



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM Presiding: Lou Christakos
Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman
February Private-at-arms:

Invocation:
Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

Bob Furner – Incoming DG from Australia speaks - story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Bob and Libby Furner. Bob is the incoming Governor of his Rotary district in Australia, and they are on their way to Anaheim, California to the District Governor's conference.

MEMBER NEWS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RONALD MACDONALD HOUSE SUPPERS: We will once again be serving dinner at the Ronald MacDonald House in Rochester. There will be two dates in February – the 2nd and the 25th from 4:30 to about 6:30. A Rotary team of 6 to 8 people will be needed for each date. Jim D'Aiello will be circulating a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

POLIO PLUS UPDATE: Gavin Hurley, talking about Polio Plus and eradication, said we are one-third the way home of our clubs \$15,000 goal. Please donate and participate if you have not already done so. Internationals goal of 80 million is needed to push forward in its goals.

INTERACT UPDATE: Interact is doing a great job in fund raising for supplying schools supplies for four school on the island of Haiti. One of the projects mentioned by Pat Mallery is selling Frisbees for \$1.00 at Amerk's hockey games. They are thrown on the ice at a parachute during halftime for special prizes. Last week Interact collected \$750.00 for the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong. The immediate goal was \$400.

DICTIONARY PROJECT UPDATE: 20 Rotary clubs in our area have passed out more than 2,000 dictionaries to 3rd grades. Our clubs passed out 530 books.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL: Plan on making arrangement to attend. Information was mailed out and members should have received, if not see president Lou.

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.

2003 GOLF TOURNAMENT: A golf tournament meeting is coming up soon Pat Mallery will announce details and date.

PLASTIC BAGS STILL NEEDED: Althea noted bags (plastic) are needed for the food bank. If you forgot them at the meeting they can be dropped off at the Pickle Factory office. There is a drop bucket if front of their door

FUND RAISING MEETING: Jim D'Aiello will be conducting a meeting with all members who have submitted ideas for fundraisers. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the ideas and select several to be presented to the club Board of Directors for consideration. The meeting will be held on February 10 (Monday night) from 5:00-6:00 PM at Amica

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

MUSIC: Lynn's song today was "When the Red, Red, Robin goes Bop, Bop, Bop'in Along". We know who has spring on their mind; maybe a song will push it along.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: Today Keith Yeates, sponsored by Lynn Freshman, was inducted into our club. Keith is originally from Oxford, England. He has a Ph.D. in Engineering, and is presently a business consultant. Keith and his wife Lynn have been married 32 years and have 3 grown daughters, the youngest being married to our recently inducted Town Judge Fred Gallino's son. Talk about a Rotary connection, Keith was also Matt Ensenat's boss at one time. Welcome to the club Keith.

SPEAKER: Our speaker today was Bob Furner, a delightful fellow from Australia who is the District Governor of District 9780 there. He and his lovely wife Libby, who was also with us, were on their way to a Rotary event on the West Coast. They are from Mount Gambier, South Australia, and passed around some beautiful photos of their country.

Bob grew up in a small town in Australia, and worked as a deaf education teacher, and eventually moved into regular teaching. He later became a local, state and national representative in his field. About twenty years ago, Bob was inducted into Rotary, and after many years ran for District Governor. Bob and Libby are retired now, and have two children, one a daughter who is a conservation architect, and a son who is a landscape gardener.

His club, the Mount Gambier West club, is in a small rural city in South Australia. The club is involved with various service projects, Youth Exchange, and matching grants. They also work with Fourth Avenue in Motion, a worldwide community service program. Their club also does food service events, similar to our pancake supper, but has perfected the system so well other clubs in the area hire them for their events! This provides some income for the club and is a terrific way to connect with other organizations. Bob said his club deals with many of the same issues we have, and then he took questions. It was great to have Bob and Libby with us today.

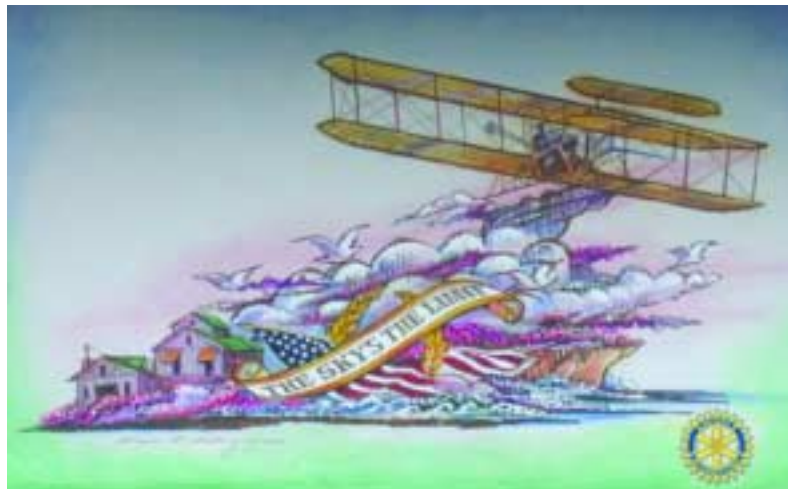


HAPPY DOLLARS: Peter Crooker gave a sad dollar for hearing of polio's increase in India; and a happy one for the snow lately. Matt Wahl gave one for the snow. Gaven gave one for our new member today. Ray Cornelius gave for returning from Florida. Keith Yeates gave one for becoming a member today. Ray Robbins gave one for recovering from the 'flu and Roger Zaenglein gave one for his new grandson! Our speaker Bob Furner gave one for our hospitality and for his new grandchild, due in July.

50/50 WINNER: Charlie Richardson – Maybe it will help that back feel a bit better?

ROTARY INFORMATION: THE ROTARY FLOAT

Yes, The Sky's the Limit is the theme of your 2003 Rotary Float! This theme and design were selected to honor the 100th anniversary of the First Flight of Orville and Wilbur Wright. [Colonel J. Taylor Sink](#), United States Air Force has been selected to ride on the float. The float is funded entirely by voluntary [contributions](#) from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians throughout the United States and Canada. Rotarians together with members of Rotaract and Interact clubs donate their time and effort to decorate the float. Construction begins in spring and the float is ready for decoration in November.



The 2003 Tournament of Roses Parade theme, "Children's Dreams, Wishes and Imagination" highlights the wonderfulness of children all over the globe and Rotary can help to make those wishes and dreams a reality as we Sow the Seeds of Love..... A Rotary float has been entered in every Tournament of Roses Parade since 1980. Several have won awards. Over 425 million people see the Rose Parade New Year's Day with an estimated U.S. audience of 90 million people and an estimated international audience of more than 325 million in over 100 countries. The Pasadena Police Department estimates that approximately one million spectators view the Rose Parade in person. Another 200,000 visit the Post Parade Float Viewing Area where the floats are on display for several days.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Pay no attention to what the critics say; no statue has ever been put up to a critic." - **Jean Sibelius**, Finnish composer

JUST FOR FUN: Beethoven's Death

When Beethoven passed away, he was buried in a churchyard. A couple days later, the town drunk was walking through the cemetery and heard some strange noise coming from the area where Beethoven was buried. Terrified, the drunk ran and got the priest to come and listen to it. The priest bent close to the grave and heard some faint, unrecognizable music coming from the grave. Frightened, the priest ran and got the town magistrate.

When the magistrate arrived, he bent his ear to the grave, listened for a moment, and said, "Ah, yes, that's Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, being played backwards." He listened a while longer, and said, "There's the Eighth Symphony, and it's backwards, too. Most puzzling." So the magistrate kept listening, "There's the Seventh... the Sixth... the Fifth..."

Suddenly the realization of what was happening dawned on the magistrate. He stood up and announced to the crowd that had gathered in the cemetery, "My fellow citizens, there's nothing to worry about. It's just Beethoven decomposing."

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 County Spelling Bee Eastview Mall
- Mar02** - BIG MAC Under Glass Project- Scottsville Rotary
- Apr06** - "Taste of the Finger Lakes" (Victor Farmington) 1PM- DiPacific's

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 2 – Ronald MacDonald House – serve dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 PM (see Jim D’Aiello)

FEB 10 – Fund raising meeting at Amica – 5:00-6:00 PM

FEB 10 – Rotary Board Meeting at Amica – 7:00 – 9:00 PM

FEB 25 - Ronald MacDonald House – serve dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 PM (see Jim D’Aiello)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Name in <brackets> is the greeter, speakers follow.

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

**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/episcopal/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>
President - Lou Christakos		Bob Thompson – Club Service
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