



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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TODAY'S ROTARY TEAM

Presiding: Lou Christakos

Invocation: Gerry Vesling

Sergeant-at-arms: Frank Burns

September Private-at-arms: Lynn Freshman

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

District Governor Don Alhart Visits Pittsford and we induct two new members

(story below)



President Lou Christakos, Sponsor Charlie Richardson, New Member Jim Cameron, New Member Kevin Lane, Asst. DG Mary Lou Coene, and DG Don Alhart

VISITING ROTARIANS / GUESTS: Tom Welgen (Fairport), Mary Lou Coene (Assistant District Governor), Don Alhart (District Governor) and Joe Hamley (Rochester).

MEMBER NEWS

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

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED: Kevin Lane and Jim Cameron, our newly inducted members, were sponsored and introduced by Charlie Richardson. Kevin has worked with the Boy Scouts since 1994. He is originally from San Jose, CA. He and his wife have one child and they reside in Fairport. Jim was born in Scottsville. He is a graduate of RI T and runs Incredible Graphics in Pittsford. He and his wife have two sons. President Lou and several members provided the official welcome and they were presented with pins, club handbooks, and other club paraphernalia. Welcome aboard Kevin and Jim. Kevin Lane's mentor will be Charlie Richardson and Jim Cameron's will be Lynn Freshman.

Lou welcomed Kathy Bills back. She had been undergoing therapy on her knee on Wednesday mornings. So Kathy what's worse, a strict regiment of physical therapy or listening to us sing at 7:00am?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTERN CITIES DINNER: Lou has reserved (paid for) two tables at the dinner. This event is scheduled for October 30 - a Wednesday evening and replaces our regular Wednesday meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The Membership committee will meet on September 25th following the regular meeting that day. Call Bob Thompson if you have any questions.

POLIOPLUS: Gaven reported that we have pledges and checks of about \$2,000 so far. Additional pledge cards are available through Gaven if you have misplaced yours.

GREEN ACRES: Bob Thompson and Gerry Vesling paid a visit to Green Acres today. They found out there was a great need for children's clothing. While they were there they noted the completed glass block and said it adds a lot to the building. Not only does it make the exterior look nicer, but also it lets lots of needed light in.



NAZARETH COLLEGE ROTARACT: **Charlie Richardson** and **Jim Murphy** set-up and worked a booth at Nazareth to see how many students would be interested in Rotaract and they received 95 completed forms for more info and gave-out a lot of material. Thanks to **Lynn Freshman** for making-up a poster on short notice. As mentioned at today's meeting, a "raffle" for \$50 was held to generate interest. Jim has all the forms and will be looking into creating a "Rotaract Distribution list" to communicate with the group. It was a pleasant surprise how many students were in Interact (25-30), how many had parents in Rotary (15 or so) and there were even two former Rotary exchange students, one who had gone to Japan and another who went to Germany. There is a meeting planned for 9-17 at 12:05 PM-1:15 PM on the campus and all students got a flyer on that meeting. Jim strongly suggested we provide a pizza lunch for those that attend and give it our best shot! There are a lot of enthusiastic kids! Coincidentally, this month's Rotarian has a good article about Rotaract. Thanks to Charlie and Jim for generating a great deal of interest and what better timing than during "New Generations Month!"

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.

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

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Lou will be out of town next week so the board meeting will move to the following week - September 18th.

FEATURES

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Assistant District Governor Mary Lou Coene introduced District Governor Don Alhart. After a standing ovation Don gave District pins to our two new members. Don told several stories including "The Rotary Dude" and "The Last Mattress You'll Ever Buy." He went on to explain the reasoning behind the splitting of the district into sections and the appointment of regional Assistant District Governors. He also explained the importance of the District Governors and Assistant DG's in "connecting the dots" by sharing information and practices from club to club. Don played a Rotary song and made an impassioned speech about PolioPlus and our chance to really make a difference. There will soon be a last child – in the world – to have polio when our efforts succeed. He also mentioned our Rotary International President, **Bhichai Rattakul**, and the theme of "Sow the Seeds of Love." Lou (and the rest of us hoodlums) learned to remember how to pronounce the RI President's name by saying "BE SHY." Don closed by talking about the travels of Montague G. Bear.

ROTARY INFORMATION: Rotary Business Portal Eases the Job of Officers

Club and district leaders are finding that the Rotary Business Portal offers an efficient way to conduct Rotary business online. Tasks such as paying dues and maintaining membership data can be handled easily with just a few keystrokes and clicks of a mouse.

"The business portal has been a big help to those clubs that are using it," said Valerie Scanlan, governor of District 5500 in Arizona, USA, in 2001-02. Using the business portal, club presidents and secretaries can

- Edit member data, including additions or terminations
- Download membership data for use in spreadsheets or mailing labels
- View an online version of the Official Directory and update club data in the directory
- Pay semiannual report dues
- Make contributions to The Rotary Foundation of RI

District governors and district governors-elect can use the business portal for read-only access to membership data for clubs in their districts and to the online Official Directory as well as Foundation contributions. They can also download membership data for use in spreadsheets and mailing labels. "I recently updated our club's membership data using the business portal," said A. Basar Ergun, 2001-02 secretary of the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Tuzla, Turkey. "I appreciated the elimination of paperwork and postal correspondence." The business portal can be accessed from the home page of the RI Web site at <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/>.

HAPPY (or sad) DOLLARS: Pete Crooker gave a buck for the first day of school and reminded everyone to drive carefully. Jackie Swift went to the US Open and also watched a soccer tournament in the cold and rain. Lou is heading to Delaware next week to visit family. Kathy Bills thanked everyone for staying in touch during her recuperation. Lynn Freshman kicked in for successfully getting her daughter off to college in Oswego and her son who has a job cooking at the Coal Tower. Brian Marcellus was happy to be heading for a vacation at Georgian Bay.

50/50 WINNER: The miracle knee girl **Kathy Bills** took the booty.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer." - Robert Frost

JUST FOR FUN: A QUICK ROTARY QUIZ... (answers below)

Are you quick witted? Answer the following questions as fast as you can...

1. What do you put in a toaster?
2. Say "silk" 5 times, now spell "silk." What do cows drink?
3. If a red house is made from red bricks, a blue house is made out of blue bricks, a pink house is made out of pink bricks, a black house is made out of black bricks what is a green house made out of?
4. Without using a calculator - you are driving a bus from London to Milford haven (Wales) in London 17 people get on the bus, in Reading 6 people get off, 9 people get on, in Swindon 2 people get off, 4 people get on, in Cardiff 11 people get off, 16 people get on, in Swansea 3 people get off, 5 people get on, in Carmarthen, 6 people get off, 3 people get on the bus then pulls into Milford haven bus depot. What was the name of the bus driver?

Answers:

1. Bread (not toast)
2. Water (not milk)
3. Glass (not Green)
4. Like it says - you are the driver

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.

November 05 - Pittsford Rotary Annual Election Night Pancake Supper.

3:00PM to 8:00PM, Pittsford-Mendon High School cafeteria.

The \$5.00 ticket includes a full Pancake Supper complete with trimmings and ice cream. .

Come mingle with winners and not-so winners. Proceeds help support a variety of local charities and club projects. Contact Eric Perlman at 586-9740 or email at perlmans10@hotmail.com for further information

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.

November 02 - Leadership Institute- Canandaigua

November 10 - BIG MAC Under Glass Project- Scottsville Rotary

December 19 - RPO Gala- Eastman Theatre Rochester Rotary

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Name in brackets is the greeter, speakers follow.

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11 September: < Matt Wahl > Story Teller Jay Stetzer

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18 September: < Bob Thompson > Club Assembly – Report from one of our avenues of service chairs

25 September: < Chris Leone > “KYM” - Know Your Member – a profile from one of our newer members

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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Jennel Clark – International Service
Gaven Hurley – Past President