



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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

Invocation: Tim Hayes

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

April Private-at-arms: Bill Pieper

April is - **"MAGAZINE MONTH"**

## FBI Terrorism Expert Joe Testani - story below

**VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:** Brad Burnell from the Rochester Club; Joe Testani, today's speaker; and Dean LoBrutto, Prospective member.

### MEMBER NEWS

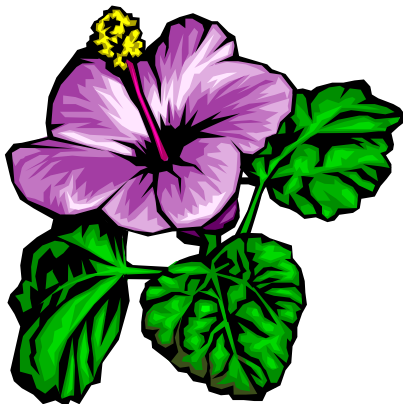
Please forward any member news to Rick Haverty – email, phone, and napkins all work.

"We publish again the name of **DEAN LOBRUTTO** to be our most recent Pittsford Rotarian. Dean is a Mortgage and Loan officer with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Company. He is looking forward to becoming involved in the activities of our Rotary Club and we welcome his enthusiasm! Any objections to Dean becoming a member of The Rotary Club of Pittsford must be submitted to our club president in writing by 22 April 2003."

Returning snow birds: We saw a somewhat familiar face this morning, surrounded by a red sweater, at least below his chin. After looking carefully, we recognized **Beans Bement**, recently returned from sunny Florida. Welcome back, Beans!! Word is that **Bob Thompson** is packing his bags and will be back soon as well.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BENINCASA & 275 HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Peter Crooker announced that Benincasa is in dire need of volunteers. Training will be provided. Please see Pete if you're interested or know someone who may be. Also, for all those who have your own yards cleaned up after the recent ice storm, come do the same at the Ronald MacDonald House on 26 April.



**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS:** Pat Mallery announced that the Interact clubs will be having their Flower Sale in time for Mother's Day this year. The baskets are \$15.00 each the Interact will be selling them over the next couple weeks. Rotarians: Get one for your mother or wife, maybe?

**LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY:** 26 April is the date for the first Little League game of the season. Members are encouraged to attend! The full schedule from Matt Wahl is attached.



**MAY 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING WILL FLOAT YOUR BOAT!:** The club is planning to hold our May 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday morning meeting aboard the Sam Patch. We will be shoving off at 7:00AM SHARP! Space will be limited – the Sam Patch has a capacity of 49 people. More information on this fun event is coming soon.

**GOLF SHAMBLE SIGN-UP FORM IN THE MAIL:** Please note, if you got a golf tournament sign-up form in the mail or at the meeting the discounted sign-up fee ends on JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>! You can sign up for a paltry \$79 per golfer if you beat the date. The price after June 1<sup>st</sup> is \$99. The same is true if you are just coming for dinner – the \$20 early bird fee goes back to \$30 after June 1<sup>st</sup>. By the way, the post June 1<sup>st</sup> prices are the same prices as last year. The early-bird prices are real bargains – don't miss out! The handsome (and very professional looking) brochure was prepared by Jim Cameron – thanks Jim!

**LPGA CLEANUP NIGHT:** Tuesday evening, June 10<sup>th</sup>, will be our WORK NIGHT at Locust Hill for the LPGA. No painting this year, we hear. Meet at the Maintenance building on Jefferson Road wearing clothing appropriate for cleanup work. Again, more news later! Attendance has been slipping the last couple of years so please try to make some time to help out. It's a lot of work, but also a lot of fun – a great way to get to know a few of your fellow members better. The TIME will be announced at the next meeting.

**EAST STREET CLEANUP REPORT (A late flash from “on-assignment” reporter Ray Robbins):** Seven hardy souls showed up by eight o'clock Saturday morning, the appointed time. A few of those who signed up either were late or forgot about it. We split into two groups, with Tim Hayes, Jim Cameron, Matt Wahl and Ray Robbins in the first group and Pete Crooker, Bob Vukosic and Gerry Vesling in the second group. The first group covered from Route 96 south to Thornell Road while the second went from Thornell Road south to the town line. The entire route was three miles - six miles considering that we did both sides of the road. Come to think of it, make that nearer ten miles, since Matt Wahl would venture way off the road to retrieve unsightly bags and other litter, some of which was up in the trees! Ahhh-h-, to be young and agile again!! It can be reported that the cigarette of choice seems to be Marlboro, the preferred bottled water is Poland Springs (a Maine product, folks!), favorite fast food containers were from MacDonald's and coffee cups were from Starbucks. The unmentionable item that Tim "claimed" he found was, well, better left undescribed! There were vodka bottles and old cigarette lighters, windshield wiper blades and banana peels. One old auto tire was left in the ditch where it was embedded so as to prevent further erosion. We held a special meeting and voted to leave it there! Perhaps we should "thank" the many thoughtless individuals who seem to delight in littering the landscape from their car windows for providing us with a few hours of labor this day! I wonder how these slobbs would like having all that trash tossed in THEIR front yards!



## FEATURES

### TODAY'S PROGRAM:

**MUSIC:** Lynn Freshman led us in the third and fourth verses of "America" this morning. Later she asked why our club didn't take part in the annual Memorial Day Parade. Now that we have some younger members, I suppose we could, but some of more mature members may not be able to walk that far! Maybe we need a float!

**SPEAKER:** Introduced by Bob Vukosic, our interesting guest speaker is Joe Testani of the FBI

Joe is no stranger to Pittsford Rotary. He lives in Pittsford with his wife and three children, and they go to the fishing derby every year and are also involved in Pittsford Little League.

Joe has been involved with the FBI and terrorism against the United States. Terrorism as defined by the dictionary is an act of force, to intimidate, violence to get political means. Usama Bin Laden wanted our government out of Saudi Arabia and for Palestine to rise up and take back Israel. Because of 9/11 policies the FBI has changed dramatically. Since 1991 the FBI has evolved due to many events. In 1993 the World Trade Center was first bombed, and on April 19, 1996 the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was bombed. Today the FBI has been issued special powers.



Going a step back, in 1960 when J. Edgar Hoover ran the FBI, powers of abuse were misused by the FBI. Because of it civil liberties were abused, secrecy prevailed, and acts were established to make information not public. By 1978 the public was outraged. Outlines were established by the FBI of what they can and cannot do for reasons of national security. During the 80's and 90's this became a problem. Laws had to change as military targets were being attacked. Much of what could, and could not be done was dictated by congress. Since September 2001 this list was broadened, to give more authority in acts against terrorism. Today agencies, such as the CIA, FBI, state and local police, plus international agencies share information. Information about groups is made available so arrests can be made in connection to national security. In the past a phone "tap" could only be done on particular numbers. Today it's roving, and the "tap" follows the individual, not the phone number. New statues made new arrests possible. Supreme courts are in favor and support of these cases. Task forces are in place to mandate information. As Joe put it " We are

playing a game of hockey by old rules, the other team has no rules, and because of it people are getting killed."

If you want to be hired by the FBI, prerequisites include being a least 23 years old, having a 4 year degree, 3 years work experience, go through a series of exams, and any falter along the way, you're out. Local phone numbers are: FBI main number in Rochester - 546-2220, Terrorist Task Force number - 454-0647. Thank you Joe for a most interesting morning.



**HAPPY DOLLARS:** None taken today – we were out of time (shucks).

**50/50 (DOOR PRIZE??) WINNER:** Ken Smith – for the second time in recent memory. Are you sure that wasn't Jan's ticket Ken?

**ROTARY INFORMATION:** Did Paul Harris have a vision? What did he see Rotary doing in the future? When he was completing his third book about Rotary, "My Road to Rotary," he was 79 years old, had suffered three serious heart attacks, recovered

from a nervous breakdown, yet traveled the world, inspired tens of thousands in dozens of languages and even still dreamed of more. Here is a quick excerpt - "When Rotary holds its convention ten years hence, the skies will be full of planes from all the cities throughout the world. Nothing but good can come of such meetings of men united in the common ideal of service. Rotary is an integrating force in a world where forces of disintegration are all too prevalent; Rotary is a microcosm of a world at peace, a model which nations will do well to follow." Paul P. Harris, Page 269 from "My Road To Rotary", 1947.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "You can turn painful situations around through laughter. If you can find humor in anything, even poverty, you can survive it." - **Bill Cosby** – actor and comedian

**JUST FOR FUN:** Life in the 1500's – where some of our best expressions and customs came from: Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and were still smelling pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the

odor.

Baths equaled a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs. Thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the pets - dogs, cats - and other small animals, mice, rats, bugs lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying "dirt poor". The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet. So they spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed at the entryway, hence a "thresh hold."

Sometimes they could obtain pork and would feel really special when that happened. When company came over, they would bring out some bacon and hang it to show it off. It was a sign of wealth and that a man "could bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food. This happened most often with tomatoes, so they stopped eating tomatoes - for 400 years.

Most people didn't have pewter plates, but had trenchers - a piece of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. Trenchers were never washed and a lot of times worms got into the wood. After eating off wormy trenchers, they would get "trench mouth."

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small and they started running out of places to bury people. So, they would dig up coffins and would take their bones to a house and reuse the grave. In reopening these coffins, one out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on their wrist and lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night to listen for the bell. Hence on the "graveyard shift" they would know that someone was "saved by the bell" ... or he was a "dead ringer".

## 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

## 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.
- Benincasa is in dire need of volunteers. Training will be provided. Please see Pete Crooker.

**APRIL 26** - For all those who have your own yards cleaned up after the recent ice storm, come do the same at the Ronald MacDonald House on 26 April. Call Pete Crooker for details.

**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 10 – LPGA Cleanup WORK NIGHT.** Meet at the maintenance shed on Jefferson Road at ??:??PM.

**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** \*\*\*\*\*

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

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**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 > TBD**

**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

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

<b>Pittsford Rotary Club – Little League Teams 2002</b>					
<b>Major League Baseball (hardball, guys)</b>			<b>Softball (girls)</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
5/7	6:00pm	A			
5/9	6:00pm	A			
5/14	6:00pm	B			
5/17	6:00pm	A			
5/20	6:00pm	B	<b>Waiting for</b>	<b>Soft Ball</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
5/24	6:00pm	A			
5/28	6:00pm	B			
6/2	6:00pm	A			
<b>Semi Final</b>	6/7 6:00pm	A			
<b>Finals</b>	6/16 6:00pm	A			
<b>*Semi Finals and Finals will require more games to be scheduled</b>					

### **Field Symbol ...Location for Games**

- A....Ford Field A
- B....Ford Field B
- C....Habecker Field C
- D....Habecker Field D
- #3...Thornell Farm Park #3
- #4... Thornell Farm Park #4

### **Field Locations (Directions)**

Ford Field – Located at the junction of South Street and East Jefferson Road  
Habecker Field – Located on East Street, just off East Jefferson Road  
Thornell Farm Park – Located south of Pittsford Mendon High School on Mendon Road