



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM

Presiding: Rick Haverty

Invocation: Lynn Freshman

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

August Private-at-arms: Tim Hayes

***** AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MONTH *****

Michael Donnelly of Easter Seals with Joanne Armstrong and gold medallist Shawna Ryan

(story below)



Shawna Lee Ryan and Joanne Armstrong

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS:

Jim Cameron (prospective member) and Kevin Lane (prospective member)

MEMBER NEWS

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

Club President **Lou Christakos** paid a visit to the hospital this week after suffering chest pains. He's home resting and awaiting a meeting with his doctor this Friday. He's feeling fine and they found no cause for alarm. Shula may have a few new restrictions for Lou though.

A NOTE FROM Ray Robbins: *Just a quick one to let you and the club know that we had lobsters on the shore again yesterday and I picked out the meat from three more today for lunch. It gets tiring! Please tell President Lou that I brought a package of his homemade baklava up here with me and it's delicious! (As was the homemade blueberry pie!) Elthea, the Smiths, Harry W, and the Veslings will know what I mean. I had my supper on the porch tonight and watched the sunset across the almost flat calm harbor. The few clouds in the west were first gray edged in gold, then purple with gold. The sun is down now and a couple from Massachusetts are coming back to my shore in their kayaks. I was picking blueberries when they stopped to ask where they might*

put their boats in the water, so I told them to park in my driveway and go down on my shore. I suspect that in spite of the insect repellent they put on, they have been feeding the voracious Maine State Bird, the mosquito. I'll plan to see you all the morning of 25 September. - Ray

The **Zaengleins** peddled their way through the MS bike ride this past weekend. They covered a full 110 miles in two days. I thought Roger would have a huge breakfast this morning, but he could hardly eat! Roger is always working for good causes.

Everyone knows **Jennel Clark** married Andrew Dillon a couple of weeks ago. Here's a photo of J.J. Dillon and her "husband" to prove it!



Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Dillon

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: We've been very slow in publishing the names of **Kevin Lane** and **Jim Campbell** as prospective new members. Nonetheless they have been introduced and listed as prospective members under "Visiting Rotarians / Guests" for weeks now. This notice will serve as our "official" publication of their names. If anyone has an objection to either of them joining the club please submit such in writing to the club president. They will be officially inducted at the September 4th meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTERN CITIES DINNER: This event is scheduled for October 30 - a Wednesday evening. Lou is ordering two tables. The board has voted to make this our official meeting that week to avoid having two meetings in one day and to encourage participation at the dinner.

STILL LOOKING FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE HOST FAMILIES: **Jennel Dillon** wanted to remind us they are still looking for one or two more host families for this year's exchange student. The student is Gustavo Carvalho - a seventeen year old from Sao Paulo, Brazil. He loves animals and would like to be a biologist some day. Jennel has an information sheet with family background and photos if you're interested.

POLIO PLUS / POLIO ERADICATION: **Gaven Hurley** is our club coordinator for the Polio Plus polio eradication effort. He passed out a letter to each member at this morning's meeting. The letter includes a pledge card. Gaven asked that you fill out the pledge card and return it to him so we can track the amount our club is

PICNIC AT GENESEE COUNTRY MUSEUM: **Tim Hayes** is organizing a club picnic at the Genesee Country Museum for a weekend day in September. The goal this year was to have the event at a place where member's families could enjoy the event while mingling with other members. The entry fee to the museum will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5.50 for children. Food will be extra and Tim is

looking for opinions on how we should handle the food. We can each buy what's there, we could bring a picnic, or perhaps have it catered?

THIS MONTH'S ROTARIAN MAGAZINE: When you receive your copy this month please spend a few extra minutes with it. I think this is possibly the most moving edition I've ever seen. Once you're done with it, instead of tossing it in the recycle bin, please pass it on to a non-Rotarian to read. This is Membership & Extension Month and there may be no better way to land a new member.

CLUB GRANTS: The grants committee presented two items at the board meeting this month. The board passed the following:

- \$100 award to Kristen Knickerbocker for her Mission of Peace to Nicaragua. Kristen will provide our club with a talk upon her return in early 2003.
- \$500 to support Benincasa hospice. The money will be given in sponsorship of one of their upcoming events. Either their golf tournament on September 6th ("A Weekend at Bernie's") or their November auction that is held at the Winter Garden at Bausch & Lomb. Beverly Clark, founder of Benincasa spoke at our club this past spring.

DUES: Our club sent a check for over \$1,300 to RI today to pay dues for each of our members. Another check (amounting to \$21.50 per member) will go to the District and we've also paid \$40 per member to Camp Haccamo - in the past known as "the assessment." About 1/3 of our members haven't paid their dues yet. The club puts out just under \$100 for each member to meet these obligations. Please take a moment this week and send your check for \$150 to Roger.

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Michael Donnelly gave us an overview of Easter Seals. There are group homes in Brighton and Webster and a new diagnostic and treatment center is being opened on White Spruce Blvd. Michael described some of the work of Easter Seals in our area. He also told us about The Rochester Rookies which is a sports team for children with disabilities. The chair and founder of the sports program, Joanne Armstrong also spoke to us. The distinction between this group and Special Olympics is that the Easter Seals program is for children with physical disabilities. The purpose of the teams is to fill a void these kids have in the standard sports programs offered in our schools and community. They are primarily a track and field team today but plan to add swimming in the near future. Children between the ages of six and twenty-one can participate. A gold-medal winning participant from Pittsford, Shawna Ryan, was present as well. Her grandfather, Marty Agnew, was a member of our club in the past. Shawna joined the Rookies at age seven. She is a junior at Pittsford Sutherland High School this year. She participated in a 5K last weekend. Another member of the Rookies is currently training to run the Boston BAA Marathon next April. Joanne told us about a few ways we may be able to help them out - primarily by donations. The sports wheel chairs alone cost a minimum of \$1,600 and they have constant needs. An energetic question and answer session followed the talk.



A 1998 photo of three Rochester Rookies

ROTARY INFORMATION: Polio Plus

The pledge letter you received from Gaven includes some information about possible pledges. A \$100 per year pledge amounts to \$0.27 a day and a \$1,000 pledge (\$333 per year) is only \$0.97 per day. On the other end of the equation \$100 buys 1,200 doses of polio vaccine. \$500 helps deliver vaccine house to house in an entire village and \$1,000 provides laboratory equipment essential to keep an eye on the spread of the disease. The best and easiest way to turn in your pledge card is to return it to Gaven and he will make sure you and our club receives proper credit. Should you want to send the card in directly here is some helpful information:

Your Rotary Membership ID can be obtained through Roger Zaenglein or look at your mailing label on The Rotarian - it's the first eight digits.

We are Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York

Our club number is 4807

Our district number is 7120

You can also make your contribution online at

<http://www.rotary.org/applications/TRF/contribute.html>

You'll still need all the ID numbers if you go the web route.

HAPPY (or sad) DOLLARS: Lynn Freshman's stepson had a very bad accident but walked away unhurt. Jim Campbell's son went to college (and Jim obviously didn't think he was paying enough already). Bill Pieper's daughter turned 22 - happy birthday. Jackie Swift was happy that husband Peter returned from a trip to the track without a noticeable loss. Gaven Hurley kicked in for Shula Christakos and the ordeal she went through this week. Jim Kubarek's granddaughter had a birthday. Rick Haverty gave a buck wishing for Lou's quick return to the podium.

50/50 WINNER: **Jim Campbell** won and without any prodding at all dumped some of his winnings back into the Happy Dollars pool.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I sent the club a wire stating, 'Please accept my resignation. I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member.'" - **Groucho Marx**

JUST FOR FUN: CHILDREN!

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and be quiet.
2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
3. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
4. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
5. We child proofed our homes, but they are still getting in.
6. Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home.
7. If you have a lot of tension and you get a Headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle:

"TAKE TWO ASPIRIN" and "KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN"

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

After completing a whirlwind of events in June, July, and August we're on a mini-volunteer vacation. More to come in the fall.

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

September 6 – District 7120 Golf Outing at Lima Golf Club.

September 6 – Benincasa Hospice "Weekend at Bernie's" Golf Tournament at Victor Hills.

September 8 – Honeoye Falls and Mendon Rotary Club Antiques and Antique Auto show.

September 22 – East Rochester Spaghetti Dinner

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.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Name in brackets is the greeter, speakers follow.

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28 August: < Jim Murphy > Another "Mystery" speaker

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4 September: < Gerry Vesling > Don Alhart – District Governor

11 September: < Bob Thompson > TBD

18 September: < Matt Wahl > TBD

25 September: < Chris Leone > TBD

2 October: < Peggy Martin > TBD

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