



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM

Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Jim Murphy

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

September Private-at-arms: Lynn Freshman

***** SEPTEMBER IS ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTH *****

President Lou Reveals Himself (story below)



Pittsford Rotary President Lou Christakos

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Jim Cameron (prospective member), Dave Ferris (Rochester), and Maureen Toome (Rochester AM Club).

MEMBER NEWS

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

Tim Hayes won the Part-Time Faculty Teaching Excellence Award from St. John Fisher College. The award is for his demonstration of teaching ability. Tim taught a morality-in-business course as part of the religious studies department. Congratulations Tim! (And thanks Bob Thompson for cutting the article out of the D&C).

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: Kevin Lane and Jim Cameron will be inducted at our September 4th meeting. If there are any objections to their memberships please send your comments in writing to the club president before this Friday.

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.

BLACK TIE AFFAIR FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE: The Scottsville and the Rochester AM clubs are starting a new fund-raiser for the Ronald McDonald House. On November 10th the "Big

Mac under glass" is a black tie event serving food from McDonald's. They are collecting auction items and cash sponsorships. The restaurant itself will hold 150 people. Maureen Toome visited this morning and made the announcement.

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.

CAMP HACCAMO: The camp will be closing on October 19th. **Charlie Richardson** is looking for a few volunteers to help do a final cleaning and perhaps board up windows. October 29th is club president's night - Lou should have an invitation in hand.

RED WINGS GAME: **Peggy Martin** wrapped up the District Red Wings game with a report to the club. She extended special thanks to the **Smiths**, the **Thompsons**, **Jim Kubarek**, the **Spakers**, the **Veslings**, and **Elthea King** for volunteering to sell the raffle tickets. It turned out that the volunteers saw less of the game (if any at all) than originally planned. Peggy will be working on that issue for next year's game.

SPONSOR PITTSFORD FOOTBALL Teams through raffles, and /or a \$10 discount card. See **Pat Mallery** for details.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD: Lou received a notice asking for recommendations for a humanitarian award. He has the letter and the details if you would like to nominate someone. The deadline is this week.

BOARD MEETINGS: Lou read highlights from the past two board meetings. The August minutes are attached to this week's newsletter.

POLIOPLUS PLEDGE CARDS: Gaven restated that tracking down our club's collective pledges is difficult if the pledges aren't handed into him.

NEXT WEEK: Our speaker next week will be District Governor Don Alhart. Lou asked that the committee chairs provide a written report of plans and activities for the year.

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM: We heard from our club president, **Lou Christakos**, in the first "KYM" or Know Your Members meeting featuring a veteran member. Lou grew up in Cazenovia. He sold vegetables from his family garden - mostly the things he didn't like. He graduated high school in 1950 and attended Trinity College in Hartford Connecticut. After graduation Lou was in the Air Force and stationed in Florida where he spent time on water skis and suffered through the "warm" winters. He joined the sales force at Westinghouse and sold massive industrial generators. He married Shula in 1960. They have three daughters and five grand children. Lou and Shula's license

plates are PAPOU5 and YAI YAI 5, which are Greek for Grandfather and Grandmother. In 1968 he became a manufacturers rep for cooling towers. Lou retired in 1998. He joined Rotary in 1993 and is thankful to Gerry Vesling for helping him grow in and appreciate Rotary. Lou's a great person and a great Rotarian - we're lucky he's in our club.

ROTARY INFORMATION: WHEN DID ROTARY BECOME "INTERNATIONAL?"

The Winnipeg, Canada club was organized on 3 November 1910 and chartered on 13 April 1912. Rotary continued to be called the "National Association of Rotary Clubs" until after the "Charter" of Winnipeg. During the convention of 1912 in [Duluth](#), Minnesota, Rotary became the International Association of Rotary Clubs. London was also chartered that year.

So, when did Rotary become "international?" Most early clubs and even clubs today have an attachment to their "organizational" date rather than their "Charter." But, "officially" it would have to be said that in 1910, there was a club "organized" outside of the US. Therefore we were an "international" organization, were we not? But, Rotary did not "officially" call itself "international" until August 1912.

HAPPY (or sad) DOLLARS: Lou Christakos gave a happy dollar because he's really happy to be here after his recent "episode". He also thanked members for their happy dollars and good wishes last week. **Pat Mallery** pitched in because the Interact kick-offs are happening. **Gerry Vesling** gave a couple for not spilling coffee on Beans this week (probably because I didn't bump into him). **Gaven Hurley** for meeting Mary Alice Price - our new school superintendent. **Ken Smith** gave a couple because he and Jan are heading to **Ray Robbins'** lobster fest in Maine!

50/50 WINNER: Jennel drew Lou's mentor - **Gerry Vesling**.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Our greatest happiness in life does not depend on the condition of life in which chance has placed us, but is always the result of good conscience, good health, occupation, and freedom in all just pursuits." - **Thomas Jefferson**

JUST FOR FUN: Volunteer Fire Department

A fire started on some grassland near a farm in Indiana. The fire department from the nearby town was called to put the fire out. The fire proved to be more than the small town fire department could handle, so someone suggested that a rural volunteer fire department be called. Though there was doubt that they would be of any assistance, the call was made.

The volunteer fire department arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They drove straight towards the fire and stopped in the middle of the flames. The volunteer firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily controllable parts.

The farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and so grateful that his farm had been spared, that he presented the volunteer fire department with a check for \$1000. A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds. "That should be obvious," he responded, "the first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on that stupid fire truck."

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

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11 September: < Bob Thompson > TBD

18 September: < Matt Wahl > TBD

25 September: < Chris Leone > TBD

2 October: < Peggy Martin > TBD

The Rotary Club of Pittsford, New York

2002-2003 Club Officers

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



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2002-2003 Board of Directors

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

Pittsford Rotary Board Meeting August 13, 2002

Attended by: Charlie Richardson, Jim Murphy, Lou Christakos, Jim D'Aiello, Bob Thompson, Rick Haverty, Jennel Clark, Gaven Hurley, Roger Zaenglein, Jackie Swift, Peggy Martin

Guest: Mary Lou Coene - Assistant District Governor

New Business

General Discussion

Area 3 night on Keuka Maid - This is a Rotary "fellowship" event. All the clubs from area 3 are invited. If you are interested, contact Lou.

The grants committee recommended a "token" grant to help Krystal Knickerbocker raise money for her trip to Nigeria. The board approved \$100. She will make the trip in late 2002 and will speak at our club sometime in early 2003 about her mission trip.

The Eastern Cities Dinner will be held on October 30th this year. Lou would like to encourage members to attend by making the dinner our official meeting for that week. Lou made a motion to cancel morning meeting during the week of October 30th and replace it with the evening dinner. Bob Thompson second. All in favor - passed.

Specifics

Happy Dollars: Discussion regarding Happy Dollars vs. Fines. Some members would like to see the traditional Fines returned to our weekly agenda. Beans is looking into "fixed fee" for certain activities – i.e. recently married, had a baby, missed two meetings in a row etc. Gaven prefers Happy Dollars to fines. Bob Thompson made the motion to continue Happy Dollars this year and make it a part of our weekly agenda. The board will consider reinstatement of the fines next year. Gaven Hurley second. All in favor – passed.

Board Minutes – Discussion regarding timeliness of minutes and how we can communicate with the rest of the club members. Bob Thompson made a motion for board meeting minutes and financials to be distributed to the club members within a week of the board meeting. Jim D’Aiello second. All in favor – passed. (This scribe will do her best to comply but please be patient!)

Other Reporting to Club Members – Discussion regarding reports to the club following important initiatives or events those members have participated in. Reports provide institutional memory and will help future members ease into the roll – such as the organizing the food cupboard shelf or status on Green Acres. Jim Murphy suggested verbal reports to the club following the week of the event at the Rotary meeting. Bob Thompson made a motion that reports be in writing and submitted to the board and the secretary will keep in binder. Jim Murphy second. All in favor - passed.

Rotaract Clubs – Jennel Clark reported that students are starting to look at and choose colleges for their community service involvement. St. John Fisher and Nazareth College has a required number of community service hours.

Charlie Richardson would like to see Pittsford Rotary support the first Rotaract Club at Nazareth College. He has spoken with Gene Kelly at Nazareth and she was very receptive to the idea. Charlie has also had contact with the club at Geneseo State University, which is quite successful. MCC is trying to start one.

Discussion centered on the budget allocation for start up costs. It was determined that the original proposed budget of \$1,000 was not appropriate during the early stages of development. Charlie felt comfortable with a goal of 6 college students starting the club, and within a few years having 50-100 members. Charlie’s son is willing to implement the founding of Rotaract at Nazareth. It was discussed that a well-developed plan needed to be in place before allocating a budget in \$1,000 range.

Bob Thompson moved to allocate \$500 for initial seed money for planning (duplicating materials, signs etc.) and open house (pizza party) at Nazareth College. A committee from Pittsford Rotary will be formed to oversee operations and review progress. Jim Murphy second, all in favor. Passed.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30

Next meeting: September 11th.