



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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

Invocation: Mary Alice Price

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

April Private-at-arms: Bill Pieper

April is - **"MAGAZINE MONTH"**

## Pittsford Little League President Tom Durkin and VP Russ Smith give us a baseball in Pittsford History Lesson - story below

**VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:** Rod Rittenhouse from the Fairport Rotary Club; Brendan O'Kelly, who is looking for a Rotary home; Pres. Tom Durkin and Vice Pres. Russ Smith from Pittsford Little League. (Our program for the day!).

### MEMBER NEWS

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

President Lou greeted an "Almost Visiting Rotarian" named **GERRY VESLING** who returned from a trip to the sunny southwest where he cut short his sojourn to come back east to help us enjoy the recent ice storm with its three-inch or more snowfall dessert. Don't worry, Gerry, the snow won't last. You'll soon be able to see those golf balls!!

Every table this morning heard tales being swapped about trials and tribulations during the recent ice storm. Most of us now have power again, BUT NOT EVERYONE!

Nick Tagliarino has a number of Smith Barney market research documents that he's willing to share with club members. If you'd like these sent to you send an email to Nick at <mailto:nicholas.j.tagliarino@smithbarney.com>.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ROAD CLEANUP SCHEDULED:** Our first Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for 2003 will begin at 8 AM on Saturday, 19 Apr 2003, at the beginning of **East Street and Route 96**. Please come dressed properly, with boots, gloves and probably pants, shirt and a jacket! Remember events like this count as a make-up (as long as you tell Frank Burns you were there) and provide a great opportunity to get to know a few fellow club members.

**ROTARY RED WINGS GAME COMES EARLY THIS YEAR:** Nick Tagliarino passed out order forms for tickets to the upcoming Rotary Day at Frontier Field to be held on Sunday, 1 June 2003. Our Rochester Red Wings will be playing the Norfolk Tides after a brief parade around the field about 1:00 PM. The

gates open at 12:30 PM. Ticket costs are \$8.00 each. Please make out your check to **Pittsford Rotary Club** and get it to Nick ASAP so he can order the tickets. It seems the Red Wings DO NOT accept personal checks.

**EAST ROCHESTER CLUB GERMAN NIGHT:** Don't forget the East Rochester Club's German Night and Dinner Festival being held at Camp Haccamo at 5:30 PM on Saturday, 26 Apr 2003. Tickets are \$20.00 each. We're told that that price includes German beer. Sounds interesting!

**RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO GET YOUR NOMINATION IN:** Rick Juskiewicz still needs our nominations for Paul Harris Fellowships for one or more of our members, PLUS a generous donation to The Rotary Foundation so they can continue their good works. Please, please get the nominations and checks to Rick right away! The same plea applies for donations for what we used to call Polio Plus! Gaven Hurley is our focal point on that, so please get your cash/check/pledge to him right away!

**THE KIDS FISHING DERBY COMING UP NEXT MONTH:** May 17<sup>th</sup>!

## FEATURES

### TODAY'S PROGRAM:

**MUSIC:** Lynn Freshman led us in verses 1 and 2 of "America." Our patriotic theme continues. Ray says we should be singing verses 3 and 4 next week!

**SPEAKER:** Tom Durkin (president) and Russ Smith from Pittsford Little League

Little league started in 1939 at Williamsport, PA., that's why every year the international little league playoffs are there. A guy named Carl Stotz created it to keep his nephews busy. Guidelines were established in 1940. The main philosophy of little league is to give kids, regardless of talent, the opportunity to respect the rules, learn the sport, be competitive, get exercise, respect others, and generally speaking, be a better citizen. Pittsford's North Charter was established in 1953. It is based on growth and population, so in 1978 a South Charter was established. Presently there are 1,400 kids enrolled, two-thirds boys and one third girls. That's 119 teams with kids ranging in age from 6 to 18 years old. It astonishes that kids are that old in the program, but some of them have played together since they were very young, and just retained the program. In 1953 when the Charters were first established, there were four major sponsors: Legionaires, Rotary, Lions Club, and Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department. Today there are 2 major sponsors: Rotary and the Volunteer Fire Department. In 1962 Bob Ford Field was named. Bob Ford was the first chief umpire. In 1962 helmets were introduced for safety. In 1968 Howbecker Field was named and a snack bar and storage building were built by "see bees." In the fall of 2002 a large renovation program started. It first was repair of roofs, but eventually turned into 2000 sq. ft. of space, including rest rooms, storage space and a press box. Tom passed pictures around, with the great hope of completing construction by April 26, which is opening day. The future plan is to build more fields. The town of Pittsford as well as Mendon High School supports Thornell Park fields. Thank you Tom for talking with Pittsford Rotary.



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**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Lynn Freshman for her husband, Manny, who is going into business selling some sort of machine tools. It will be called Total Automation, INC. Manny is president and guess who is vice president?

Mary Alice Price to thank all the emergency workers for all the work they have done since Friday morning.

Peter Crooker for the Syracuse Orangemen's NCAA title. Pete is also going to Buffalo to watch the "Frozen Four" (and root for Cornell we suppose).

Bob Vukosic for the kids from our high school who did such an outstanding job on the "Jekyll and Hyde" musical at PMHS. It will be on tonight (9 Apr) and Thursday (10

**50/50 WINNER:** Amidst "Boos" and catcalls our esteemed leader and club president, Lou Christakos, held the winning ticket! He stood fast and said it would help make up for SOME of the fines he's had to pay for forgetting member's names and faces and mispronouncing their names during his term of office!.

**ROTARY INFORMATION: Rotary International and the United Nations**

The United Nations may or may not be your favorite organization these days because of recent events, but the linkages between Rotary and the UN are deep-rooted. Thanks to the PolioPlus program, Rotary International has developed an intensive partnership with United Nations organizations. However, this relationship began even before the creation of the United Nations in 1945. In fact, some 50 Rotarians took part in the 1945 UN Charter Conference in San Francisco. They served as delegates, advisors and consultants in the economic, humanitarian and social fields. Carlo P. Romulo, then Vice-President of RI, was later appointed chairman of the UN general assembly. Five other Rotarians have held that office since.

Today Rotary International is one of the few organizations to maintain the highest-level consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, UNICEF, and UNESCO. The partnership of RI with the UN covers many areas. UN and Rotary Humanitarian projects respond to similar needs. We've all heard a great deal about PolioPlus and our work with agencies like UNICEF, but there are many other efforts underway. A Rotary Foundation grant was given to Mexico, which was used to fight rabies with the help of the Pan-American health organization. Nigerian Rotary clubs are working with the UN Population Fund to expand a maternal education and child spacing program. In Poland, the UN Development Program helped the Rotary clubs of Warsaw and Duluth, Minnesota create a joint business internship program. Six months after the creation of UNAIDS, Rotary International made a common statement to promote AIDS awareness and prevention. UNESCO provides Rotary International with information and technical resources for its program in favor of literacy and water resource protection. Through the "Rotary Volunteers" program, doctors and dentists work in refugee camps managed by the United Nations and many Rotarians volunteer for the UNISTAR program to participate in short humanitarian assignments. The objects of the United Nations are similar those of Rotary International: to maintain peace and international security; promote international understanding; contribute to solving economic and social problems and promoting human rights.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." – **Thomas Edison**, inventor

**JUST FOR FUN: QUICK QUIPS**

Hospital is a place where they wake you up to give you a sleeping pill.

He who slings mud loses ground.

The best way to get back on your feet: miss a car payment.

People are funny. They want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Please do not complain about the coffee. You'll be old and weak someday, too!

Killing time murders opportunities.

Let nature take its course and hope it passes.

Life is like a grammar lesson. You find the past perfect and the present tense.

**OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS**

**APR 26 – GERMAN FESTIVAL DINNER** - East Rochester Rotary's newest fundraiser. Held at Camp Haccamo (starting at 5:30). Tickets are \$20 and include beer & wine.

**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 RED WINGS 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 KIDS FISHING DERBY (sponsored by the Pittsford Rotary)** - Saturday morning at Powderhorn Lodge, Powder Mills Park. Derby Fishing Hours are from 8AM to 10AM. All area children 15 yrs of age and younger invited.

**JUNE 16-23 – LPGA WEEK** – Volunteer sign-ups will be passed around at club meetings.

## 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** \*\*\*\*\*

**16 April: < Tim Hayes > Joe Testani – Rochester FBI office, terrorism specialist**

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**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 > History of the LPGA in Rochester – Bob Maney, Vice President. Remember to thank Bob for being a hole sponsor at our golf tournaments every year.**

**14 May: < Nick Tagliarino > Nancy McAlaine Evale – Long Term Care specialist from GE Capital will talk about who needs LTC, Medicare / Medicaid, protecting your estate, costs of coverage and other related topics.**

**21 May: < Rick Haverty > SPECIAL MEETING PLACE – Pittsford Rotary meets on the Sam Patch.**

**28 May: < Helmut Albrecht > Know Your Member - Keith Yeates**

**4 June: < Lynn Freshman > TBD**

**11 June: < Bob Vukosic > TBD**

**18 June: < Beans Bement > LPGA Week – should we have a meeting?**

**25 June: < Jim D'Aiello > NO MORNING MEETING – CHANGE-OVER DINNER THIS EVENING**

### HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

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

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

**The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York**

**1-800-867-0513 extension 388**

#### 2002-2003 Club Officers

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



#### 2002-2003 Board of Directors

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