



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Jennel

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

October Private-at-arms: Bob Vukosic

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

Rotarian Mike Leone (Irondequoit) Speaks about his Polio Plus trip to Nigeria just ten days ago (story below)

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Visiting Rotarian Joe Hammele from Rochester, Member to be Matt Ensenat from Ensenat Deli on Main St.

MEMBER NEWS

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



President Lou inducts newest Pittsford Rotarian Helmut Albrecht

Today **Helmut Albrecht** was inducted as a new member of Pittsford Rotary. Helmut worked 12 years for Xerox Germany, and now is with NexPress, a Heidelberg/Kodak Company. Helmut, an electrical engineer, gave an eloquent speech. He made reference to the Rotary emblem, a gear, which brought forth ideas of momentum to generate drive and good deeds in Rotary. Welcome Helmut.

We also publish, for the first time, the name of **Matt Ensenat** – owner of Ensenat's Deli on Main Street. Matt and wife Sandra live on Mendon Center Road. He is a member of the board of directors of the Pittsford Golden Lions Football Club. If you have any objections to Matt nomination please send it in writing to the club president before November 11th.

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!). 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: The dinner is Wednesday October 30 and replaces our regularly scheduled morning meeting. If you haven't already reserved your seat(s) the rumor is that there are plenty available. Call Gaven Hurley - 387-0813 - to make arrangements. Registration is 5:15 PM, dinner at 6:15 PM. The location is the Riverside Convention Center in downtown Rochester.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: The Rotary Leadership Training Institute is November 2nd in Canandaigua. Car-pooling will be available from the parking lot behind John Bernacki's office. Call John Bernacki - 218-9550 - for details.

PANCAKE SUPPER UPDATE: This is one of the "Big Three" club events that all of us should participate in. It's on November 5th and replaces our Wednesday morning meeting that week.

PITTSFORD HALLOWEEN FEST: Our club will be sponsoring an activity booth at the first annual Pittsford Halloween Fest this Saturday at St. John Fisher. The Rotaract and Interact clubs will be involved in running the activities for children 3 to 10 years old.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE WORK TEAMS: Peter Crooker has news that a new house has been acquired next to the Ronald McDonald House and volunteers are needed for painting and making ready for winter. He is looking for teams of 8-10 people. Upkeep of the new house will be the responsibility of our club. Talk to Peter for details. Several of our members have already cleaned up the yard. We will be caring for the house on an on-going basis.



Pete Crooker sports his Pancake Supper T-shirt. You might see this one channel 13 soon?



Pittsford Rotary's President Lou signs Rotaract Charter at Nazareth College

NAZARETH ROTARACT IS OFFICIAL:

The Undergraduate Association granted The Nazareth Rotaract club it's official campus club status. Along with the honor came a check for \$100 for the club's treasury. RI President Bhichai Rattakul will sign the club's Rotary charter at the Eastern Cities Dinner on Wednesday night.

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP IS UP:

District Governor **Don Alhart** in his newsletter, which can be viewed from www.rotary7120.org, noted membership was up in the district by 2%. In the

Pittsford club membership is up 26% and still going strong!

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: The honorable judge Ray Cornelius introduced Our Guest Speaker for today. Mike Leone, a Rotarian who traveled to Nigeria to administer Polio Plus vaccine came to tell us about his trip. Mike is an attorney with Harris - Chestworth, a graduate of University of Buffalo, who now lives in Irondequoit and is a member of the Irondequoit Rotary Club. Since returning from the trip 10 days ago, Mike has received 10 invitations to be a guest speaker. We were his first. Mike's experience was an eye opener for such a daunting task. Nigeria is an African country with a population of approximately 200 million people who live in a space the size of Texas. Nigeria is 50% Christian and 50% Muslim, and Mike's task was going door to door, household to household administering vaccine. The big obstacle Mike's team had to overcome was propaganda against visions of being poisoned, especially by the wealthy. Part of the packaging, which was passed around, adapted the theme of soccer and the slogan "Kick Polio out of Africa." Nigeria cast system is extremely wealthy of extremely poor, mostly the latter. Another annoyance was the task of getting around. Traffic, consisting of mostly motor scooters, dirt roads, and no rules, leads one in disbelief about our version of a traffic jam. Mike figures he inoculated around 1,000 children. We applaud you Mike for your true humanitarian and Rotarian efforts. Mike concluded that, as an individual it's hard to achieve a lofty goal of ridding the earth of a disease such as polio. Through Rotary International it is an attainable dream come true. Thanks Mike for sharing your experiences with Pittsford Rotary.



Mike Leone with Polio vaccine cooler pack used in Nigeria

ROTARY INFORMATION: 77th EASTERN CITIES FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner is a unique evening of Rotary tradition and fellowship attended by Rotarians from across the Northeastern United States and Canada. Proudly hosted each year by the Rochester Rotary Club, hundreds of Rotarians gather in Rochester, New York to share in what is a cornerstone of the Rotary tradition...fellowship. Aside from the many clubs represented, current district governors, past district governors, current and past Rotary International officers, and Rotary International President and Keynote Speaker, Bhichai Rattakul, are set to attend this international fellowship event.

The Rochester Rotary Club started the Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner in 1921. Originally named the Inter-Cities Dinner, the dinner evolved from a local event in the Greater Rochester Community

to an international fellowship event during its 77 years of existence. This multi-district, international event is deeply rooted in Rotary tradition. Please join us and personally encourage the members of your Club to join us for the very special evening on Wednesday, October 30th for the *77th Dinner at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, New York*



HAPPY (or sad) DOLLARS: Ray Cornelius for football – he made Gerry Vesling pay. Pat Mallory for youth service walk in last Saturday's rain. Peter Crooker for his vacation in the Outer Banks (OBX).

50/50 WINNER: Smiling **Hank Ferris** took the loot.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. - **Aristotle**

JUST FOR FUN: SIMPLE THOUGHTS...

- * I spilled Spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone.
- * I don't believe in superstition - it brings bad luck.
- * It's not an optical illusion it just looks like one.
- * I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
- * Have you ever noticed that anybody going slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?
- * A fanatic is one who cannot change his mind and will not change the subject.
- * Integrity is like oxygen - the higher you climb, the less there is of it.
- * If you're cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
- * If we are what we eat, then I'm easy, fast, and cheap!
- * Computers can never replace human stupidity.
- * The trick to flying is throwing yourself at the floor and missing.

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 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

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

December 19 - RPO Gala- Eastman Theatre Rochester Rotary

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Name in brackets is the greeter, speakers follow.

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30 October: Eastern Cities Dinner 5:15 at Riverside Convention Center – replaces morning meeting.


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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

20 November: < Gerry Vesling > Dr. George Eisen, head of International studies at Nazareth College

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| <u>2002-2003 Club Officers</u> |  | <u>2002-2003 Board of Directors</u> |
| President - Lou Christakos | | Bob Thompson – Club Service |
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| Vice President – John Bernacki | | Jim Murphy – Fund Raising |
| Secretary – Jackie Swift | | Pete Crooker – Service Projects (Pittsford) |
| 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 | | |