



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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January is Rotary Awareness Month

Today's Rotary Team: President Jim Cameron, Set Up: Pat Dottore and Peter Crooker, Invocation: Don Henderson, Sergeant-at-Arms: Alan Wood.

Our Program: Nazareth Student Hubert Santos--Panama

Attendance: Speaker Hubert Santos; guests Liz Bugler-Malcolm's wife, Alyssa O'Connor-Matt's daughter; potential new members James Smith and Samuel Noel; honorary member Ken Hahn; visiting Rotarians Shah and Tom Biesman-Simons-Rotarians from South Africa, Tom Weldgen, Dave Ferris; Irene Hartman-former outbound exchange student; Joe Hammele (Rochester Rotary) who will be joining our club; exchange student Amelie Diese, Phillip Tinder-Amelie's host dad, and 35 members for a total of 48 attendees.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT: If you have an announcement to make at a club meeting please provide the details to the newsletter writers either by paper copy or by email to bruce@spectors.org.

The meeting opened with an event worth celebrating! Lynn Freshman won a Paul Harris pin with an embedded sapphire. Congratulations Lynn!

Peter Crooker asked us to sign up for traffic direction duties at the Winterfest in Mendon Ponds Park on January 17. 90-minute shifts begin at 11:30 am and must be staffed by three people. In particular Pete is looking for volunteers to help with the 11:30 AM—1PM, 1—2:30 PM, and 2:30—3:30 PM shifts.



Gaven Hurley announced that Peter Crooker is in charge of Taste of Pittsford tickets to club members. Bob Vukosic is leading the ticket sales to non-members. Gaven asked members to contact him if they have connections with independent restaurants, so they can drop off Taste of Pittsford materials. Also, Gaven asked for volunteers to prepare post cards to be sent to guests from prior years. As a reminder it will be held on Monday night March 15. Clear the decks on your calendar!

Bob Vukosic has been leading meetings of the District Assembly Committee. He will email the agenda, task list and target dates. He is seeking constructive comments and help with the event. As a reminder the District Assembly will be at Calkins Road Middle School on March 27. Please circle the date!

The club will sponsor dinner at the Ronald McDonald House on January 28. As you may be aware the house is in existence to help parents stay close to their children who have extended stays at the area hospitals. The sign up sheet for dishes will be passed out today and next week. Normally about 30 persons will have dinner courtesy of our club. Please leave your dish at the Spectors (28 Sutton Point) at 5 PM or directly at the Ronald McDonald House (on Westmoreland) at 5:30 PM.

On February 27 the club will be hosting the annual Free Throw Contest at Pittsford Sutherland High School. Contestants will have 25 shots and in fact, they can be in a team with a parent and compete, too. Prizes will be available in three different age categories. A sign up sheet will be circulated in the next coming weeks.

The annual Pasta Palooza Interact fund raiser will be held on March 3. Please contact Pat Mallery if you would like to help.

Shah Biesman-Simons is a visiting District Governor-elect hosted by Malcolm and Liz Bugler. Shah mentioned that her district is the second largest in the South African area. The hospitality in the US has been wonderful. Shah was a Rotary exchange student to New Zealand in 1973.



The Pittsford Rotary Board is introducing two new prospective members for induction. If you have any comments please contact President Jim Cameron within the next ten days.

James Smith is a former Rotarian from Red Jacket who was President of that club in 1982-83. He will be classified as "Veterans Outreach". He resides in Fairport with his wife Shirley and is retired from work. His interest is in working with disabled veterans and handicapped persons.

Samuel Noel resides with his wife Collette in Rochester and works at Xceed Financial in Pittsford. He was born in England, spent his childhood in Jamaica, and has resided in Rochester for the past 13 years. His classification will be Credit Union Manager. Samuel sits on the Boards of the United Way and Rochester Christian School. He serves on the African-American Leadership Executive Steering Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CHAIRPERSONS – PLEASE SEND THE DETAILS OF YOUR EVENT – Date, Time, & Location.

Meetings are in black font below.

Activities/events are in blue font below.

Date	Meeting or Activity	Speaker / Comments	Greeter
Thu, Jan 14	Board of Directors Meeting	Pittsford Library, 7 a.m.	
Sat, Jan 16	Paint School 36 laboratory, 10 am	Peter Crooker and Pat Mallery	
Sun, Jan 17	Winterfest at Mendon Ponds Park	11:30 am to 3:30 pm	
Wed, Jan 20	Meeting: Nazareth International Student	Nurmianti - Indonesia	Gaven Hurley
Wed, Jan 27	Meeting: Nazareth International Student Induction of 2 new club members	Regina Yarotskaya - Belarus	Ric Juszkiwicz
Thu, Jan 28	Ronald McDonald House Dinner	Bruce Spector	
Wed, Feb 3	Meeting: Club Assembly	Jim Cameron	Elthea King
Wed, Feb 10	Meeting: District Assembly	DGE Jeff Krans	Jim Kubarek
Thu, Feb 11	Board of Directors Meeting	Pittsford Library, 7 a.m.	
Wed, Feb 17	Meeting: Know Your Member	TBD	Pat Mallery
Wed, Feb 24	Meeting: Superintendent of Pittsford Schools	Mary Alice Price	Harold McAulliffe
Sat, Feb 27	Free Throw Contest	Peter Crooker	
Wed, Mar 3	Meeting: District Assembly	DGE Jeff Krans	Robyn McMaster
Wed, Mar 3	Pasta Pallooza Interact Dinner	Pat Mallery	
Sat, Mar 6	Habitat for Humanity Pasta Dinner Fund Raiser	Thomas Gunter-Kremers	
Wed, Mar 10	Meeting: Rochester Chamber Orchestra	Mitzi Bainbridge	Jim Murphy
Thu, Mar 11	Board of Directors Meeting	Pittsford Library, 7 a.m.	
Fri, Mar 12	Presidents-Elect Training Seminar	Pat Dottore	
Sat, Mar 13	Presidents-Elect Training Seminar	Pat Dottore	
Mon, Mar 15	Taste of Pittsford	Nazareth College Shults Center	
Wed, Mar 17	Meeting: Cyber Security	Greg Gartland	Matt O'Connor
Wed, Mar 24	Meeting: Managing Student Debt	Cheryl Evans	Kevin O'Grady
Sat, Mar 27	District Assembly	Calkins Road Middle School	

The Greeter is responsible for the invocation and is the 50-50 seller the following week.

Nazareth Exchange Student Hubert Santos from Panama



Our member Kathy Hansen is the appropriate person to introduce our speaker since she is Assistant Director of International Education at Nazareth College. She works with students coming in from other countries and we thank her for helping us obtain great speakers from around the world.

Hubert Santos is an exchange student from Panama attending Nazareth College this semester. When his school in Panama asked in which state he wanted to attend school he mentioned New York, thinking he would be in New York City. By “pleasant” surprise he finds himself in snowy Rochester!

Hubert gave us some important facts about Panama. It has 3.3 million people, 9 provinces, an official language of Spanish, average temperature of 80 degrees year round, and is a constitutional democracy. The most popular dish is sancocho which is a spicy soup.

The two largest important festivals are the Festival de la Mejorana which is celebrated in the city of Guarnare. It consists of traditional music and dancing. The other big festival is the Carnival in the capital, Panama City. It is not as big or festive as the one in Brazil, but it is great fun nonetheless.

A major economic plus is the Panama Canal, built by the US in 1914 and connects the 48 mile width of Panama between the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean. At present many ships are now too large to pass through the canal so Panama has begun a \$5.25 billion dollar expansion. Tourism and tropical fruit are the biggest boom industries in Panama.

For Hubert, Panama is a lot of fun since it is possible to practise many extreme sports. Scuba diving, parasailing, cliff diving, and wind-surfing are just some of the fun water activities. Hubert is majoring in English and hopes to be a translator in the future. We thank Hubert for an informative look at Panama!

Raffle

The jackpot was \$136. Peter Giblin won a free breakfast at an upcoming meeting.



Supporting the Charitable Projects of the Rotary Club of Pittsford

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ROTARY INFORMATION: Please check out <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html>

A copy of the Board Meeting minutes can be obtained from the Club Secretary.

OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS

The October 2009 *District Newsletter* has been published at <http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictNewsletter.cfm>

HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

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

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

<http://www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org> - Our club's website, maintained by webmaster **Frank Pantaleo**.

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