



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

Meets every Wednesday - Hicks & McCarthy @ 7:15 am

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Bob Vukosic

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

October Private-at-arms: Bob Vukosic

\*\*\*\*\* OCTOBER IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH \*\*\*\*\*

## New Superintendent of Pittsford Schools - Mary Alice Price (story below)



VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Guest and prospective member Helmut Albrecht, Assemblyman Joe Errigo, Jim Cameron's Aunt, Gene Rohr and her friend, Paul Harbach from Reading, PA. Aunt Gene was saying her father-in law was Rotarian of the Year in 1952 and supported the Sunshine Camp on Lake Ontario. His name was Henry Rohr and he was chief engineer at Delco Appliance. Dave Ferris of Harter, Secrest and Emory and Chan Coyle of Steamboat Springs, Colorado who is a friend of Dave Ferris. Gustavo, our foreign exchange student, also attended. Dorothy and Stefan Styk a Cub Scout from Bear Pack #2 were present and selling popcorn. Mother Dorothy is the committee chair for the Pack. A sample of their popcorn was sent around.

### MEMBER NEWS

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

This week we publish the name of **Helmut Albrecht** as a proposed member of our club. Helmut and his wife Margaret live on East Street in Pittsford. He is the Director, Business Development working for NexPress on Manitou Road in Rochester. If there are any objections to Helmut's membership in our club please address such objections in writing to the club president before October 22, 2002.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL FOR ACCELERATOR STAFF MEMBERS!!

Jim Cameron has been helping get the Accelerator out the past few weeks by taking notes during the meetings (thank you Jim!). Ideally we would have three or four people who would share this responsibility and thereby lighten the load for everyone. If you're interested in joining the Accelerator staff or want more details about what it would entail please call or email **Rick Haverty**.

**EASTERN CITIES DINNER:** This event is scheduled for October 30 - a Wednesday evening and replaces our regular Wednesday meeting. The cost is \$38 per person - feel free to bring a guest. Only 17 people have paid so far so get your checks to Gaven Hurley. Money is due no later than October 16<sup>th</sup>. Gavin states there will be 500-800 Rotarians present with guest speaker, RI President Bhichai Rattakul. Our new Nazareth Rotaract club charter may be acknowledged at that time - very exciting. Checks are due by October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:** The Rotary Leadership Training Institute is November 2nd in Canandaigua. The cost is \$85.00 per student. The club will pay a portion of the cost - probably half (\$42.50) to help encourage participation. Call John Bernacki if you would like to attend.

**RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CLEANUP:** Jerry Vesling, Jim D'Aiello, Bob Thompson, and Peter Crooker went to Ronald McDonald house and helped with clean up this past week. They plan on going back from 9:00 a.m. until noon on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. To help out contact Jerry. We may take on a long-term project with the house if there is enough member interest.



Cub Scout Stefan Styk and Pack leader Dorothy Styk paid us a visit and offered pop corn

**27 MORE DAYS TO PANCAKE SUPPER:** Help out sign-up sheet is available. Times are 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Mendon High School, November 5, 2002. Don Henderson needs supplies from last year's pancake supper inventory for the event. Ray Robbins again says, "Sell, Sell, Sell!" Unfortunately, Ray will be in Maine for the next few weeks, but he'll be thinking about how many tickets we're selling while he eats lobster. For all you newcomers, Ray is the perennial high ticket sales person.

**FALL PICNIC:** Our Genesee Country Museum picnic has been cancelled. We have rescheduled the picnic at Long Acre Farms in Macedon on October 19th. There will be an "Amazing Maize Maze," farm animals and a playground to enjoy. Bring your own food or you can purchase lunch there. Cost is \$6.00 adults, \$4.00 children. Reservations go to Tim Hayes by October 16th. This was also on the combo sign-up sheet.

**PITTSFORD HALLOWEEN FEST:** Jim Murphy went over the Family Halloween Fest planned for Saturday October 26 at St. John Fisher College. It's an alternative to Tick or Treat night sponsored by the town. Proceeds go to Pittsford Food Cupboard. Promoters would like an activity station sponsored by Pittsford Rotary. Any volunteers contact Jim at 248-3924.

**PITTSFORD ROTARY SHIRTS:** Remember to get your \$26.50 in to Pete Crooker. If you send a check directly to Roger make sure you tell him what it's for!

**DISTRICT 7120 NEW LOOK:** Check out the new look of the District web site.

<http://www.rotary7120.org>

## FEATURES

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Mary Alice Price, Superintendent of Pittsford Schools

Mary has eleven years teaching experience at Webster then worked at West Irondequoit as Principal and Assistant Superintendent and most recently Superintendent at Churchville-Chili Schools. She is originally from Genesee County, Stafford. That's where the Red Osier is. Mary and her husband have four children, 21, 24, 24, and 26. Her daughter just had her second child and another daughter just became engaged. Her experience at Pittsford started August 19<sup>th</sup> of this year. Enrollment at Pittsford this time is 6,018 students. There have been 54 new hires plus 10 support staff. The primary focus of Pittsford School's at present is education and assessment. Agenda's that are in place are Strengths, Assessing What We Have, and Needs: What Has To Be Changed. At present time an environmental study is being conducted which will be released October 15<sup>th</sup>. With this study the findings will be released to the community which will offer options being Development and Improvements in the Infrastructure. The main issues presently are Sutherland Renovation-Additions, Building New Middle School at Calkins Road, and Renovation at Barker Road. None of these options include increasing class size. Another issue is Budgeting to see if funding can be procured State versus tax base. Needs have to be met for growth and the community has to be involved in selecting options. One of the highlights was new grants that have been given to Pittsford for Health and Wellness. Four new courses have been introduced and testing programs have been reviewed. Also a nurturing program for new hires and administration is going on. All in all her philosophy is Everybody Focused on Education of our Kids.



**ROTARY INFORMATION: Rotary News and Information..**



RI produces a wealth of informational and promotional materials, many of which are available for download. Rotary's flagship publication is *The Rotarian*, RI's official monthly magazine. All Rotarians receive *The Rotarian* or one of 27 official regional magazines. RI also provides *Rotary World*, a newspaper for RI leaders published five times a year, and the *Rotary News Basket*, a weekly online newsletter.

**HAPPY (or sad) DOLLARS:** There were many "Happy Dollars." Some of them were: Happy Dollar for Gustavo for joining us, Jim Cameron for his Aunt Gene and Paul visiting, from Charlie for the Cub Pack visiting. Jerry, Bob, for field goal, and Pittsford winning over the Fairport Red Raiders.

**50/50 WINNER:** Duncan Studios - accepting the award was Ric Juskiewicz

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Every strike brings me closer to the next home run." - [Babe Ruth](#)

**JUST FOR FUN: A PANCAKE BREAKFAST...**

As Mom was preparing pancakes for her sons, Johnny, 5, and Alex, 3, the boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. The Mom saw the opportunity to teach a moral lesson. She said, "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Johnny quickly turned to his younger brother and said, "Okay, Alex, you be Jesus!"

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**November 05 - Pittsford Rotary Annual Election Night Pancake Supper.**

3:00PM to 8:00PM, Pittsford-Mendon High School cafeteria.

The \$5.00 ticket includes a full Pancake Supper complete with trimmings and ice cream.

Come mingle with winners and not-so winners. Proceeds help support a variety of local charities and club projects. Contact Eric Perlman at 586-9740 or email at [perlmans10@hotmail.com](mailto:perlmans10@hotmail.com) for further information

**On-Going** - Pittsford Food Cupboard, 2-hour shifts on Tuesdays or Fridays between 10:00am and 2:00pm and special events.



## OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

**October 30** - Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner at the Riverside Convention Center. Keynote speaker will be 2002-2003 RI President Bhichai Rattakul. The Rotary Club of Rochester hosts this event.

**November 02** - Leadership Institute- Canandaigua

**November 05** - Pittsford Rotary Annual Election Night Pancake Supper.

**November 05** - Ontario- Walworth Rotary Club, Annual Election Day Pancake Dinner

**November 09** - Mini-PETS- Steamboat Landing, Canandaigua

**November 10** - BIG MAC Under Glass Project- Scottsville Rotary

**November 16** - Foundation Day

**December 19** - RPO Gala- Eastman Theatre Rochester Rotary

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

Name in brackets is the greeter, speakers follow.

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**16 October:** < Beans Bement > Pittsford Town Court Justice Fred Gallina

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**23 October:** < Jennel Clark > Michael Leone – Fairport Rotarian on his overseas trip to administer Polio inoculations

**30 October:** Eastern Cities Dinner – replaces morning meeting.

**5 November:** PANCAKE SUPPER at PI TTSFORD MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

**6 November:** No meeting this morning – Tuesday night Pancake Supper.

**13 November:** < Pete Crooker > Club Assembly – Club Service Chair Bob Thompson

### The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York

#### 2002-2003 Club Officers

President - Lou Christakos  
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#### 2002-2003 Board of Directors

Bob Thompson – Club Service  
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