. He was extremely impressed and moved with the experience and urged anyone interested to visit or take part in one of their upcoming events. You can access the Special Olympics calendar at - <http://www.mcspecialolympics.org/calendar.htm> . Pat also noted that the warming hut at the outdoor ice rink in Fairport had been built or donated by the Fairport Rotary club.

VOCATIONAL SERVICES MOMENT: Pat Mallery will be giving brief talks about the Vocational Service activities at our meetings during the month of February. Today he mentioned the activities that we should all know something about – Interact, RYLA, Student Service Awards, and the School / Community Partnership Council. Sandy Overmier, who has left our club, was the chairperson of the School / Community Partnership Council. Pat has asked for a volunteer to take over that role. Please contact him if you're interested.

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Gaven Hurley spoke a few minutes about the Rotary Youth Exchange program. He noted how attractive the program is because of the involvement of Rotarians. We screen the students, arrange lodging, bring them to Rotary activities, provide jackets (to out-going students), and stipends for spending money. In Pittsford we also provide their lunches. It's a great program for the students and for us. Gustavo is now residing with the Buccierris. If you're interested in hosting him for the last 1/3 of the school year please contact Jennel Dillon.

ROTARY FOUNDATION NOMINATIONS: Ric Juszkievicz spoke about Paul Harris awards and the opportunity for you to nominate a deserving person for this year's award. The nominee can be either a club member or a person in our community who displays the qualities Rotary embraces – primarily "service above self." Of course your donations are needed as well as we are allowed one Paul Harris award for each \$1,000 our club donates. Ric also mentioned a tie-in with the Polio-Plus campaign.

DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: Our club has submitted paperwork for achievement awards for;

- The Fishing Derby
- The 275 House (at Ronald McDonald House)
- The Dictionary Project
- The organization of our Club Services
- The Accelerator

Various committees within the district will make selections and awards will be presented at the District Conference in Montreal in May. Good luck to us, they are all deserving efforts and well appreciated whether an award is made or not. This is one heck of a club!

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 8th 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.

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

MUSIC: "You are my Sunshine" – even on a snowy February morning.

SPEAKER: Today's speaker was Bill Klein of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Great Rochester. It sounds like a tough topic for an early morning meeting, but Bill (and the club members) were good "spirited" (pun intended) about the topic. Bob Vukosic introduced Bill. It turns out that Bob and Hank Ferris are both members of the Alliance. The Alliance was formerly named the Rochester Memorial Society. Bill started off by asking how many people have life insurance? How many have wills? Then he asked the question, "How many have planned for our own funeral?" Do you know how much it costs or what the options are? The Alliance doesn't sell anything or advocate any type of "disposal" of your remains. They are truly there to help "lay out" the options and help you plan for the funeral that will best serve your wishes, fit your budget, and help your family through a very difficult time. They do propose keeping funerals simple, inexpensive, and dignified through good planning and preparation. He covered topics from cremation to traditional burial to crypts in mausoleums. You can even **rent** a casket! Did you know you could donate your body for medical research at the University of Rochester? Not only would your parts help further medical study, but it's also the cheapest option going (about \$500). Bob Vukosic added a new tag line for the Alliance at the end of the talk – "We want to be the last ones to let you down." Like everyone else these days they too have a web site. For more information go to - <http://www.fcagr.com> or call (585) 461-1620.



HAPPY DOLLARS: We were full of joy this morning and the happy dollars flowed large. Gerry Vesling gave a couple for son Tim's induction in the Section V Hall of Fame (see last Accelerator – two weeks ago). Tim Hayes gave a buck just for not needing a funeral today. Matthew Wahl gave because school was closed today (explaining why Mary Alice Price wasn't at the meeting). Jennel Dillon had a happy dollar because her brother graduated from the Police Academy. Bill Pieper gave for all those who helped out at the Ronald McDonald House dinner and for Jim Kubaric's award winning chicken recipe. Jim Kubarek also gave a buck to thank everyone who helped out at the dinner. Jackie Swift gave one because the sun came out (or up?) before the end of the meeting. Bob Vukosic gave one to thank our speaker this mourning (pun intended). Jim Murphy gave one because nephew Dave Murphy ran a 1-mile race and led, "most of the way."

50/50 WINNER: For the first time since I can recall Frank Burns asked the club president to pull the 50/50 number instead of the guest speaker. By great coincidence Lou Christakos won! Frank snickered and returned to the back of the room sheepishly.

ROTARY INFORMATION: BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The monthly board meeting was held Monday night at Amica. Here are the highlights...

- Jim D'Aiello held a fundraising idea meeting shortly before the board meeting and presented the top ideas presented by the committee. First and foremost was the thought that we should focus on and try

to improve our two top fundraising events – the Golf Tournament and the Pancake supper. Pete Crooker has proposed that we develop a booklet for the Pancake supper in which we'd sell advertising. It is modeled after the DeWitt NY club who has had great success with such a book. The book will be positioned as a Pittsford Directory and may have fun things in it like Jim Kubarek's chicken recipe. There is a meeting about this year's golf tournament - The Doug Emblidge Golf Shamble - this week and more will come on that as well. Additional ideas that were supported by the committee and the board included selling elephant ears (a pastry) at Fairport Canal Days and the Monroe County Fair. Pat Mallery is following up on this idea. We've also been asked if we want to sell the Golf Discount coupons this year (not a golf card this time, but a coupon book). We will not ask members to sell these individually this year, but may take them along to sell at events such as the Canal Days event if we end up selling elephant ears there. There are no great expectations for these additions, as we really just want to get them off the ground this year.

- The board considered Pete Crooker's idea of supporting a Centennial project in the town. All were in favor and Pete is following up. See the note in this week's newsletter.
- The board agreed that we should pursue information about sponsoring an incoming student once again next year. Jennel Dillon will also look into sponsorship for an outgoing exchange students
- The board also reviewed last Fall's club evaluation and determined actions to be taken for the areas we had the lowest scores on.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.... take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature." -- **Marcus Aurelius**

JUST FOR FUN: Some actual News headlines (not from the Accelerator obviously)

- Crack Found on Governor's Daughter
- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
- Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
- Is There a Ring of Debris around Uranus?
- Prostitutes Appeal to Pope
- Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
- Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
- Miners Refuse to Work after Death
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
- Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges
- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
- Man Struck By Lightning Faces Battery Charge
- Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
- Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
- Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

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 8 – Polar Bear Open

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 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. If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker please contact John Bernacki for scheduling.

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

19 February: < Gaven Hurley > **Tim Forward, member of Brighton Rotary and President Elect of the Board of Directors of Camp Haccamo**

- 26 February:** < Bill Pieper > TBD
- 5 March:** < Jim Murphy > TBD
- 12 March:** < Joy Bennett > TBD
- 19 March:** < Ken Smith > TBD
- 26 March:** < Matthew Wahl > TBD
- 2 April:** < Jackie Swift > TBD
- 9 April:** < Mary Alice Price > TBD
- 16 April:** < Tim Hayes > TBD
- 23 April:** < Roger Zaenglein > TBD
- 30 April:** < Jennel Dillon > TBD
- 7 May:** < Kevin Lane > TBD
- 14 May:** < Nick Tagliarino > TBD
- 21 May:** < Rick Haverty > TBD
- 28 May:** < Helmut Albrecht > TBD
- 4 June:** < Lynn Freshman > TBD
- 11 June:** < Bob Vukosic > TBD
- 18 June:** < Beans Bement > TBD
- 25 June:** < Jim D’Aiello > TBD

HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

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

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

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