



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM Presiding: Rick Haverty

Invocation: Jim D'Aiello

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

January Private-at-arms: Pat Mallery

***** JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH *****

Director of Pittsford Youth Services, Nancy Nealon is featured at this morning's meeting – story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: None today – how unusual?

MEMBER NEWS

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

Keith Yeates will be inducted on January 29th.

Joy Bennett is the first (known) member of the Pittsford Rotary with her own domain name and hence URL (**U**niform **R**esource **L**ocator) with her name in it – that's the web address you see on the next line. You can check out her web page now at <http://www.joybennett.com/> .

President Lou stayed home sick today – just a touch of the flu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGE STUDENT MOVES: Gustavo has moved on to a new host family – The Buccieri's - for the second term. Although Gustavo is welcomed back to the Wahl home for the last third of the year if anyone else would like the opportunity to host him please let Jennel Dillon know.

OPERATION FOOD BASKET THANKS YOU: The club received a thank you note and results for Operation Food Basket that we participated in during December. They were able to raise a total of \$33,000 and provide a week's supply of food (including a holiday dinner) to 1,540 people – 308

families. Thanks to all the generosity of the Rotarians and to Bill Pieper, Jackie Swift, and Jim Kubarek for helping with deliveries.

THE 275 HOUSE (Ronald McDonald House annex): Peter Crooker mentioned the crew at 275 Westmoreland/Ronald McDonald House project was a great success. The Jim Kubarek bathroom was completed and Jim D'Aiello somehow cleaned that kitchen floor that foreman Pete and others had trashed. A dozen of our club members helped out on this project. A special thanks to all and especially to Peter for his role as a great motivator for a job well done. Gerry Vesling also noted the great work done by Peggy Albrecht on the house – and didn't mention how much work he put into it himself! Pete will be looking for volunteers to do a spring clean up and we're going to start serving dinners at the main house again soon. Here are a few photos...



Gerry Vesling – Artist at work



Lou and Pete holding up the porch



The guy who managed the whole project – Pete - also worked like crazy



Lou helped out in the Jim Kubarek bathroom



A nice home and some nice guys – Lou and Pete

YOUR PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS ARE NEEDED: Elthea King will be collecting plastic grocery bags for the Pittsford Food Cupboard – they are in desperate need of these for families to tote home their goods. Please sock yours away this week and bring what you have to next week’s meeting.

A ROTARY FOUNDATION MOMENT: Ric Juskiewicz spent a few moments talking about Paul Harris scholarships. For every \$1,000 in donations our club makes to the RI Foundation we get to honor one person as a Paul Harris scholar. This past year our recipients were Charlie Richardson and Bill Pieper. We were also able to give a third award to Pat Mallery at the Eastern Cities Dinner. Get your nominations for this year into Ric and don’t forget a donation as well.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS MONTH’S BOARD MEETINGS: The Foundation Board met last Wednesday and the Club Board met on Monday night. Minutes will be sent under separate cover, but here are a few highlights –

- The Foundation board voted to maintain a \$5,000 cash cushion. With about \$8,500 in the bank (plus funds to cover existing commitments) that leaves about \$3,500 in discretionary funds for disbursement.
- The Foundation approved a \$300 grant to the Benincasa hospice pending some paperwork.
- The Club board also reports a healthy balance sheet with about \$3,000 to the good (\$7,000 in the bank and \$4,000 in commitments).
- The Club board reviewed a number of suggested fund raising ideas. They will be further reviewed by their proposers at a future date and voted on. Charlie Richardson did a great job presenting a detailed proposal for a reverse raffle. The board took the position that we didn’t want to ask members (or ourselves) to sell the \$100 tickets. It was nonetheless a well thought out idea and we thank Charlie for bringing it forward.
- The club brochure Jim Cameron is working on was reviewed and with only a few changes sent off for a second draft.

FEATURES

TODAY’S PROGRAM: Pat Mallery introduced our speaker today, Nancy Nealon, who is Executive Director of Pittsford Youth Services. PYS is a non-profit organization that provides free, confidential counseling services to youth ages 5 to 21 who live, go to school, church or work in the Town of Pittsford. They offer individual, group or family counseling, and also conduct programs for prevention education in the Pittsford schools.

Some of the issues they address are: drug use, ADD/ADHD education, adjusting to a move or divorce, developing effective communication and social skills, etc. They also offer their services on a sliding scale fee for adults based on ability to pay. They are supported by state and federal grants, the Town and Village of Pittsford, local churches, fundraising events, and are a donor option



Pittsford Youth Services
Executive Director Nancy Nealon

of United Way. They also have the Duck Drop fundraiser each year. They are always looking for volunteers and donations, and have offices in the Spiegel Center in Pittsford, phone is 248-6299.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Peter Crooker gave for Team 275's recent work; Gerry Vesling gave for Peter's and other Team 275 member's efforts, and especially thanked Helmut's wife Peggy Albrecht. Jim D'Aiello gave \$5 for the team's efforts; Tim Hayes gave \$4 for an Ohio State win, his recent appearance on Channel 8, his Barnes & Noble Pittsford appearance this Saturday at 7:00 (come out and support Tim), and for the Geriatric Pilots Association.

Elthea King gave for her recent auction dinner being completed, Lynn Freshman gave for her daughter completing her first semester at college, Rick Haverty gave for Lou's not bringing the Norwalk virus to this morning's meeting, and for the four rounds of golf he played in Florida this weekend. Jim Kubarek gave for finishing his bathroom (at the 275 house); Helmut gave to celebrate his continuing assignment in the U.S. - to 2006, Joy Bennett gave for her new web site address www.joybennett.com.

50/50 WINNER: Hank Ferris won the 50-50.

ROTARY INFORMATION: What Paul Harris Said "1930 Christmas Message"

"As my Lassie Jean and I were strolling around the yard one summer afternoon, our minds reverted to the blessings which were ours. We listed our home, perched on the hilltop midst friendly oaks and with evergreens in plenty to give impression of warmth when cold winds blow; we also listed books and household goods, sacred accumulation of years and representing many sacrifices. An impulse suggested the question: Would life be worth living without these things? It did not take long to answer. Yes, life is even more sacred.

"Then came another question: Is there anything more valuable than life? We thought of the touch of vanished hands and the sound of voices stilled and realized that there are things without which life would be so sterile that it might well end. If there were no such things as fellowship with friends and communion with loved ones, life would be darker than starless nights. Friendship can hurdle national boundary lines, religious and political differences; and with love all things are possible." **Paul P. Harris**, *The Rotarian*, December 1930

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances. - **Thomas Jefferson**, former U.S. president

JUST FOR FUN: The year is 1902, just over one hundred years ago ...

Here are some US statistics for 1902:

- The average life expectancy in the US was forty-seven (47).
- Only 14 Percent of the homes in the US had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

- There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads.
 - The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
 - Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.
 - With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.
 - The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France.
 - The average wage in the US was 22 cents an hour.
 - The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
 - A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
 - More than 95 percent of all births in the US took place at home.
 - Ninety percent of all US physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."
 - Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.
 - Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
 - Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.
 - The five leading causes of death in the US were:
 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhea
 4. Heart disease
 5. Stroke
 - The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.
 - The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30.
 - Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.
 - There were no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
 - One in ten US adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
 - Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."
 - Eighteen percent of households in the US had at least one full-time servant or domestic.
 - There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire US.
-What a difference a century makes.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

Jan31 - Feb03 -Canisteo Club Exchange Student Ski Weekend Take 390 S to the second Dansville exit (36 S) Go through Arkport and Hornell to Canisteo

Feb02 - Wayne Country Spelling Bee Eastview Mall

Mar02 - BIG MAC Under Glass Project- Scottsville Rotary

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Name in brackets is the greeter, speakers follow.

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22 January: < Tim Hayes > Mary Erturk, Director of Daystar Services – or maybe someone from Australia ?? There is a little confusion this week.

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29 January: <Peggy Martin > Speaker from Saint's Place. For more info... <

<http://www.saintsplace.org/> >

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> >.


12 February: < Jennel Dillon > TBD

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

The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York		1-800-867-0513 extension 388
<u>2002-2003 Club Officers</u>		<u>2002-2003 Board of Directors</u>
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