



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Gaven Hurley

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

February Private-at-arms: Jim Cameron

"WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH"

Vocations Chairperson Pat Mallery educates us. - story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Dave Ferris from the Rochester club joined us today.

MEMBER NEWS

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

Member Tim Hayes has agreed to be "arrested" for the Muscular Dystrophy's "Lock Up" fundraising promotion, on April 3rd. A Sheriff's deputy will visit Tim's office, and take him to the Woodcliff Lodge where he will be "imprisoned" for an hour, until he raises "bail" money. Tim's bail has been set at \$2,700, so that's the amount he's trying to raise on MDA's behalf. Rotary members consider a contribution to help speed his release (or keep him incarcerated longer!). Contributions to MD, of course, are fully tax-deductible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: Saturday, March 22nd is the date for the district conference at SUNY Geneseo. The club strongly urges you to consider attending this event – particularly if you're on next year's board. You will come back with fresh thoughts and ideas and renewed energy for Rotary.

ROTARY FOUNDATION NOMINATIONS: Ric Juszkievicz awaits your nominations – checks welcome as well.

ROTARY ITEMS FOR SALE: Jackie Swift has Rotary window decals for sale at \$1.00 each. Pete Crooker has the following;

FOR SALE: Three official club golf shirts - royal blue, RI logo and Pittsford club name on left front. XL (1) and L (2). \$26.25 each. Contact Pete Crooker. (Or, if you need a smaller size and wish to order a club shirt, let Pete know)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL: Plan on making arrangement to attend. Information was mailed out and members should have received it by now, 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 to Canada.

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

MUSIC: The group sang, "Pennies From Heaven". Written by Burke and Johnston the song was made famous by Bing Crosby in the movie of the same title. The movie was okay, the song won an Oscar. Bing recorded "Pennies from Heaven" August 17, 1936 with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. By the end of the year the recording had rocketed to the top of the charts, where it stayed for an incredible 10 weeks. It was Bing's only No. 1 recording of 1936, but for Bing it was megabucks from Heaven!

SPEAKER: Our Vocational Services Chairperson, Pat Mallery, spoke on this avenue of service. "Vocational Services" provides the opportunity for Pittsford Rotarians to inform members about their vocations and to contribute one's vocational talents in addressing the problems and needs of society. Members have a personal commitment to represent their vocation or occupation and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work. That's the meaning in the handbook. Pat points out each member must maintain high ethical standards using the 4 rules of Rotary. The Pittsford club holds diverse members, bringing in a variety of interests and different speakers; Rotary – rotating meetings, rotating interests, and other places. Each year the Pittsford Rotary Club has vocational awards for high standards and services. This award can go to Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. It is social recognition in our community. Career development is another aspect, continually training, being on top of your bubble, and making work lasting and meaningful. Career Fair – helping young people find jobs, sharing your knowledge. Rotary volunteers, establishing committees for those to serve, at the district level there is the Rotary Foundation. Our club has 5 possible paths: Rotaract, Interact, Service Awards, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Rotary Community Corps. The strategy Pat suggests is to have the chairperson serve more than one year to oversee long-term goals, the committees can change but the strategy must move with commitment. Thank you Pat for the inspiration



HAPPY DOLLARS: Pete Crooker gave a buck hoping members would respond with ideas for the Centennial Project. Something that is visible and needed in the community. Eric Pearlman is a new dad. Congratulations! Jackie Swift's Daughter is back in the USA. Elthea King gave \$5 for a delightful vacation in the west. Ken: Smith chipped in \$20 because he saw Bill Brown, past Rotary member, in Florida. Lou was a nice guy today but on the prowl for those Rotary pins on the lapels.

50/50 WINNER: The guy from Amica and major Rotary booster Jim Murphy!

ROTARY INFORMATION: From Gaven's Rotary minute...

Gaven spoke on the differences between the different assemblies. A District Assembly is educational, for Rotary members primarily. It's free; the Board absorbs the cost. A District Conference is more social, like the one coming up in May in Montreal. An International Convention is held somewhere each year around the world. A Club Assembly is a special meeting of our club, to report on ideas and is an open forum.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You don't get harmony when everybody sings the same note." - **Doug Floyd** (or was it Lynn Freshman?)

JUST FOR FUN: The wise old Mother Superior from the convent in Tipperary was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink, but she refused it. Then, one nun took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. She returned to the Mother Superior's bed and held the glass to her pale, bloodless lips. Mother took a little sip, then a little more. Before they knew it, she'd drunk the whole glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nun asked in earnest, "Please give us a word of wisdom before you leave us to go to your well-deserved reward." The stricken Mother painfully raised herself up in bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Don't sell that cow!"

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

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.

MAY 17 - ANNUAL PITTSFORD ROTARY FISHING DERBY

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** *****

12 March: < Joy Bennett > Know Your Member - Matt Ensenat

19 March: < Ken Smith > Rotary International Foundation - Chuck Chapin

26 March: < Matthew Wahl > Fred Ogborne - Financial Planner will speak on the topic, "Retirement Income Need: Is it Overstated?"

2 April: < Jackie Swift > Cindy Hunt - A talk about Malawi, Africa (Remember Matt Wahl's trip?)

9 April: < Mary Alice Price > TBD

16 April: < Tim Hayes > TBD

23 April: < Roger Zaenglein > Richard Mackson - Moving from film to digital photography

30 April: < Jennel Dillon > Dan Hucko - Vice President for Corporate Communications and Investor Relations for Harris Interactive - the polling folks. <http://www.harrisinteractive.com>

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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