



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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**TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM** Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Gerry Vesling

Musical Coordinator - Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

November Private-at-arms: Pete Crooker

\*\*\*\*\* NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH \*\*\*\*\*

## George Eisen, PhD - Head of International Studies at Nazareth

(story below)

**VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:** Prospective member Nick Tagliarino. Cub Scouts Stephen and Alex Stiffert who led the Pledge of Allegiance for this sunny Wednesday morning with, by the way, a very full house. Their mom was with them and they distributed the popcorn we purchased a few weeks back. Fred Gallina - Pittsford Town Judge, Keith Yates - guest of Lynn Freshman, Gustavo Carvahlo - our exchange student. Traveling Rotarians: Tom Weldgen from Fairport, Andy Burke and Dan Foster from Rochester. We thank you all for joining us!



Dr. George Eisen of Nazareth

### MEMBER NEWS

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

The members of Pittsford Rotary Club were saddened to read and hear of the death on Marion H. Chesley, wife of our former club member and past president, **Louis Chesley**. Marion died last Wednesday, 13 Nov 02, with her loving family by her side. Memorial services were held Monday morning, 18 Nov 02, at Christ Church Pittsford. Rotarians from our club attending the service were Ken and Jan Smith, Arnold and Barbara Mackintosh, Ray Cornelius, Jackie Swift and Ray Robbins. The Pittsford Rotary Club and its members extends its deepest sympathy to past president Lou and all his family. (submitted by Ray Robbins)

This week we publish the name of Mary Alice Price for the second time. Mary Alice is the new superintendent of schools in Pittsford and is being sponsored by Gaven Hurley.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAVE YOU PAID FOR YOUR PITTSFORD ROTARY SHIRT YET?

**LPGA MALL SALES:** Training will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't done the mall ticket sales before it's very helpful if at least one person on your shift attends the training. Brian Marcellus has details.

**TEAM 275:** Volunteers are needed to help with indoor work – mostly painting at 275 Westmoreland Street (house next to Ronald McDonald House). The next scheduled work times are Friday 12/6 and Saturday 12/7 from 9:00 am to about 1:00 pm. Last week a crew of 11 people spent 26 hours prepping and painting. If interested talk to Peter Crooker, phone or e-mail.

**FOOD CUPBOARD COLLECTION:** There will be a Pittsford Food Cupboard holiday collection at the meeting.

**LOTS OF UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:** Please check out the calendar (Upcoming Events Section) for our Holiday party at the Century Club, Pittsford Musicals, and the Philharmonic.

**CHURCH STREET CHRISTMAS PARTY & DINNER:** This event is just around the corner – December 4<sup>th</sup>! We will once again host the Church Street residents at Camp Haccamo. Lynn Freshman will lead the caroling. Come and help serve, enjoy diner, and join in the singing!

**CANDLELIGHT NIGHT BELL RINGING:** Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> is Candlelight Night in Pittsford. We will once again man the Salvation Army kettles. There will be 2 kettles with 1 hour shifts per kettle so 16 volunteers are needed. DRESS WARM! Here is the sign-up list so far. Please let Eric Perlman know if you can fill in one of the **OPEN** spots. Also feel free to join any group even if there are already two signed up – the more the merrier!



Pat and Matt ringing in 2001 – note Matt's stylish nose!

TIME	BELL #1	BELL #2
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Crooker / Swift	Robbins / Juskiewicz
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Mallery / Hurley	<b>OPEN</b>
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Leone / Richardson	Haverty / Wahl
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Pieper / Kennedy	Perlman / <b>OPEN</b>

**ANOTHER DICTIONARY PROJECT UPDATE:** Gavin Hurley – Kids say the darndest things! Thank you notes were passed around from some of the recipients of the dictionary project. The press that the Brighton Pittsford post gave us was a huge success. We were the “bright spot” on channel 13 – thanks DG Don Alhart for featuring this great project and our club.



Kathy Hurley prepares dictionaries – making Gavin look good again!



Lou Shepard's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders



Lynn, Jackie, Charlie, and Bill present dictionaries



Obviously great fun for Rotarians

## FEATURES

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Today is Ray Cornelius' birthday; we all sang happy birthday for a donation from Ray. What's wrong with this picture - isn't it the other way around?

Our speaker today was Dr. George Eisen, who is head of International Studies at Nazareth College. Dr. Eisen has a Ph.D. in History and Social Psychology, and spoke about his efforts to make education at Nazareth College more relative for today's changing world.

He feels after 9-11, American attitudes and the political situation changed forever, and it's vitally important that students and faculty be educated in international studies. The American educational

system had previously been very shortsighted. Dr. Eisen is frequently asked to speak on terrorism and the Middle East, his area of interest. He teaches understanding different cultures, promotes sensitivity and awareness of different countries, and develops programs to send students overseas. He mentioned he wouldn't send a student anywhere that he would not send one of his three daughters. He has a high regard for Rotary, and appreciates their international work and viewpoint. A fascinating speaker, one I'm sure we would enjoy hearing from again!

### **ROTARY INFORMATION: THE DEMANDS OF ROTARY**

Being a member of any Rotary Club can be demanding and with the Pittsford club being as active as we are it can seem all consuming at times. You don't have to be at every event and donate to every cause to be a good Rotarian. Here are the minimum requirements (somewhat unofficial) to maintain good-standing in the club;

- You are expected to achieve attendance of 60% or more. Keep in mind that you can get credit for make-ups by participating in a service project, attending another club's meeting, attending other Rotary events, or doing other work for the club. You can also have excused absences in certain situations. You need to let Frank Burns know of your make-up.
- You are expected to take part in our two major fund-raisers; the annual golf tournament and the Pancake Supper.
- You want to be a Rotarian – you act like one (most of the time) and, of course, you pay your dues.



Everything else is optional! Some of our members have plenty of time and love to be at every event and that's great. Other members have busier lives and do what they can, when they can – and that's great too. All of you are great Rotary members, you're desire to be in our club is the most important element.



**HAPPY (or sad) DOLLARS:** Peter Crooker gave a happy dollar for the recent article about the club in the Brighton-Pittsford Post. Gerry Vesling gave one for his birthday. Billy Pieper gave one for his daughter, who completed her student teaching and was then offered a teaching job at the same school. Peggy Martin gave one for her work with Meals on Wheels.

**50/50 WINNER:** Bob Thompson.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations. – **George**

**Bernard Shaw**, playwright

## WORD OF THE WEEK: **Chauvinism** (Noun)

**Pronunciation:** ['sho-vjn-i-zjm]

**Definition 1:** Excessive nationalistic fervor, super patriotism; also, excessive prejudicial devotion to and aggressive promotion of one's own idea, belief, and so forth.

**Usage 1:** This week's term is most widely used to refer to societies convinced that males are better suited for important, decision-making roles (male chauvinism). However, religious chauvinism is reflected in the expansion of the various major religions and cultural chauvinism, in the empire building of the 19th century. A person given to chauvinistic (the adjective) behavior is a chauvinist.

**Suggested usage:** The history of today's word describes a semantic drift toward an ever-broadening meaning, excessive fervor for virtually anything: "Winifred is a cricket chauvinist; not only will he not discuss any other sports, he won't let anyone else discuss them, either." The adjective and adverb can be used on an even more personal level, "Sean so chauvinistically defends Gladys before her critics, you would think they were intimately involved."

**Etymology:** Nicolas Chauvin, the eponym of today's word, served as a soldier under Napoleon to the bitter end of the Grande Armee. Chauvin was born in the city of smelly cheese, Roquefort, France around 1790. He was wounded several times, resulting in disfigurement and probably mental instability. His gung-ho patriotism and devotion to the emperor was rewarded by Napoleon himself. After the war, however, he was mocked in several Vaudeville plays, especially 'La Cocarde Tricolore' (1831), which left the pejorative connotation that still clings to the word today.

### **JUST FOR FUN: Some International signs that have been spotted...**

At a Cocktail lounge in Norway:

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

At a Budapest zoo:

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUITABLE FOOD, GIVE IT TO THE GUARD ON DUTY.

A Hotel in Acapulco:

THE MANAGER HAS PERSONALLY PASSED ALL THE WATER SERVED HERE.

Information booklet about using a hotel air conditioner, Japan:

COOLERS AND HEATERS: IF YOU WANT JUST CONDITION OF WARM AIR IN YOUR ROOM, PLEASE CONTROL YOURSELF.

Dry cleaner's in Bangkok:

DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.

In a Nairobi restaurant:

CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER.

## **OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS**

**November 26 - Big Band Concert sponsored by the Rotary club of Penfield 7:30pm**

Penfield School, Five Mile Line Road \$ 5.00 tickets can be purchased at the door or from a Penfield Rotarian or [e-mail Mary Ann Mady](mailto:MaryAnnMady) Proceeds to go towards the Polio Eradication effort

**November 29 - December 01 - Hornell Rotary Club presents Dickens's "A Christmas Carol"**

