



The Accelerator



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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Gaven Hurley

Musical Coordinator – Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

February Private-at-arms: Jim Cameron

“WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH”

Happy Valentine's Day

Happy 98th Birthday to Rotary (23 February 1905)

Camp Haccamo's incoming President Tim Forward brings new leadership and ideas to the camp - story below

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Tom Welgen (Fairport), Derek Duncan (Fairport), Tim Forward (Brighton), Gary Acord – relocating from Utah and a prospective member, Lew Mariotti – owner of 3Dcool.com.

MEMBER NEWS

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

News from our snowbirds – Beans Bement is off the golf course for a while with a sore toe. One of the members of his foursome was quoted as saying, “That’s what he gets for using a foot-wedge so often!” We hope you’re back to chasing the little white ball soon Beans. The best chance we’ll have up here is at the **Polar Bear Open** on march 8th.

Pete Crooker has gone south for a while as well. After a visit to Dodgertown (baseball) he and Jill plan to visit with Bob Thompson and perhaps attend the local Rotary meeting. Don't forget the make-up slip Pete.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNER II: Another group of Pittsford Rotarians will be serving dinner at the house on February 25th. If you missed the fun last week you can still sign up for this date. Lynne Freshman, Gaven Hurley, Jim Murphy, and Lou Christakos are on the list but another person or two is still needed. A couple of Rotaract students may join in as well. Please talk to Jim Kubarek if you'd like to be included.

THE 2003 CP ROCHESTER POLAR BEAR OPEN: Tom Welgen reminded us about this upcoming Polar Bear Open. It will be held on Saturday March 8 at Veterans Memorial Park in Henrietta. The entry fee is \$20 to play the 9-hole pitch & putt course complete with astro-turf greens. If you don't golf there's still plenty to do. For a \$12.00 fee you can come to the all day buffet in the heated tent, take part in the live and silent auctions, and take advantage of the other games like frozen chicken bowling and a “road-kill

toss.” District Governor Don Alhart will be the auctioneer! Golfers must sign up in advance. For more information call 334-6000 x339. Proceeds benefit CP Rochester and Fairport Rotary charities.

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: Do you have a good idea for community service project for our club? Rotary’s 100th year is coming up in 2005 and RI has set the challenge to individual clubs to complete such a project before March of 2005. Registration of the project is due to Rotary International by July 1, 2003. Pete Crooker has been in contact with Village Mayor Bob Corby and will be speaking with town officials as well about projects they would be willing to get behind. The project needs to be something our community wants / needs and we need to be able to put a plaque on it. Be creative and let Pete know your centennial project ideas.

ROTARY FOUNDATION NOMINATIONS: Ric Juszkievicz spoke about Paul Harris awards and the opportunity for you to nominate a deserving person for this year’s award. The nominee can be either a club member or a person in our community who displays the qualities Rotary embraces – primarily “service above self.” Of course your donations are needed as well as we are allowed one Paul Harris award for each \$1,000 our club donates. Ric also mentioned a tie-in with the Polio-Plus campaign.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL: Plan on making arrangement to attend. Information was mailed out and members should have received it by now, if not see president Lou. You should plan to have an up to date passport for the trip, as crossing the border may be a little more exciting than your last trip to Canada.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: Put March 22nd on your calendar for a district conference in Geneseo. A table has been allotted for our club’s board members and all are welcome to join.

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

MUSIC: Charlie Richardson led us in “Take me out to the Ball Game.” Lynn is coming back next week – right?

SPEAKER: Charlie Richardson introduced Our Guest Speaker Tim Forward.

Tim is with the Brighton Rotary club and is now Vice President on the board of directors of Camp Haccamo. He will become President in the 2003 / 2004 Rotary year. Tim became involved with Rotary because his 2 daughters were Rotary exchange students, one in Spain the other in India. He has been a member for 6 years and is a self-employed architect of 17 years by trade.

The first message of importance was “thank you very much Pittsford Rotary Club.” I think because of Tim’s background as an architect a lot of reference was made to the Renaissance, a phrase coined not by the people of that time period but later as a reflection into the period as “rebirth, and of vision.” Camp Haccamo has made a little history itself in 40 years. The vision that Tim is bringing forth is new leadership, a mission statement, and a committee based organization. Those committees are Camp Committee - Chris Franco from Irondequoit; Finance Committee - Charlie Lookup from Rush-Henrietta; Human Resources - Jim Infintino from Spencerport; Planning - Jim Forward from Brighton. At the beginning of the 2003-2004 Rotary year the guard will change and continue to do so every two years. Dick List will be retiring from the Camp Board at the end of this Rotary year.

Jim indicated that a new mission statement had been developed (which had been printed in our newsletter Rotary information section a few months back) and a new set of by-laws is being adapted. He was well aware that communications between the Camp leadership and Rotary clubs was not ideal and he plans to change that. The future: we are working to create the best children’s camp environment in our wooded glen. Second to none! Thank you Jim for talking with us and sharing the vision.



HAPPY DOLLARS: Lou Christakos caught a bunch of us not wearing our Rotary pins and fined everyone a dollar. Jennel Dillon's brother was engaged. She also lost, but then found her dog. Charlie Richardson for relief from his back pain and for having Tim speak this morning. Pat Mallory for a last minute rescue by Chris Leone. Pat had 15 Interactors who needed rides to the hockey game on Valentine's evening. Chris left home and hearth to help out and we heard his wife is still speaking to him. Roger Zaenglein gave one for no pin, another for being on time, and a third for his Hawaiian vacation. Helmet Albrecht gave for his new dog (nothing to do with Jennel's lost dog)

50/50 WINNER: Can it be that the club president has shamelessly won for the second week in a row? At least he didn't pull the number this week!

ROTARY INFORMATION: Pat Mallory's letter regarding Interact – Look at all they're doing...

TO: Mary Alice Price

CC: Bill Carpenter, Lou Chistakos, Rick Haverty, Ron Sherman, Judy Beers, Kathy Winghart

SUB: Pittsford Interact Clubs

Gavin Hurley suggested that I provide you with an overview of the activities of the Pittsford Mendon and Sutherland Interact Clubs. I'm also taking the liberty to share this material with Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Carpenter. After several years as a single community-based club, Pittsford Interact was successfully transitioned last summer into two school-based clubs. Rotary International chartered both in October 2002. As of today, there are over 230 students listed as members, ninety of whom have participated in at least one community or international service project.

Ron Sherman and Judy Beers serve as faculty advisors for the club at Pittsford Mendon with Kathy Winghart acting in that role for Pittsford Sutherland. It's a credit to their enthusiasm, dedication and support that both clubs are active, vibrant and successful.

As the Rotary advisor to both clubs, I try to keep the members focused on four key objectives: 1) community and/or international service, 2) leadership development, 3) friendship and, 4) fun. It's my personal goal to provide the clubs with a broad range of projects and activities from which they can pick and choose as teams or as individuals. Listed below are the activities that students have either supported or are planning to support during the current Rotary year (July 1, 2002 - June 1, 2003).

INTERACT CLUB ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS COMPLETED

7/30/02 - InterVol: Sorting Party

Four Sutherland students along with several guests from Brighton High School spent the evening at InterVol sorting medical supplies, some of which were headed for the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

8/3/02 - Monroe County Special Olympics: United Softball

Interactors from both Mendon and Sutherland joined other students participating in Special Olympics' United Softball games in Brighton.

9/24/02 - InterVol: Sorting Party

Ten Sutherland students helped sort medical supplies at InterVol. Also assisting were Mendon faculty advisor, Ron Sherman and Pittsford Rotarians, Matt & Sue Wahl and Peggy Martin.

10/19/02 - Pittsford Youth Services: "Kids for Kids" Walk

Club President, Harvey Williams, and a friend participated in the walk and contributed \$85 on behalf of Sutherland Interact (one of the largest contributions by a single organization).

10/22/02 - InterVol: Sorting Party

Susan Cronin of the Mendon Interact Club and Mendon faculty advisor, Ron Sherman, volunteered their time to help with this activity.

10/26/02 - Town of Pittsford: Halloween Fest

Twelve Interactors from Sutherland and Mendon joined Rotaracters from Nazareth assisted in hosting over 1,000 children and parents during the Town of Pittsford's First Annual Halloween Fest. The Interact clubs were responsible for creating the two games used in Pittsford Rotary's Wizard of Oz themed booth.

10/31/02 - UNICEF: Halloween Collection

Students at Pittsford Sutherland contributed over \$385 to UNICEF resulting from in-school collections during Halloween week.

11/15/02 - Interact Club: Rotary Pancake Dinner Fundraiser

Kerianne Kabureck, secretary of the Pittsford Sutherland Interact Club, coordinated a very successful prize raffle fund-raiser during Pittsford Rotary's annual pancake supper at Pittsford Mendon High School. Students from both schools helped to sell tickets generating revenue for the clubs of \$375.

11/18/02 - Pittsford Food Cupboard: Canned Food Collection

The Interact clubs in both high school coordinated canned food collections in the week leading up to Thanksgiving. Over 2,600 items from Mendon High School filling three SUVs were delivered to the food pantry.

12/2/02 - Ronald McDonald House: Dinner

Eleven Mendon students and faculty advisor, Ron Sherman, prepared a delicious meal for the families residing at Ronald McDonald House. During their visit, they were provided with an informative tour of the facilities.

12/4/02 - ARC Residence at 19 Church Street Residents: Holiday Dinner

Six students representing both Interact clubs helped Pittsford Rotarians host the residents of the ARC facility at 19 Church Street for an evening of fun, food, games and holiday songs.

12/7/02 - Pittsford Youth Services: Holiday Breakfast Fundraiser

Thirteen students from both clubs helped with set-up, cooking, service and clean-up and entertained children with arts & crafts and face painting for Pittsford Youth Services annual holiday breakfast fundraiser at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the village.

12/17/02 - InterVol: Sorting Party

Pittsford Sutherland Interact Club president, Harvey Williams, joined several Brighton Interact Club members helping to sort items for a shipment of medical supplies destined for Kyrgyzstan.

12/21/02 - Salvation Army: Red Kettle Campaign Fundraiser

Over forty Pittsford Interact Club members, their friends and parents rang bells at Salvation Army kettle locations from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Eastview Mall. Club members covered kettles located at the entrances to the BonTon, JCPenneys and the food court. Donations tallied from the kettles assigned to Interact exceeded \$650.

1/14/03 - InterVol: Sorting Party

Mendon students Kym Finkle and Sarah Vernon along with Sarah Nevarez from Sutherland participated in the bi-weekly InterVol sorting party.

1/17/03 - Golisano Children's Hospital: Frisbee Sales Fundraiser

Fifteen members of the Mendon Interact Club along with students from the Webster Interact clubs sold Frisbees prior to a Rochester Amerks game at the Blue Cross Arena to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong. It was expected that receipts for the evening would be \$400. Interactors far exceeded this goal bringing in over \$750.

2/2/03 - Pittsford Youth Services: Phone-A-Thon Fundraiser

Sutherland Interactors Hayley Mirek and Rachel Bussewitz joined Susan Cronin from the Mendon club to help solicit pledges for Pittsford Youth Services.

2/8/03 - Monroe County Special Olympics: Winter Games

Laura Dobler of the Sutherland Interact club spent her Saturday helping the Special Olympians with arts and craft projects during the Winter Games at Potter Park in Fairport.

2/9/03 - Pittsford Youth Services: Phone-A-Thon Fund Raiser

Mendon Interacter Shu Li joined Susan Cronin making calls for Pittsford Youth Services during Part II of their annual Phone-A-Thon.

2/11/03 - InterVol: Sorting Party

As an indication of her spirit and total dedication, Sarah Nevarez sorted medical supplies for two hours on an evening when the temperature inside the InterVol warehouse was well below freezing.

2/14/03 - Golisano Children's Hospital: Frisbee Sales Fundraiser

Thirteen members of the Sutherland Interact club and Ryan Ashworth of the Mendon club along with students from St. John Fisher raised \$658 selling Frisbees at the Blue Cross Arena to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong. A remarkable achievement considering that more than half the seats in the arena were unsold.

2/14/03 - Pittsford Food Cupboard: Adopt-A-Shelf

On behalf of Mendon Interact's adopt-a-shelf commitment, Kate Harney and Emily McGrath delivered 135 rolls of toilet paper and 10 boxes of bathroom tissue to the Pittsford Food Cupboard. These items were purchased with funds from the Mendon club treasury.

2/15/03 - Father & Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Mendon Interactors Emily Cohen, Jessica Bartos and Sarah Cronin volunteered their Saturday evening to help make the Town of Pittsford's first annual Father & Daughter Sweetheart Dance a night to remember.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES IN PROCESS OR UNDER CONSIDERATION

Haitian School Supplies Project

In response to a call for help from Wilbert and Meg Merzilus of the Living Hope Mission, Inc., the Pittsford Mendon Interact Club has embarked on a campaign to provide the school supplies needed by L'Ecole Baptiste de Pistere in northeast Haiti. Until last month, the 160 students enrolled in this school had been meeting outdoors under a brush arbor. A more permanent structure constructed by employee volunteers from Lifetouch National School Studios (a large U.S. school photography company) has just been completed.

From time to time, church groups and other relief organizations have provided classroom supplies to the children of L'Ecole Baptiste de Pistere. This year, however, the school has received very little outside assistance. In the spirit of international understanding and goodwill, Pittsford Mendon Interact members are reaching out to the students of Haiti by providing for their needs.

In their most recent club meeting, Sutherland Interactors indicated an interest in assisting the Mendon club with this project.

Jewish Home Visit

Emily Cohen, president of the Mendon club, is in the process of signing up volunteers for an afternoon of bingo and other games for elderly residents of the Jewish Home.

Monroe County Special Olympics: Swimming/Basketball/Volleyball

Volunteers will be solicited on the appropriate dates this spring to help with each of these activities. The swimming event will take place at Fairport High School, basketball at St. John Fisher and United Volleyball at Nazareth College.

Ronald McDonald House Dinners

Efforts are underway currently underway in both Interact clubs to plan and prepare dinners for the guests at Ronald McDonald House.

Pittsford Parent University

Members of both clubs have indicated an interest in volunteering their assistance for Pittsford Parent University on March 15.

Arbor Day Tree Planting

Students in both clubs have expressed an interest in planting trees in the Town of Pittsford on Arbor Day. This is becoming an annual event for Pittsford Interactors. They were featured on the Channel 13 Bright Spot last year planting three trees that they had purchased and donated to the Town.

Mother's Day Hanging Flower Basket Sale

This will be the second year for what promises to become an annual fundraiser for the Interact Clubs. Students from both schools report that they are being asked if the club will be selling flower baskets again this spring. Although marginally successful last year, this year's program will have a more realistic timeline and be better planned.

If you have questions about any of this material or would like to know more about the Pittsford Interact clubs, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Sincerely,
Pat Mallery
Rotary Advisor to Pittsford Interact Clubs

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide what to do." – **Elbert Hubbard**, author

JUST FOR FUN: Things You Might NOT Know.....

Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as substitute for blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.

A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight. The wingspan of the B-36, a retired USAF bomber, was twice as long.

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating 1 olive from each salad served in first-class.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

MAR 2 - BIG MAC Under Glass Project- Scottsville Rotary

MAR 2 - Rush-Henrietta Pasta Dinner - Rush-Henrietta High School, Lehigh Station Road (between East Henrietta Rd and Pinnacle Road) Henrietta between 1PM and 6PM \$6.00 a person.

MAR 8 - Williamson Rotary 75th Anniversary

MAR 8 – Polar Bear Open

MAR 22 - District Assembly- SUNY Geneseo

APR 6 - "Taste of the Finger Lakes" (Victor Farmington) 1PM- DiPacific's

MAY 2 - 4 - District Conference- "Montreal '03" "C'est Magnifique!"

MAY 10 - Rotary Community Invitational Golf Tournament Honeoye Falls-Mendon

MAY 17 - 18 - Bath Rotary Pancake Breakfast At the Home and Recreation Show

JUN 1 – District Ball Game at Frontier Field

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.
- Verna Hospice needs volunteers, you can volunteer by contacting Linda Eastman at 385-4745.

FEB 25 - Ronald MacDonald House – serve dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 PM (see Jim D’Aiello)

MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

Name in <brackets> is the greeter, speakers follow. If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker please contact John Bernacki for scheduling.

***** **NEXT WEEK** *****

26 February: < Bill Pieper > Kim Ziegler of Golisano Children’s Center at Strong Hospital

5 March: < Jim Murphy > Pat Mallery will talk about Vocational Services

12 March: < Joy Bennett > Know Your Member - Matt Ensenat

19 March: < Ken Smith > Rotary International Foundation - Ric Juszkiewicz

26 March: < Matthew Wahl > TBD

2 April: < Jackie Swift > TBD

9 April: < Mary Alice Price > TBD

16 April: < Tim Hayes > TBD

23 April: < Roger Zaenglein > TBD

30 April: < Jennel Dillon > TBD

7 May: < Kevin Lane > TBD

14 May: < Nick Tagliarino > TBD

21 May: < Rick Haverty > TBD

28 May: < Helmut Albrecht > TBD

4 June: < Lynn Freshman > TBD

11 June: < Bob Vukosic > TBD

18 June: < Beans Bement > TBD

25 June: < Jim D’Aiello > TBD

HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

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

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

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