



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: John Bernacki

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

December Private-at-arms: Gerry Vesling

***** JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH *****

OPERATION FOOD BASKET

COORDINATOR WALTER THOMPSON

Talks about feeding needy families in

Rochester (and Pittsford Rotary responds!)

- story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Dave Taylor from Greece, Pete Gates, guest of Lynn from Oxford England, Joe Hammele from Rochester Rotary, Tom Welgin from Fairport Rotary, prospective member Keith Yeates.

MEMBER NEWS

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

Pete Crooker wrote a letter about Rotary to the Brighton-Pittsford Post that was published a couple of weeks ago. Gosh I wish I could get that recycle bin back. Lou presented Pete with the first annual "Golden Quill Award."

Oh, ok – so the article was available on the web. I get goose bumps reading it! Did you know we did all this? Great work Peter. Without permission here is a reprint;

Rotary charities were big winners

Last week's Election Day also was the occasion of the 36th consecutive year of the Pittsford Rotary Club's pancake supper. In what has grown to be a very popular annual event, the women and men of the club along with spouses and friends served over 800 meals in the Pittsford Mendon High School Commons.

Scouts from Cub Pack 2 and Scout Troup 617, both sponsored by the Rotary Club, helped keep the busy tables clean. Members of the Interact clubs from both Pittsford high schools conducted a successful raffle during the supper. The clubs are also sponsored by the local Rotarians. Several community service groups and Pittsford Central School had informational displays, and a magician moved through the dining room during the supper.

The pancake supper is one of two annual fund-raising activities of Pittsford Rotary. All money raised is used to support the many charitable efforts and community-based activities undertaken by the club.

In addition to scouting and Interact, Pittsford Rotarians sponsor two Little League teams and Rotaract, a service club recently formed at Nazareth College. Club members care for three miles of East Street as part of the Monroe County Adopt-a-Highway program and two miles of the Canal Towpath in town.

Camp Haccamo, a summer camp for handicapped children of Monroe County, the group home at 19 Church St., a shelf of the Pittsford Food Cupboard, and Green Acres Community Center in Rochester, all benefit from the Rotary Club's contributions during the year. Currently, every third grade student in Pittsford is receiving a dictionary from the club.

At graduation, a senior from each high school receives an award for outstanding service involvement. Each spring, a very popular fishing derby is held in Powder Mills Park for over 200 children under age 15. Last month the club assumed responsibility for the maintenance of an house acquired in Rochester by the Ronald McDonald House.

Gustalvo Carvalho, an exchange student from Brazil, is attending Pittsford Sutherland as a result of sponsorship by the local club. The 53 members of Pittsford's club are also active contributors to Rotary International's "Polio Plus," a campaign by the 28,000 Rotary clubs worldwide to eradicate polio from the planet by 2005.

The Pittsford Rotary Club meets every Wednesday morning for breakfast at Hicks and McCarthy on South Main Street.

Peter E. Crooker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 4TH MEETING AT CAMP HACCAMO: THIS WEDNESDAY'S PITTSFORD ROTARY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CAMP HACCAMO starting at 6:00 PM. We will be hosting a Christmas dinner for the residents of 19 Church Street - a local ARC of Monroe County facility. Please plan to come, enjoy dinner - prepared this year by Ensenat's Deli (YUM!), help serve our guests and join in the wonderful caroling led by our own Lynn Freshman - with Manny on the guitar so I've heard! A meeting fee will be collected. There will be no morning meeting - so show up in the evening, even a little late is ok we know you have to work hard.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING: from 213 years ago was read by Roger Zaenglein. We hope everyone had a very pleasant holiday!

LPGA MALL SALES: Training will be held on December 7th at 9:00 AM. 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. Jim D'Aiello is coordinating volunteers.

ROAD CLEANUP: A cleanup is planned for Saturday December 7th at 8:50 AM. Meet at the ball field on East Street. Contact Matt Wahl for details. In the event of snow cover this event will be rescheduled (probably to sometime in May).

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 & GREEN ACRES DONATIONS: There will be a holiday collection for the Pittsford Food Cupboard (\$5 suggested) and Green Acres (\$15 suggested) at the December 11th meeting.

LOTS OF UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS: Please check out the calendar (Upcoming Events Section) for our Holiday party at the Century Club and the Philharmonic. See Elthea regarding the Christmas party – get your reservations in now!! See Ray Cornelius regarding the Philharmonic.

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

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT BELL RINGING: Tuesday December 3rd 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!

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

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Today's speaker was Walter Thomson of Operation Food Basket. Operation Food Basket has been feeding needy families a week's worth of food during the holidays for over 22 years. Mr. Thomson started this wonderful program with other Xerox employees while he worked there, and it has gradually spread all over Western New York and even across the country. Hundreds of volunteers show up to sort, make phone calls, and deliver the food, which is purchased from Wegman's with donations from the workers, Xerox employees, and several companies and organizations. It's a program run completely by donations and volunteers -- every penny goes to buy food, everything else is done by volunteers. They raised \$20,000 last year, and are always looking for donations or volunteers to help out or make deliveries. Keep up the good work, Walter! You can sign up for delivery duty with Operations Food Basket – drivers and helpers are needed for Friday December 20th between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Contact Walter – phone and email below - indicating your interest. You can also make a tax-deductible donation by making out a check to "Operation Food Basket" and getting to Rick by December 11th.

Guests: Walter Thompson 586-6589

Speaker: Operation Food Basket

mailto:Wmmthompson@msn.com

ROTARY INFORMATION: SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2003/2004:

Gaven Hurley presented the nominating committees slate of officers for the Rotary year 2003 / 2004. A club vote will be made at our next regularly scheduled meeting (December 11th) to confirm the slate. Here are the positions;

Previously elected; President – Rick Haverty, President Elect – John Bernacki

This years slate; Vice President – Pat Mallory, Secretary - Jennel Clark Dillon, Asst. Secretary - Jackie Swift, Treasurer - Chris Leone (Roger Zaenglein will be treasurer of Pittsford RC Foundation), Asst. Treasurer - Amy Coddington, Directors - (6 plus Past Pres. Lou Christakos) - Lynn Freshman, Bob Vukosic, Peggy Martin, Bob Thompson, Peter Crooker and Ray Robbins.

Also appointed to our Foundation for a 3-year term Jim Murphy, and Gaven Hurley.



HAPPY (or sad) DOLLARS: Our club collected \$191 to help out Operation Food Basket! Thanks to everyone for their generosity! Elthea did give one Happy Dollar for her recent visit to Nantucket.

50/50 WINNER: Jumpin' Jim D'Aiello took the pot.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You can measure a man's character by the choices he makes under pressure." -- **Winston Churchill**

WORD OF THE WEEK: **Cordial** (Adjective)

Definition 1: Pertaining the heart, stimulating or invigorating the heart (food and drink); heartfelt, warm, sincere.

Usage 1: This week's adjective may be used as a noun referring to a tonic, usually a liqueur, originally thought to stimulate the heart. The noun derived from this week's word is cordiality "(human) warmth, friendliness" and the adverb is "cordially."

Suggested usage: "Cordial" and "courage," also derived from the root meaning "heart," vividly exemplify the emotional range English (and European) culture has historically associated with the central organ of our bodies. The true test of cordiality, of course, is whether you can be cordial with someone you dislike. But I think the adjective begs the company of its identical twin, the noun: "Nothing makes you more cordial than a good cordial after dinner."

Etymology: From Medieval Latin cordialis from cor, cord- "heart." The ancient root contained an initial [k] which became [h] in Germanic languages, hence our "heart" and German "Herz." It is from the Greek "kardia" that we derive "cardiac." This [k], however, was an unusual one that changed into an [s] in the Eastern Indo-European languages, so that we find Russian "serdtse" and Polish "serce." The root emerges in many of our Latinate words: "concord," "courage" (from French "coeur"), and misericordia "pity on the heart = mercy."

JUST FOR FUN: Two vultures board an airplane; each is carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

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

Hornell High School Nov. 29 and 30 @ 7:00 PM Dec. 1 @ 2:00 PM Tickets available at door or can be purchased beforehand. Call Bob Gaffney @ 607 324 0891 or [e-mail @ gaffney@infoblvd.net](mailto:gaffney@infoblvd.net)

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

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.

TEAM 275 – Sign up with Pete Crooker to help out at Ronald McDonald House.

December 3: Candlelight Night – We'll be ringing the bells in Pittsford!

December 4: Christmas Dinner for Church Street residents at Camp Haccamo

December 18: Holiday Dinner at the Century Club – 6:00 PM social, 7:00 PM Dinner. \$32.00 per person. Cash bar.

December 20: OPERATION FOOD BASKET – Sign up to help deliver a week's worth of groceries to a needy family in Rochester. Let Rick Haverty know if you're interested.

December 22: Rochester Philharmonic Gala Pops. This is a 2:00 PM matinee. Seats are \$20.00 each – see Ray Cornelius for tickets.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Name in brackets is the greeter, speakers follow.

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4 December: CHRISTMAS PARTY AT CAMP HACCAMO for 19 Church Street Residents 6:00 PM

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11 December: < Peggy Martin > Frances Tepper – “The County Fair and the Community” re: the Monroe County Fair

18 December: **EVENING MEETING - Holiday Party at the University Club**

25 December: **NO MEETING - MERRY CHRISTMAS**


1 January: **NO MEETING - HAPPY NEW YEAR**

8 January: < TBD > Know Your Member (To be announced)

15 January: < Jim D’Aiello > Nancy Nealon of Pittsford Youth Services

HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

<http://www.rotary.org> - Rotary International <http://www.rotary7120.org> - Our District

<p>The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York</p> <p><u>2002-2003 Club Officers</u> President - Lou Christakos President Elect – Rick Haverty Vice President – John Bernacki Secretary – Jackie Swift Treasurer – Roger Zaenglein Sergeant-At-Arms – Frank Burns SAA Assistant – Kathy Bills Recording Secretary – Peggy Martin</p>		<p>1-800-867-0513 extension 388</p> <p><u>2002-2003 Board of Directors</u> Bob Thompson – Club Service Jim D’Aiello – Community Service Jim Murphy – Fund Raising Pete Crooker – Service Projects (Pittsford) Pat Mallery – Vocational Service Jennel Clark– International Service Gaven Hurley – Past President</p>
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