



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Beans Bement

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

October Private-at-arms: Bob Vukosic

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



Pittsford Town Court Judge Fred Gallina gives night court a good name!

(story below)

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Helmut prospective member, Tom Welgin from Fairport, Matt Ensanat from Ensanat's Deli down the street - also a prospective member. Our Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Gordell Stearns of Pack #617 from Allen's Creek Road. His mom Michelle, who is a Pack Leader accompanied Gordell. We've had uniformed men lead our pledge two weeks in a row now! Lynn Freshman led us in a rousing version

of "God Bless America." God Bless Lynn for choosing such a short song at that early hour!

MEMBER NEWS

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

For the second time 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.

We also publish, for the first time, the name of **Mary Alice Price** - our new Superintendent of Pittsford



President Lou gets a pledge tip from Cub Scout Gordell Stearns

Schools. If admitted to the club Mary Alice will promise to get certain other past school employees (and at least one present employee) under control. More information will follow when her application makes the rounds.



Hey, guess who's back in Maine!! If you said **Ray Robbins** then you passed the Pittsford Rotary IQ test. I 'spose he wants to grab a few more lobstahs before the ice sets in! See Ray's note below under "Pancake Supper."

Matt Wahl took foreign exchange student **Gustavo** to Niagara Falls last weekend and visited a "spook house" there. Now that's a great American tradition and scary experience, oh well Halloween is just around the corner, I wonder if Halloween is celebrated in Brazil? Matt was also planning a plane ride over the falls, but was cancelled because of weather. If you have an idea for an outing Gustavo might enjoy please call Matt and let him know you're willing to host him for a day.

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!). Charlie took today's pictures. Ideally we would have three or four people who would share this responsibility and thereby lighten the load for everyone. You'd only need to take notes for part of the meeting and send them to me. If you're interested in joining the Accelerator staff or want more details about what it would entail please call or email **Rick Haverly**.

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. Get your checks to Gaven Hurley. Money is now overdue! Registration is 5:15, dinner at 6:15. The dinner will be at the Riverside Convention Center in downtown Rochester.

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.

PANCAKE SUPPER UPDATE: If you didn't sign up for duty on November 5th please see Don Henderson. Remember this is one of our two major fund-raising events and helps our club do all the great things we do. There will be a meeting of the Pancake Supper committee after our next regular meeting. Here's your sales pep talk from Ray:

All of our members have been given or have had Pancake



Brian Marcellus demonstrates pancake flipping at 2001 Pancake Supper

Supper Tickets mailed to them. SELL THOSE TICKETS! We can make money only if we sell a lot of tickets. I think Don Henderson got the usual amount of tickets, but we now have more members, and the Cub Scouts have 200 of the tickets to sell. The result is that there are very few tickets left for Harry Womeldorf and I to sell to customers at the Supper the night of 5 Nov. Since you will all be working there at the supper that night, please give me your ticket sales money AND any unsold tickets as soon as you see me there! We need those extra tickets!! Don't use that as an excuse to not try your best to sell all your tickets, though!! Remember, I'd like the ticket sales money and the extra tickets as soon as you come in to work that night. Thank you!
RAY ROBBINS

I'm off to Maine tomorrow. Only 185 tickets sold so far. The rest of the club should put us over the top.

When Ray says only 185 tickets sold so far he means that's how many HE sold!!!

The Pancake Supper Committee: will meet immediately following our club meeting on Wednesday morning October 23. Committee members are asked to bring the time line and list of committee responsibilities. The Chairpersons will have a copy of the list of members who have volunteered to serve on the committees.

Pancake Supper Committee

Chairpersons - Peter Crooker & Don Henderson

Building Use Form - Beans Bement

Ticket Sales - Ray Robbins

Set-up - Lou Christakos & Chris Lawrence

Cooking - Dan Buccieri & Jim Kubarek

Serving - Dave Spaker & Bob Vukosic

Clean-up - Jim Cameron & Eric Perlman



The 2001 Pancake Supper was a great success

FALL PICNIC: Our picnic at Long Acre Farms in Macedon is 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. We are planning to support a booth there with Rotaract and I nteract. Any volunteers contact Jim at 248-3924. We may need props for a nautical scene.

CAMP HACCAMO CLEANUP: Matt Wahl mentioned there is a clean up at Camp Haccamo, Pittsford Rotary building this Saturday at 9:00 am. It should only be an hour, but volunteers are needed. Hope to see you there.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY: Bob Vukosic announced his sister-in-law, Jackie Giunta, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. At the time Jackie was pregnant but they delayed treatment for a month and she delivered a healthy baby. Here's your chance to help out- "Making Strides against Breast Cancer" walk. Bob sent an email to everyone with links to a web site. If you didn't receive it a check can be made out to the American Cancer Society and mailed to Jackie Giunta, 809 Lindsey Circle, Webster, NY 14580. Thanks.

THE DICTIONARY PROJECT: Gaven Hurley discussed Dictionary Project. The project was first started in South Carolina in 1991 by a Rotary club. The cost is \$1.50 per dictionary shipped. This is a very exciting youth orientated project that district governor Don Alhart is involved with. Gaven has contacted Mary Alice Price, school superintendent and they are also excited by the idea. The project fosters active reading, the understanding of new words and a deeper love for vocabulary, which we all know is better than Nintendo. A sheet was passed around for volunteers to pass books out at 3rd grade classes at all Pittsford elementary schools and the St. Louis School.



Volunteers are required to demonstrate some of the resources of the books, how's your vocabulary? It will only take a few minutes in a third grade classroom. See Gaven for details.

INTERACT IN ACTION: Pat Mallery from the Interact Club at Sutherland needs sponsors for a 2-mile walk. Pat will be the chaperone and plans on walking along. It will be this Saturday.

WHAT DID HE SAY?? This is a new one and I hope my notes are correct. It's a Cow Merking Contest at Covenant Acres. Doug Emblidge is involved and the winner gets a quarter of beef. See Charlie if you want to go Merking!

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!

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Lou kicked off the meeting by giving the question – Polio Plus, what's the Plus stand for? The answer is additives – vitamins, and other disease fighting ingredients. Next weeks guest speaker will be Michael Leone – Fairport Rotarian who went to Nigeria to administer Polio inoculations.

Lou passed around an item to be auctioned – Happy Halloween. New owner Don Henderson for \$10 – do I hear \$11, guess not?

Our Guest Speaker, Pittsford Town Justice - Fred Gallina, was introduced by our own NY State Supreme Court Judge Ray Cornelius.

There are 3,500 judges in New York State and approximately 2/3 are Town Justices. Town and Justice Courts are the backbone of the justice system. They process a large volume a



Pittsford Town Court Justice Fred Gallina

cases/complaints, and as far as the taxpayers are concerned are a great bargain. Many are part time, work long hours, and many are not attorneys. Judge school is required and testing is mandatory. These servants of our society do a wonderful job and are trained to use all the present resources in the judicial system.

Fred is an attorney who first graduated from our very own St. John Fisher College, and went on to Pepperdine Law School. He was assistant DA in violent crimes and was elected to Pittsford Town Courts 3 years ago. Fred has cordially welcomed us to the Pittsford court experience, which is Thursday between 5-8 in the basement of the library. Defendants are offered a speedy arraignment. The process is very entertaining and friends, neighbors show other sides of their personality. Sometimes in the middle of the night Fred is awakened out of the sack to, as he calls it "defuse" a situation. Fred

says small claims court is also fun. It's on Monday night; forget the football and come on down to small claims match-ups. Fred also performs weddings and wards off dangerous dog attacks – the only two life sentences he doles out. Generally in the approximately 500 court cases a month 200 are traffic, 40 arrests, also felonies and Fred's favorite, orders of protection. In the nitty gritty judicial system the process starts here and works up to higher courts. Fred gave glimpses of some of the war stories, and has a great sense of humor, well suited for his position. Thanks for being up so early and giving us the insight of the process, as my lawyer son to be would say, indeed!

ROTARY INFORMATION: THE FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD NY

By now you should all know that our club established a foundation last year. It is a 501(c)(3) organization (not for profit) organized under the laws of New York State and has to follow certain rules and regulations to maintain that status. By way of the Foundation all donations made are tax deductible and all expenditures are for charitable causes. All of the monies we collect or raise as donations are placed in the Foundation and only released by the agreement of the Foundation's board of directors. Certain monies – like your dues – do not go to the Foundation but into an operating account for use by the club for administrative expenses. The Rotary Board of Directors makes requests for the Foundation money and the Foundation's Board releases funding as it sees fit by the by-laws of the Foundation and it's financial standing. Members of the Foundation Board serve a three-year term. Since the board was only organized this past year the first set of members have staggered terms – some for one-year, some two-year and some three-year. Going forward all board members (two new members each year) will be elected for a three-year term. The board consists of six members, the Rotary Club President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The current board consists of;

President – Lou Christakos (2002-2003)

Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein

Board members;

Term ending June 30, 2003 – Bill Pieper & Judy Sturge

Term ending June 30, 2004 – Gerry Vesling & Hank Ferris

Term ending June 30, 2005 – Matt Wahl & Ray Cornelius

HAPPY (or sad) DOLLARS: Charlie Richardson for his 26th wedding anniversary. Eric Perlman, for his son's 1 month birthday, and what the heck, here's a pile more for not being around the last couple of meetings, we know why. Also happy dollars if you didn't have your rotary pin on.

50/50 WINNER: Jim Kubarek – didn't he come in late and get the last ticket that Frank put on the top of the can? How come that never worked for Bernacki??

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Jimmy Connors plays two tennis matches and winds up with \$850,000, and Muhammad Ali fights for one bout and winds up with five million bucks. Me, I play 190 games--if you count exhibitions -- and I'm overpaid!" -- Johnny Bench, Cincinnati Reds Catcher

JUST FOR FUN: A Child's View of Marriage

The child was a typical four-year-old girl -- cute, inquisitive, and bright as a new penny. When she expressed difficulty in grasping the concept of marriage, her father decided to pull out his wedding photo album, thinking visual images would help...

One page after another, he pointed out the bride arriving at the church, the entrance, the wedding ceremony, the recessional, the reception, etc.

"Now do you understand?" he asked.

"I think so," she said, "is that when mommy came to work for us?"

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 perlman10@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 - BI G MAC Under Glass Project- Scottsville Rotary

November 16 - Foundation Day

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Name in brackets is the greeter, speakers follow.

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


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30 October: Eastern Cities Dinner - replaces morning meeting.

5 November: PANCAKE SUPPER at PITTSFORD MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

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