May Newsletter: A View From The Top Or The Bottom --- Take Your Pick

Here it is almost a year later and I am not sure of the view! All I can truly say is “It has been a different view of Rotary from that of my previous 30 years.” As I promised the club presidents, it has been an interesting year. The presidents and their clubs made it a good year.

I decided to head outward from Monroe County during my first week of club visits. I well remember a Rotarian saying to me “They really are quite full of themselves up there.” Being a bit taken back, I did not respond for I was not sure of the reference point—and I dared not ask. Was he referring to the hierarchy of RI or of me and my Rotarian friends (I have a few!) from Monroe County. All these months later and I’m still not sure.

That of which I am sure is my view and knowledge of the clubs in the District. I was able to know some better than others, yet all do marvelous things in and for their clubs, community, and in far away places with strange sounding names.

From what was observed and the responses received, we had a wonderful District Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid. Great weather aided a good schedule and great speakers. For those of us involved with The Dictionary Project, we met and were able to hear from Mary French, speak with her, and dine with her. The RI President’s Representative, PRID Bob Coultas spoke to and with us five times including a break-out session on Membership. His speaking more, but for shorter periods, was very well received. The prior sentence is understated as we do not want Bob’s head to swell. PRID Coultas was also honored by having his aide, PDG Bob Hunt of RC Fairport, named Bellman of the Week. The story Bob Hunt told us was really true but it was so outlandish few believed him! Contact PDG Hunt for details. Howard Selleck, our erstwhile “Grapevine” editor was recognized at the Conference for his ten years as Editor. Thank you so much, Howard.

By popular demand the DG Dog, Luna, was to author this month’s newsletter but prefers to eat, sleep, bark, and play ball, some or all of which were limited at her stay in the kennel while we were at Lake Placid. She sends her best to all while resting her mind and paws. Recently, Luna and I have been discussing two of The Rotary Foundation’s Six Areas of Focus, those being Water (she is part Lab) and Sanitation (she is a dog) and Puppy and Maternal Health Care. (PDG Jeff Krans, our Rotary Foundation Chair, just fainted after reading this.)

Enjoy all the various Rotary, especially our visiting GSE Team, and family events taking place in May --- including my birthday and 43rd wedding anniversary. The answer in Rotary is “Yes” but the key to a successful and long marriage is “Yes, dear.”

It has been an interesting year, and all of you made it a good year and fun. Thank you for all you do for Rotary. On Memorial Day, please remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice that we, and others, may live in freedom. Some of the finest people I knew are forever 19 or 23 or 35....

Gaven

Coming Soon
District Conference Edition
Photos, contest results and a little of this and that!
Naples Rotary Welcomes
Lynda Draper

Linda’s family has deep roots in Upstate and her dad worked for General Electric. His work took her to Japan, Schenectady and Huntsville, Alabama where he worked on the Apollo and Skylab Teams.

Lynda went to Skidmore College and studied Art hoping to teach. Faced at that time with cutbacks in education spending - impacting art programs and no work available in her field - she became involved in Marketing Communications, Tradeshows and Special Events. Her career took her to several cities across the country including Baltimore/Washington, Raleigh, Boston, Milwaukee, and Pittsburgh.

Lynda has one son, Charles, who is a recent graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a major in History.

About 6 years ago Lynda began to consider where she would retire to. She settled on French Hill just south of the Village of Naples. Having been in marketing her entire professional career she believes that the current boom in Canandaigua will continue and spill over into all the towns around including Naples.

Having always been involved with people, she joined Rotary to get more involved with civic activities.

Linda runs a Bed and Breakfast from her home called Another World.

Palmyra-Macedon Welcomes
Eric VanZile

Pictured above are, left to right: Assistant Governor Tim King, Pal-Mac President Dianne Sloan and new member Eric VanZile.

Newark Welcomes Three New Members

Newark Rotary welcomed three new members to the world of Rotary on April 25, 2013. Standing from left to right are President Bob Bendix, sponsor Mark Peake, sponsor Jackie VanHalle, new member Marge Gile, sponsor Jan Hence, new members John Capozzi, Roger VanDeMortel and ADG Tim King.

Is your membership slipping?

Get Your Ask In Gear
Canandaigua Rotary Inducts Four New Members
By Jack Kellogg

At a recent meeting of the Canandaigua Rotary Club four new members were inducted. Sponsoring Amiee Ward was Kathy Nevin from the BID Office. Amiee was recently appointed Marketing Director at Ferris Hills, has one daughter and three grandchildren. Dan Kelly was sponsored by Al Walker. Dan and his family recently moved to the area and are expecting their second child in June, and he is with Lyons National Bank.

Taryn Windheim (above-right) sponsored Ray Brzezinski who has three children under the age of five years. Ray is employed by Finger Lakes Technology Group.

Bath Rotary Inducts “8” New Members
By: Elaine Tears

The Bath Rotary Club recently held two induction ceremonies in which eight outstanding citizens of the community became members of the local service organization. Each of the inductees was sponsored by a present Bath Rotarian.

On April 4th three new members were sworn in by Becky Stranges, Bath Rotary Club President. New members were: Jim Newman, a pastor - having served as pastor at First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, California; Pastor at Yorkville Presbyterian Church in Utica, New York; Pastor at Alpha Presbyterian Church in Alpha, New Jersey. He also served as an Army Reserve Chaplain for eleven years and as part-time Protestant Chaplain at the Utica Psychiatric Hospital for six years. Jim was sponsored by June Bates. David Peterson, Finance Manager at Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Bath, received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from SUNY Geneseo. David is owner of Dave’s Dichroic Glass Jewelry. David was sponsored by John Stranges. Emy Lou Snyder, sponsored by Don Snyder, is owner of Betty Kay Bake Shop in Bath, attended college at Buffalo State College and Alfred University for Fine Arts.

On May 2nd President Stranges administered the oath to 5 new members. The new members were: James Arthur, sponsored by June Bates, is a retired businessman, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Ceramic Engineering from Alfred University. He was employed by Ferro Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Bath New Members (continued)

Terry Northrup, sponsored by Robin Lattimer, a local attorney in private practice. From 1999 – 2007 she served in the U. S. Navy. After three tours as a Surface Warfare Officer, she went to law school at the University of Iowa and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2009. Cheryl Dowd, Joe Rumsey, and Jack Wheeler, all sponsored by John Stranges. Cheryl Dowd - retired in 1997 from employment with Steuben County for over twenty-seven years. She then became a child support investigator for the Steuben County Support Collection. She had also spent thirteen and one-half years as an in-home child/daycare provider, before retiring in 2011. Joe Rumsey - Bath-Haverling Central School District Superintendent since January 2013, was previously employed by Prattsburgh Central School from 1995 – 2013. Jack Wheeler - serves as Steuben’s Deputy County Administrator, a position he has held since 2010. Prior to joining county government in 2008, he was a Security Consultant for IBM Global Business Services, Public Sector in Washington, D. C.

New Member at Clyde Rotary

Pictured above, left to right: Clyde President Rebecca Odell, DGE Ellen Hughes and Larry Warfel.

New Member at Lima Rotary

At Lima Rotary’s April 25th meeting, they were honored to induct their newest member - Fany Laughlin (left), who was sponsored by club President Pat Brady (right), who will bring a new perspective to their club being the youngest member. Lime Rotary members look forward to helping Fany learn more about what their Rotary family is all about.

New Member at Honeoye Falls-Mendon

The Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotary Club was proud to induct another member of our community into our club. Jeanine Lupisella, who is the principal of the Honeoye Falls-Lima Manor School, joins former Superintendent Michelle Kavanaugh, and former Manor School Principal Dan McCarthy as an active new member. She brings with her a very broad base of experience and activity with underdeveloped countries, working to improve the educational facilities in places such as Nicaragua. She’s already made several trips to assist in the organization and construction of schools and plans more trips in the future. We are proud to have her as a part of our “Family” and are looking forward to the many valuable things she can contribute to our global efforts. Photo by: Don Majewski
Belmont’s Rotarians of the Month

April Rotarian of the Month

“My dad had a great influence on my life,” states Belmont Rotarian Marge Vossler. “He was an active Rotarian, and I wanted to be a part of that.” Born and raised in Williamsville, New York, seventy-four year old Marge Vossler has never been one to sit back and let the world go by. As a young person she was active in the Girl Scouts and her church youth group. In high school she participated in the school yearbook and school paper. Her father was an active Rotarian and Marge enjoyed attending his Rotary meetings and events with him.

Today Marge and her husband Larry have three children, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They have made their home in Wellsville, New York, immersing themselves in community service for many years. Following encouragement by her employer in Belmont to join a community group, Marge joined the Belmont Rotary Club in 1990. As a matter of fact, she was the first woman to be asked to join the club. For the past several years she has been a GVRC representative, stepping down from the position just this year.

May Rotarian of the Month

Eight years ago this month, Noreen Pace was invited by Rotarian Mary Fuller to attend a Rotary meeting. The evening of the meeting, Rotarian Jim Arthur was giving a program on the Four-Way Test. Noreen was impressed with her experience and it started her thinking seriously about joining this club.

In April 2005, Noreen became a member of the Belmont Rotary Club. Passionate about reading and writing, Noreen has served and continues to serve as Literacy Chairperson for the Club. She is well known by third graders in the school district as the “Dictionary Lady”, due to her reputation of passing out dictionaries to children each year, which she personalizes for each student herself.

Noreen’s husband, Darr, is an electrical engineer who services air pollution control devices countrywide. She has two sons and a daughter. Kristian lives in Minnesota, Ian lives in Maryland and daughter Samantha lives in Florida. Noreen is the grandmother of five grandchildren and she loves to visit them all whenever she can!

Thirty years of teaching left Rotarian Noreen Pace with a satisfying feeling of accomplishment. Now, she feels a strong sense of accomplishment once more through her community and international service as a Rotarian. Next year, Noreen will serve as President of the Belmont Rotary Club.

Paul Harris Recognitions at Newark Rotary

On April 11, 2013, Newark Rotary proudly recognized six Paul Harris Fellow recipients. Four of the six are multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

Pictured above, left to right are: Bob Havrilla, Jan Hence (PHF +5), Steve Mooney (PHF +1), Dave Hannan (PHF +4), Trudy Hicks, PDG Norma Reilly (PHF +8) and Newark President Bob Bendix.

Have you found your club’s hidden Treasure?
Bath Rotary Honors Administrative Professionals
By: Elaine Tears

The International Association of Administrative Professionals honors the office workforce by sponsoring Administrative Professionals Week, originally organized in 1952 as National Secretaries Week, during the last full week of April. This week is one of the largest workplace observances celebrated worldwide, bringing together millions of people for community events, educational seminars, and individual corporate activities recognizing support staff. Traditionally, bosses use this time to show their appreciation to their assistants for all of their hard work throughout the year.

On Thursday, April 25th, in order to celebrate this week Becky Stranges, Bath Rotary Club President, welcomed those Rotarians present and their administrative professional guests to the club’s weekly luncheon.

Geneseo Goes to Town
On April 20, 2013 four members of the Rotaract Club participated in Geneseo Goes to Town, a volunteer project that saw many SUNY Geneseo students traveling to towns and villages throughout Livingston County.

Ben Nagasing, Rachel Bardun, Nicole Rountree and William Yeung spent the morning helping with spring clean-up at the Sparta First Presbyterian Church.

Canandaigua Rotary Club Assists in Training in India
By Jack Kellogg

Rotary International consists of clubs in communities all over the world. Many college campuses also have Rotary Clubs called Rotaract. All of these clubs promote various projects world wide through fundraising, teaching people how to perform basic skills for survival. The Rotaract Club of Yale worked for two years to launch a vocational training center in the tribal community of Maharashtra, India. This effort involved five Rotary Clubs from Connecticut to India and Italy to Canandaigua and Maryland.

Training in India (continued)

The new training center cost over $60,000 and offers courses in vocations as paramedics, tailoring, and welding to both men and women as a way to improve village life in this and future generations, while improving their life expectancies.

At left shows training on sewing machines

At right is another training area - training on motors and vehicle parts.

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Naples Community Food Drive

Last month, the Ontario County United Way division of the Greater Rochester United Way came to a Naples Rotary meeting to tell about their annual Day of Caring as well as their countywide food drive to help food pantries increase their supply of food. Upon hearing this, Rotarians immediately decided that they should rally our own community to participate in the food drive. Naples President Elect, Mike Joseph, spearheaded the local effort.

Over 15 boxes of food were collected in just two weeks. The Food Cupboard was also invited to send a pickup truck to Canandaigua to collect more food donated in the countywide United Way food drive. The Rotary Club also donated an additional $200 to the Food Cupboard so they can purchase special items that aren’t donated very often.

For instance, some children require Soy Milk, or even Rich Milk, because of digestive issues or allergies. Naples’ Open Cupboard is sponsored by the Naples Council of Churches, and has operated in the basement behind the Village and Town Hall for years. The Naples Rotary Club is grateful to the Naples community for pitching in, as well as to the United Way of Ontario County!

Pictured at right is Jane Ferrell of the Open Cupboard who accepted a $200 check from the Naples Rotary Club.

Honeoye Falls-Mendon “Citizen of the Year - 2012”
by: Don Majewski

At our last meeting we were privileged to honor one of our community’s most valuable citizens, Lisa Hochgraf. Lisa has raised the bar to a height that will be a challenge for all to match and this award is just a small token of our appreciation for all her efforts. Her family (Husband Clark and their son Robert) was on hand for this “surprise” occasion, as well as dad, Jerry Tyler, a Rotarian from Oregon, Wisconsin, who made a special trip across country just to share in the evening with Lisa. She has played a long and vital role in promoting Honeoye Falls and Mendon through her efforts mainly for the Mendon Public Library. She has been a moving force in the project from start to finish. Although the new Library is up and running she is still working tirelessly in the background for further improvements. Lisa is a prime example of Citizenship and Volunteerism that we all can learn from. More pictures of the event can be viewed at www.hfmrotary.org/meetings.html

Pictured, left to right: Library Board Member Shanna Williams, School Superintendent Kim Ward, Past Rotary President Bill Grove, President Elect Mike Joseph and Club President Jerry Giacoman are pictured with the collection.

Vanessa Amaral, a member of the Geneseo College’s Rotaract Club, was one of 75 students that faculty members at SUNY Geneseo elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most widely known academic honor society. Students from the junior and senior classes are selected each spring for membership into the organization.

About 10 percent of the nation's institutions of higher learning have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. Geneseo is the only undergraduate SUNY college with a chapter, which was created in 2004.

Vanessa was Rotaract Club Treasurer in 2010-11. Her hometown is Belo Horizonte, Brazil. She is majoring in International Relations with a minor in Business Studies.
Belmont Rotarians Honor Senior Citizens

Belmont Rotarians pride themselves on the things they do for the youth in their community. But in a conversation recently during a Rotary meeting, it was decided to take a look at what the Belmont Rotary could do for the senior citizens in its midst.

A popular social activity for the seniors in Belmont is “Senior Lunch” held at the American Legion twice a week, with the food provided by the Meal on Wheels Program for a small fee. Rotarians voted unanimously to provide a meal for each senior on the last Thursday of each month. The club will also be sending a Rotarian representative to enjoy lunch with the group.

Pictured above: President Mary Fuller (center) enjoyed the opportunity to chat with new friends Lila and Mary at the senior lunch on April 25th.

On Thursday, April 25th, President Mary Fuller and Past President Donna DiGirolamo shared lots of laughs and a good meal with their new friends at the American Legion. This idea is a keeper!

Literacy Center (continued):

weekly tutoring sessions will begin. The instruction will focus on oral language skills, vocabulary and literacy.

Program Director Meghan Wheeler credits Read Around Perry, Rotary and Perry Central School with helping to get the idea rolling. Both Rotarians, Dr. Stavisky and Eleanor Jacobs laid the groundwork and formed a committee that turned a dream into a reality.

At the grand opening, left to right: Jackie Billings-Barlow, Anita Billings, PCSD Superintendent Dr. William Stavisky, Center Director Meghan Wheeler, Rotarian Betty Emerling, volunteer Mari Logan and PES Principal Stephen Haynes.

Rotarians Sweep Clean Rochester

For the third year, members of the Rochester Northwest Rotary Club joined hundreds of other volunteers by participating in the City of Rochester “Clean Sweep” Program. The volunteers met on May 4 in Edgerton Park where T-shirts were given out, a light breakfast served, the Mayor spoke and group photographs were taken. People then dispersed throughout the northwest quadrant of the city to improve the neighborhoods, parks, streets and community organizations and facilities.

Rotarians served as team leaders on projects at the Maplewood Library, Mary’s Place Outreach Center, Sahlen Stadium, the Charlotte Lighthouse, and Jones Park - each location associated with a member of the NW Rotary Club. Other sections of the City were improved in subsequent weekends.

Perry Family Literacy Center Opens

Last year Perry Rotary Club initiated RAP (Read Around Perry) a community-wide program that promotes literacy. The club installed custom bookcases around town and sponsored literacy activities throughout the year. Perry embarked upon another chapter with the opening of the Perry Family Literacy Center which celebrated its grand opening on April 10th.

Perry Family Literacy Center will provide one-on-one literacy lessons for school-aged children in Perry. A child can be referred by a teacher or a parent can call with concerns. The child will be evaluated and if qualified - - -
Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) OPPORTUNITIES

A major objective of the Rotary Friendship Exchange is to advance understanding and peace through personal contact across international borders. Rotarians accomplish this with a reciprocal agreement of experiencing another culture by staying in homes and hosting Rotarians in another country.

Several opportunities are coming this year to host and/or visit Rotary districts from around the world:

Istanbul, Turkey Rotary District 2420 will be in our district from May 10th to May 19th. Please welcome them if you meet at a Rotary Club or any of the activities they will be attending, such as the Lilac Festival.

Australia District 9700 will be visiting our district from September 12th to the 26th with at least four confirmed couples and two single women travelling together. In return, our district has been invited to enjoy the Australian hospitality for two weeks in mid-May 2014 prior to the Rotary International Convention in Sydney.

Finland District 1410 will be arriving on October 9th and staying until October 23. Three couples and two single men have currently confirmed for the exchange.

South Africa District 9350 has invited our district to begin an exchange with us visiting their district in early November this year with their return to our district still being worked. Further information will be provided in the next couple of months.

We are initially asking for volunteers to host the teams coming from Australia and Finland. For each of these two week stays, we would like to have three hosting sessions of four or five nights and showcase the northern, central and southern parts of our district.

Please reply or contact one of our RFE Committee members if you have any questions or are willing to host any of our Australian or Finland guests. Host volunteers have highest priority for RFE visits to other countries.

RFE Committee Members: Carl and Linda Grovanz, John and Maureen Hall, Bob and Cindy Hunt, Godfrey (Doc) Malchoff, Mike and Merle Platt, Nora Smith, Vivian Ryan.

Thank you,
Carl Grovanz
Rotary District 7120 RFE Chair
CGrovanz@rochester.rr.com

Dormann Attends Bath Rotary’s Meeting

by Elaine Tears
Photo by Al Johnson

On April 18th Henry O. Dormann attended, as a guest, the Bath Rotary Club luncheon meeting. Carol Berry, Director of the Dormann Library and local Rotarian, introduced Dormann and stated, “One of Mr. Dormann’s many positive achievements is his generous support of the local library which has allowed us to fulfill our dream of making it a community center and a happy place indeed.”

Henry O. Dormann receives a framed Certificate of Appreciation from the Bath Rotary Club. Pictured, left to right are Bath Rotary Club President Becky Stranges; Henry Dormann; Carol Berry, Director of the Dormann Library and local Rotarian.

As his presentation, Dormann expressed that he preferred to take questions from the Rotarians rather than just talk about himself. One of the Rotarians asked him why he had chosen to live in Steuben County. In 1967 while living in New York City he noted that his wife had seen a real estate advertisement in the New York Times about property in upstate New York. The two of them decided to take a trip to the area to view the property. Upon returning to the city he called the real estate agency and purchased the property at a really good price so quipped Dormann.

Another Rotarian asked him how he had become involved with the NBC Saturday morning television program, Friends and Neighbors, of which he is host. Dormann remarked that he had proposed to the network a program which would show positive things about the area as well as build the community and businesses. He was commended by one of the Rotarians for his uplifting Thought of the Day which airs prior to the NBC’s Today Show. He was also asked about some of the interviews he had had with world leaders. He briefly told about interviews he had had with leaders ranging from - - - -(continued on page 10)
Dormann Attends Bath Rotary’s (cont’d)

- - Hillary Clinton to Muammar Gaddafi. He summed up his appearance by stating that he believes that a positive outlook on life leads to successfulness and that he is proud of the human race and its accomplishments.

The local Rotarians were most pleased to have Mr. Dormann present especially since one of the areas of focus of Rotary is literacy. Indeed he supports this not only in his own professional career but his support of the library in Bath. In 1998 an advisor to the Davenport Library Board suggested that it offer a naming opportunity in order to raise enough money to build a facility that would expand its current library operations and meet the needs well into the future. Henry and Alice Dormann came forward and through the Young Leadership Foundation offered $500,000. As a result, the Davenport Library was renamed the Dormann Library. Another bequest from the Dallas Mathewson Estate added significantly to that amount and allowed construction to begin. The remainder was generously donated through businesses, individuals, and memorials.

In 2010 with a second generous donation of $500,000 from the Dormanns the library created Chapters Café and added an addition to the north end of the facility.

Dormann is indeed a man of unique talents and achievements. He has served as Founder and Executive Director of the Library of Presidential Papers; President of the United States Technical Developments Company; Chairman of the Board of the National Enquirer; President and Editor-in-Chief of Sipa News Service; President and Editor-in-Chief of Holiday magazine; Chairman of the Haitian Development Corporation; Chairman of Sabador, Inc., Liberia; Chairman of the International Board of Industrial Advisors. He is presently Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of LEADERS magazine which involves traveling around the world to meet and talk with world leaders in government, business, labor, art, and education.

Dormann is known as an unusual man interested in the unusual and the great things of the world. He is a positive man, feeling that if societies can laugh at their faults and concentrate on positive achievements the world will gradually become a happier place.

Becky Stranges, Bath Rotary Club President, presented Dormann with a Certificate of Appreciation and noted that a book would be donated in his name to the Red Bookshelves, originated by Pro Action and located throughout the community.

Red Jacket Rotary Helps With Arbor Day Observation

On Thursday, April 25th in preparation for Arbor Day observations, the Red Jacket Rotary club packaged and tagged 529 trees for delivery to Red Jacket schools. The trees were supplied by fellow Rotarian, Skip Miller of Miller Nurseries in Canandaigua. On Arbor Day, many of the teachers presented information on Arbor Day and distributed the trees to students grades pre-K through 5th, including the BOCES programs.

Penfield-Webster Rotary reports:

Pen-Web Rotarians are thankful for the thoughts and well wishes directed to their club president, Jon Alhart, who was in an accident last month. Alhart shared that he is on the road to recovery and that he appreciates everyone’s support as he readies for his return to work.

Pen-Web is also pleased to announce that its member, Ray Griswold, receives on May 14th a proclamation from the Monroe County Legislature for his outstanding support of Books for the World. Griswold has volunteered more than 200 hours to sort books and has raised several thousand dollars for the cause. Way to go, Ray!
Naples Trout Derby

What does a world class trout stream need on opening day? 400 enthusiastic fisherpeople from all over the place, even as far away as Illinois, that is what it needs. And what does 400 fisherpeople mean? Guests at B and B’s, restaurants humming and the International Home of Sutton Spoons jammed with people looking for bait and perhaps to add a Sutton Spoon or two to their collection of lures.

April 1st was beautiful. Sun, snow sprinkles, cold running water in the Creek and fish, lots and lots of fish. 111 of them were large enough to be entered.

Congratulations to his year’s winners, the top fish of the 52nd annual Naples Creek Trout Derby.

Overall Winner: Sean Cook, Beaver Dam - 8.445 lbs
Men’s Division: Harold Ribble, Naples, NY - 7.885 lbs
Women’s Division: Charlene Redden, Naples, NY - 4.225 lbs
Under 16 Girls: Amanda Linehan, Naples, NY - 7.24 lbs
Under 16 Boys: Marty Williams, Williamson, NY - 7.32 lbs.

One of the great moments was when a lad about 7 came in with so much fish that he held it with both hands. As it dangled down in front of him, he had to walk with his feet parted so as not to step on the tail of his own catch. His grin filled the room. April 1st, Naples NY, fish and friends and smiles. This “Service above Self” thing is just great. Thanks to all our sponsors and to the volunteers from CCFL who weighed the catch.

Oratorical Contestants visit Naples Rotary

By Jamie Tyrrell

Each year our Rotary District has a contest for area High School Juniors. Local colleges offer a total of $160,000 in scholarships to the top four winners. Our club offers an honorarium to each participant who makes it to the semi-finals. So we make it easy for anyone to participate. Most people do not even try. Our president, Jerry Giacoman stressed this year that everyone who tries learns live time skills. Some surveys suggest that public speaking is the number one fear of young Americans. But the demand never ends for people who can analyze situations and organize presentations.

On Monday, April 8th, Taylor King and George Kotlik paid us a visit at our noon luncheon. Sharing their talks was a terrific experience for us all. They are just great. He placed second in the District finals qualifying for one of the scholarship. This not only will help him reach his future goal of becoming a public prosecutor, it helps his family as well. Colleges offer these scholarships because they really want students with these skills. The rest they can teach, but this sort of self confidence and an ability to handle abstract concepts separates people like George from the pack.

Superintendent Kim Ward congratulated both Taylor and George commending them for the excellence of their presentations and the exceptional poise they showed. Any of our students can achieve great things if they make good use of the opportunities before them.

If you know someone who will be a Junior at the Naples Central Schools next year, let them know that with the level of educational excellence our better students achieve, we have had 2 Juniors make it to the District Finals in the last three years. With the support they will receive preparing for their presentation that can do it too.
Bike Drop Brings Bikes Galore

There was a steady flow of donors and volunteers on a sunny 73 degree Saturday April 27th, hosted by Pittsford Rotary partnering with R-Community Bikes, Inc. By noon, over 108 bicycles (and some bike parts) were donated by people everywhere at Pittsford Mendon high school.

A spokesperson for www.RCommunityBikes.net said about 2,700 bikes are given out each year to people in the city of Rochester. Roughly 3,300 bikes are adjusted or repaired to help those who need transportation. Or to give a first bike ride to a needy child.

There are at least 75 active volunteers to manage and rebuild the donated bikes. The spokesperson said, “It’s sobering that the need is so high.” R-Community Bikes, Inc. is pleased to partner with several Rotary clubs in Rotary District 7120.

Above - Manny Freshman volunteered to accept a wide variety of bicycles, to help other kids enjoy their first bike ride.

Center - A moment to celebrate! Pittsford Rotary volunteers, partnering with R-Community Bikes, Inc., pause a moment to congratulate Kelly Blanchard (woman in center) and her son Josh (green shorts by front wheel) for being the 1000th bike donated over several years. Kelly was waiting for an event to donate her son’s mountain bike. (Photo by David Boyer)

Above - Pittsford Rotarian Pam Wright is managing a tiny tot “Shimmer” kid’s bike to be loaded in a trailer.
**Rotary Day**

At Frontier Field

Come out and join the fun at Frontier Field on Saturday, August 3rd at 7:05 PM.

**Rochester Red Wings vs Syracuse Chiefs**

DGE Ellen Hughes has challenged the DGE from District 7150. **If** the Red Wings win he will donate a $1 to the Foundation for every Rotary ticket sold. **If** the Chiefs win DGE Ellen will have to donate! DGE Dennis from 7150 has said he will come to the game! What good fun! Please come out and support DGE Ellen as she tries to throw out the first pitch (should be good for a laugh and well worth the ticket price according to DGE Ellen's sister). She would like some people there who are laughing with her and not at her!

Remember if we sell over 200 tickets the Red Wings will give $1 for each Rotary ticket sold to our literacy committee. **DGE Ellen would like each club to buy 10 tickets. If you really don't want to come, there are numerous places to donate them . . . . the schools your club donates to, the little league team your club funds, the ARC … use your imagination.**

**Hope to see you there!**

- $7.50 adults; $20.50 game & adult picnic;
- $15.50 game & child (ages 4 - 12) picnic

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**Calling all Current and Former Honeoye Lake Rotarians and Past District Governors**

Honeoye Lake Rotary Club will celebrate their 45th Anniversary with a "spud dinner" on June 20th at Sandy Bottom Park gazebo at 6:30 PM. Reservations are required and the cost will be minimal. Contact a current Rotarian for details.

Marilyn Matteson

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**Prattsburgh Student to attend RYLA**

Prattsburgh Rotary Club is proud to announce that Melaney Preston, a junior at Prattsburgh Central School, has been selected to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program. This program takes place from June 23rd to June 27th at the Rochester Institute of Technology Campus in Rochester, New York.

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**2013 PGA Volunteer Opportunities**

We are thrilled to announce the PGA Championship concessionaire, Levy Restaurants, has officially selected Rochester Rotary and the Sunshine Campus as one of the major charities to provide volunteers for the August tournament at Oak Hill. This selection will mean a significant contribution to the Sunshine Campus from Levy in return for our working at the tournament.

Club VP Peter Sarratori is the Chair of our PGA Committee and Club VP Pat Stack will coordinate our volunteers. We **NEED** your support to fulfill our commitment to Levy Restaurants and we **NEED** your support for the Sunshine Campus. You are welcome to volunteer for more than one day throughout the week - All volunteers must be over the age of 18. Volunteers will be working as runners, cashiers, wrappers, stockers and grillers. Shifts are as follows:

- **Morning Shift** - 5:30am-1:30pm
- **Afternoon Shift** - 12:00pm - 8:00pm

**These shifts have built in time for arrival, check-in and time to get to our designated areas.**

To sign up as a volunteer please use the form on the [Rochester Rotary website](http://rochesterrotary.org) to sign up. If you are interested in putting together a Company group to volunteer please call or email Myrna Padilla in the Rotary Office to coordinate, 585-546-7435 x201, myrna@rochesterrotary.org

Thank you for your continued support of the Sunshine Campus --

John White, President Rochester Rotary
Tim O'Neil, President Rochester Rotary Charitable Trusts
Tracey Dreisbach, Executive Director
Monroe South Provisional Rotary Presents

✈️ Tasting for Charity ✈️

To Benefit ✈️ Northwest Neighborhood Outreach Center✈️

Thursday, May 16th - 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
25 Cataract St., Rochester, NY 14605
DONATION: $20

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED. LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE!

Enjoy light refreshments, cash bar, and great company for a great cause! Bid on silent auction items, enter to win raffle prizes.

Attendees are entered to win door prizes (must be present to win).

For additional information contact: Shaunta Collier-Santos (585) 530-9318 or LANDNPR@GMAIL.COM

May 2013

♦ May 18th - Pittsford Rotary will host a 17th annual “Fishing Derby” at Powder Mills Park, Powderhorn Lodge from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. FREE registration starts at 8:00 am for kids 15 years old and younger. Refreshments and a display about Nature Conservation will be provided. Trophies awarded at 11:15 am. Fish hatchery tours available at 11:30 am.

♦ May 18th & 19th - Waterloo Rotary’s plant sale at Cottrells Farm Market, Route 96, Waterloo, NY. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

June 2013

♦ June 2nd - Newark Rotary Chicken barbecue - 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM; $9.00 - Art Williams Law Office Parking Lot

♦ June 7th - Gananda Rotary will be participating in Relay for Life at the Gananda High School. http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY13National?fr_id=53398&pg=entry

♦ June 9th - Waterloo Rotary’s Carp Derby. For more information check their website at: www.fingerlakescarpderby.net or email Doris Wolf at wolfdoris2@gmail.com

July 2013

♦ July 1, 2013 - District Change Over Dinner

The Change Over Dinner will be held at: Ventosa Vineyards, 3440 New York 96A, Geneva, NY 14456 http://www.ventosavineyards.com/ Fellowship will begin at 5:30 PM with the welcome starting at 6:30 PM Cost is $45.00 per person.

Upcoming DISTRICT Events
http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictActivities.cfm

Upcoming CLUB Events (Continued)

♦ June 13th - 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Greece Rotary Charity Golf Tournament - Ridgemont Country Club - Registration & Lunch - 11:00 am; Shotgun Start - 12:30 pm, Dinner and Awards - 6:00 pm.

♦ June 23rd - Rotary Night at Jazzfest - sponsored by Rochester Rotary AM - limited number of tickets available at the cost of $100 and are available by calling Frank Murano at (585) 694-0629 or by E-mail at: frank@marshallsterling.com

August 2013

♦ August 10th - Avon Rotary Corn Festival. Arts & crafts, food, games, entertainment all day. Free parking. Free evening concert – this year featuring “Prime Time Funk”.

http://avonrotary.org/cornfest13.php

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