Happy 107th Birthday Rotary!

Over a century of service around the world! Right now, it is looking very positive that we are going to fulfill our promise to the children of a Polio free world. What an accomplishment to celebrate when this time comes.

Talking about accomplishments and celebrations, we will have our own celebration come May 18, 19 & 20, 2012 at the District Conference to be held in Rochester, N.Y. at the newly renovated Hyatt Regency Hotel. It has been over a decade since we held our conference in Rochester; thus, our theme “Coming Home”.

The members of the Newark Rotary Club, including yours truly and my Executive Administrative Assistant Gary, have been hard at work visiting clubs to give you a glimpse of the highlights of the Conference. If you are ready to register, you may visit the District website at www.rotary7120.org to get the Registration Form. You may call Hyatt directly to reserve your room at 888-421-1442 and ask for “Rotary District 7120 Conference”.

For the Golf enthusiasts, Friday morning at the Mendon Golf Club is yours. Please join me at this beautiful Golf course as we kick off the Conference. Friday afternoon at 4:30 is the required Business Meeting. One meeting agenda item that you would not want to miss is the election of the 2014-2015 District Governor, particularly if you are from Clifton Springs Rotary Club. Friday evening promises a great program with the Rotary Clubs Recognition night. We will recognize projects around the District and enjoy the Parade of Flags by both Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange students. There will be great entertainment plus fellowship activities and prizes. Let’s celebrate and have fun. Catch up with friends around the District. New in the District, a group of musically talented Rotarians, with their families and friends, will debut at the Conference. This group has given themselves the name “Pickin’ for Polio”. Get a preview of their music as they plan their concert to raise funds for Polio.

Saturday morning starts with breakfast buffet, followed by the Program. Look out for the Breakout Sessions with topics ranging from Rotary and non-Rotary related topics. One of the Rotary-related sessions will be an opportunity to hear both the inbound and outbound Group Study Exchange Teams. Newark Club has just received confirmation that Fred, the Robot that assists in the Tele-Health System, will be a featured “guest” at the Conference. Two sessions are arranged for Fred. For the afternoon, there are various tours and events awaiting everyone. There are two ticketed activities for Saturday afternoon: (1) Tour and lunch at the ArtisanWorks plus Aerial Arts show. At the ArtisanWorks, one will see a variety of art exhibits; (2) Boat Ride and lunch aboard the Mary Jemison Boat. The trip will bring the history of the region alive as the “white woman of the Genesee” takes you along its waterways. I highly recommend that you book one of these early. The boat ride seems to be a favorite and is nearing its full capacity. In addition, there are other self-guided tours/activities such as Lilac Festival, Eastman House tour, Susan B. Anthony Home tour, etc. The evening is the Governors’ Ball, with black tie optional. Come and watch the inbound GSE Team from the Philippines present the famous bamboo dance called “Tinikling”.

Sunday starts with the Memorial Service. If your club has members who passed away immediately after the 2011 District Conference, please send the Rotarian name, Club name, Rotary positions at the club/district/Zone/RI level and dates of membership. Send information to 7120conference2012@gmail.com. There will be Foundation recognitions. Another highlight is the unveiling of the location and dates of the 2013 District Conference by Pittsford Rotary Club and DGE Gaven. I invite you all to come to the 2012 District Conference. I will see you all there.

On to another topic. This month, I have been asked or heard discussions about the Paul Harris Fellow. Is it an Award? A Recognition? An Appreciation? I encourage you to look for the article in this issue of our newsletter where Past RI President Cliff Dochterman shared his opinion about how the PHF be called. Gary and I had the pleasure of dining with Past RI President Cliff at the 2011 International Assembly.

I would like to thank all the Rotary/Interact/Rotaract Clubs that sent in articles and pictures of their activities for the month.

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Governor’s Message - continued:

I encourage all clubs to continue sending articles & pictures so the entire District is informed of these happenings around. For those who have not sent any to the District newsletter, send pictures, articles and/or stories showcasing your club. Send them to Howard Selleck, District Newsletter Editor, at hselleck@empacc.net

Last, but not the least, I would like to thank all the Rotary Clubs who have extended their welcoming gestures to the Newark Rotarians who have been visiting Clubs around the District to promote the District Conference. Gary and I also thank our club members who have stepped up in helping promote the Conference around the District. They are giving up their time for work or other responsibilities to do this. Thank you all!

See you all at the District Conference on May 18, 19, & 20, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

With great gratitude, I remain

DG Norma

Principal's Book of the Month Project

In 2005 Area 8 clubs, Avon, Rush-Henrietta and Scottsville commenced participating in the Principal's Book of the Month project at School 33 in Rochester. Since the inception of this program the clubs have donated over $12,000.00 to fund books used by elementary students in the classroom, covering a different subject each month of the school year.

The students honor our Rotarians at the annual presentation with a skit explaining the subject of each monthly book. In addition Fyle Elementary School in Henrietta, share the same subject book each month and interact with their peers at School 33.

Pictured above is the School 33 personnel and representatives from Avon, Rush-Henrietta, and Scottsville during this year’s presentation. Also pictured is DG Norma.

Pittsford Rotarians pay a visit

Pittsford Rotarian Ray Robbins enjoyed an evening with Rotary friends who came to the Jewish Home in Brighton, New York. This is the second time that Pittsford Rotary brought the meeting to Ray. In attendance were about two dozen Pittsford Rotarians including Rotary District Governor Elect Gaven Hurley. Also in attendance was Don Alhart and David Briggs, DG 2012-13 District 9320 in South Africa and Lesotho. Malcolm Bugler and David Briggs exchanged Rotary Club banners. Ray Robbins received a Past President pin. Rotarian Jan Goldman gave Ray Robbins an electronic toy cat that purrs! Everyone had a great time. "Photo courtesy of David Boyer"

Oratorical Contest Winners at Bath

The winners of the Bath Rotary Club’s local oratorical competition include from left to right: Robin Lattimer, Club President; Megan Bouton, third place; Joanna Northrop, tied for first place; Nick Simons, tied for first place; Alexis Jones, second place; June Bates, contest coordinator. Northrop and Simons will next compete in the semi-finals, sponsored by Rotary District 7120.
The Polio Challenge

At the International Assembly being held in San Diego, the big announcement we have all been waiting for came: as of January 17th, 2012, Rotarians worldwide have raised $202.6 million and met the $200 million Gates Challenge! In addition, the Gates foundation has announced that they are giving another $50 Million as a form of recognition for Rotary’s early achievement of the $200 million milestone!

John Germ, Chair of the Challenge Committee, wrote further: “We must remember, however, that this achievement is just one more milestone in our journey to eradicate polio. Rotarians are continuing to raise funds for the challenge, which officially concludes on 30 June 2012, and as Rotary leaders, we should encourage their continued involvement. I am confident that we will far exceed our $200 million goal, just as Rotarians have done in all previous campaigns.”

“Reaching the ultimate goal of a polio-free world presents ongoing challenges, not the least of which is a US$535 million funding gap through 2012. Of course, Rotary alone cannot fill this gap, but continued Rotarian advocacy for government support can help enormously.”

“In 1985, we made a promise to the world’s children to continue our work until we have achieved the certification of a polio-free world. We are counting on the continued dedication of all Rotarians to maintain the level of activity and fundraising necessary to stop this devastating virus. We are “this close” to reaching our goal of polio eradication, and we cannot stop now.”

“Thank you for everything you have and will continue to do to support our number one priority of eradicating polio.”

District 7120’s record:

As of February 5, 2012, our district has contributed $389,899 toward our own goal of $400,000. Way to go District 7120 Rotarians! District Rotary Foundation Chair Jeff Krans reports that if our clubs simply meet their Polio Contribution goals set for the 2011-12 year, we will easily exceed our goal.

SOME REMARKABLE POLIO NEWS

Jerry Rose, Co-chair of Polio Plus

As you probably know, Rotary polio eradication has been regularly in the news lately. Here are some key headlines.

1. India goes 12 months without a polio case. (Jan, 2012)

2. Funds for the Gates Challenge to Rotary International surpass the $200M goal, reaching $202.6 M. (Jan 17, 2012)

3. The Gates Foundation contributes $50 M more to RI to extend the partnership with RI beyond June, 2012. (Jan 17, 2012)

4. During the last year, the NY Times and the Polio Eradication Initiative report triple and double increases in polio cases in Afghanistan (from 25 to 76) and in Pakistan (from 80 to 192). (Jan 17, 2012)

5. Late January the Executive Board of WHO was considering declaration of polio eradication a “programmatic emergency for global public health.” (Jan 23, 2012)

- As of January 31, the District has raised $389,304 of our $400,000 goal. When the Clubs finish completing their pledges to polio this year, we will easily surpass our District goal for 2011-2012. Thank you, very much!

- As you see in item 4 above, there’s tough work to be done yet in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Executive Committee of the World Health Organization is stepping up eradication activities.
Oratorical Contest Semi-Finals Set

The four semi-final contests for this year’s oratorical contest on ethics are coming soon. Any Rotarian who would like to witness and support these young folks making speeches would be welcome at any of the four.

PDG Chuck Turner will be hosting the semi-final at Brighton High School Wednesday evening, February 29th. Start time will be 6:00.

Past Chair Don Collins will be hosting the semi-final at Red Jacket High School Saturday, March 3rd, with a start time of 1:00.

Julie Carney will be hosting the semi-final at the Avon Village Hall Saturday, March 3rd, with a start time of 1:30.

Ed Brockman will be hosting the semi-final at Naples High School Sunday, March 4th, with a start time of 1:00.

The larger the audience for each contest the better, so check your calendars and try to make it to one or another of these semi-final contests.

The top two winners from each contest will move forward to the District Final being held at SUNY Brockport on March 24th at 12:00 noon. As with the semi-finals, contestants, judges and others helping with the contest will be expected to arrive thirty minutes before the start time for the contests.

Bath Rotary Club Receives Funds for Playground Project

At a recent luncheon meeting of the Bath Rotary Club Joanne Sheehan (above-left), fellow Rotarian and Assistant Branch Manager of the Bath Office of Steuben Trust Company, presented a check for $100.00 from the bank for the club’s local community playground project at the point of East Steuben and East Morris Streets. Accepting the check for the club was John Stranges (right), President Elect, who is coordinating the project.

At the club’s weekly meetings Stranges has been auctioning items, including gift certificates to local restaurants, pieces of Steuben Crystal, a gas card, mystery packages, etc. The money raised from these auctions has been designated for the playground project. The club is sponsoring a dinner theater with raffles and a 50/50 drawing at the end of the month. The proceeds from this event will also benefit the playground project.

Newark Rotary Winter Wine & Food Affair

The Rotary Club of Newark held its first Winter Wine and Food Affair in Newark to raise funds for the new emergency room of the Newark Wayne Community Hospital. In the photo at right, even though it was unplanned, Dave Odell, President of the Clyde Rotary Club, PDG John Hall of the Fairport Rotary Club and Gary Reilly of the Newark Rotary Club, showed up wearing similar sweaters. Would that be considered, “The Argyle Trifecta”? 
Recently, I joined in a discussion about the importance of the dignity in the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow.

That is why The Rotary Foundation has the beautiful medallion on a blue and gold ribbon, in order that it can actually be presented around the neck of the individual, along with the certificate and lapel pin to show that it is an event of special significance.

When someone commented that the presentation itself "gives a PHF its true value as a recognition of exceptional service." I felt that a little more explaining should be made. Certainly, to recognize a person as a Paul Harris Fellow should always be an honor to the individual, because it demonstrates significant support for the wonderful work of The Rotary Foundation. But, just as a Paul Harris Fellow can be a "recognition of exceptional service," it can also be many other things, as well.

To describe a PHF only in terms of "exceptional service" is far too limiting for the entire Rotary world, and totally disregards the historical background of the expression of appreciation for a very generous contribution to The Rotary Foundation. If we did not think much broader in describing a Paul Harris Fellow, and realize it is primarily a magnificent way to raise money for The Foundation, I assure you that The Rotary Foundation would not be one of the great humanitarian and educational foundations of the world. What is the historical fact?

A few years ago, when I was a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, I went back and read all of the minutes of the Trustees during the year 1956-57. In the year 1956, the total contributions to The Rotary Foundation were a little less than $500,000 US dollars ($493,722 to be exact). The Trustees began to think about how they could raise more money for the Foundation. What would be a good way to encourage Rotarians to give "big money"?

More awards have been given in the history of The Rotary Foundation, but it is the Paul Harris Fellow recognition by the Trustees been successful as a fund raising scheme? Absolutely! As I mentioned above, in 1956, less than $500,000 was raised annually by The Foundation.

Today, nearly $100,000,000 is raised per year -- and about 80% of those funds come from individuals being named Paul Harris Fellows, or are naming other persons Paul Harris Fellows. The last time I checked, there were about 1,000,000 Paul Harris Fellows, and multi-Fellows in the world. They are the backbone of the annual support to The Rotary Foundation, and those donations are the only reason that enables Rotarians to carry on a world-wide program of educational and humanitarian programs.
A Paul Harris Fellow (continued)

So, what is a Paul Harris Fellow? Think for a moment of this statement: "A Paul Harris Fellow means whatever you want it to mean." Should The Rotary Foundation accept a $1000 contribution as a way to honor a person for exceptional service? Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a gift of $1000 as an expression of happiness for 20 years of marriage, or a new grandchild, or success in one's vocation or family life? Of course.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a $1000 contribution in memory of a friend, relative or associate who has been an important asset to your life? Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept $1000 if you really believe in the tremendous value of the humanitarian work of TRF in developing parts of the world and thereby express appreciation for your gift by naming you a Paul Harris Fellow or multi-PHF? Absolutely.

So, I suggest that a Paul Harris Fellow can mean whatever you wish it to mean. The Rotary Foundation benefits from your contribution and demonstrates this appreciation through the mechanism of a Paul Harris Fellow. That is the way I see it."

Cliff Dochterman RI President 1992-93

Midlakes Student’s own Charity Work

At a recent Rotary meeting at Clifton Springs Cody Clark (at right) was invited to speak about his own charity project, “Cody’s Comfort Kits” and Cody’s Cuddlers”.

When Cody’s best friend had heart surgery he was struck by the way children in the hospital couldn’t have their own toys to play with. That is when Cody started to make the Comfort Kits which were bags of small toys and puzzle books.

While his parents were both being treated for cancer Cody would give teddy bears to cancer patients. In a period of 4 years, through suppers and auctions, Cody raised more than $40,000 to support his projects and for his local hospital in Canada.

After his father passed away, and Cody and his mother moved to Clifton Springs, Cody donated more than $10,000 to the hospital in Kemptville, Ontario, and purchased a pediatric bed and monitor. Now, Cody is beginning his Cody Cuddlers project at Clifton Springs Hospital. The CSH Auxiliary has purchased the first 100 bears to get him started. Cody and the Auxiliary will begin distributing bears to patients in palliative care and to other patients and families in need very soon.

Cody stated that bears are not for everyone, but are meant as a means to give comfort to patients and family members in emotional need. Cody hopes to return to Rotary in a few months to give an update on the progress of the project and possibly to ask for support to continue and expand. He hopes to hold a “Poor Boy Supper” and auction here sometime this year.

Rotary International News -- January 27, 2012

“Rotary receives about 2.5 million United Airline Miles for Humanitarian Projects”

Thanks to all that voted and donated miles.

Thank you to all those at United -- including President and CEO Jeff Smisek -- for their generosity and the opportunity to participate in United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway. And thank you to everyone who voted for us. We couldn't have done it without your participation and persistence.

For the miles giveaway, we officially came in second place and will receive 2,488,070 charity miles from United.

Rotarians will use the miles for humanitarian missions, such as transporting sick children to hospitals.

ROTARY DISTRICT 7120 ASSEMBLY 2012

April 14, 2012

Hosted by the Canandaigua Rotary Club
at the
Canandaigua Academy
435 East. St.
Canandaigua, NY 14424
District 7120 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) Committee

Short History
The enthusiastic response to two workshops at the Gettysburg District 7120 Conference resulted in the establishment of a committee to support water and sanitation projects undertaken by individual clubs. Over the past 10 months, a dedicated core group, as well as new interested Rotarians and guests, have gathered to discuss and determine the direction and goals of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Committee. Attended by past, present and future D.G.’s and chaired by Paul Minor from the Canandaigua Rotary Club, the committee meets monthly in the Rotary Room at Clifton Springs Hospital.

Mission
Our mission is to serve as a resource to clubs interested in water projects, striking a balance between defining projects for clubs to support and supporting clubs going forward with existing contacts and projects. The Committee should be educational, gathering knowledge on projects already under way within the District and various technologies, and then making that information available to all clubs. The committee will provide assistance in the funding of projects through facilitating club partnerships, grant writing, and sharing of fund-raising ideas. The committee does not intend to raise its own funds or to provide funding for projects at this time.

Pictured above: Celebrating the recent completion of a new water storage tank built to collect rain water and improve sanitation and cleanliness at a school in Villa Trina, Dominican Republic benefitting hundreds of students and their families which was paid for by the Canandaigua Rotary Club.

District 7120 WaSH Committee (continued)

Presentations
Each meeting has had a short program about various projects or technologies funded, operated and/or planned by District clubs. Featured programs have included water projects in Malawi and Ghana, trips to Mexico and the Dominican Republic, water filters and wells developed for specific regions, hand washing in Haiti and Ethiopia.

Future Plans
The improvement of water and sanitation throughout the world is a future vision for Rotary International and for this District. Several committee members have a power point presentation developed by Gary Francis (Canandaigua Rotary) to show to every District 7120 Rotary Club. To date, 12 clubs have extended an invitation to learn more about “WaSH.” The anticipated end result is the submission of at least one Global Grants and perhaps several smaller grants related to clean water and sanitation.

The expansion of this committee and support of every Rotary Club will make this a reality.

Anyone interested is welcome at our next meeting Wednesday February 22 at 3:30 pm at Clifton Springs Hospital.

Above: Past DG Jeff Krans, left, and Ben Lawrence of Pittsford Rotary Club, featured speaker at a recent WaSH meeting..

Ben Lawrence of Pittsford Rotary has had experience in Ghana, where he worked on one of three pilot programs to develop safe water system, did a needs assessment, and received $1 million from Rotary and USAID. Ben Came to Rochester (RIT) from California after spending 4 years in Ghana, one each in Togo and Benin. He is willing to do presentations about his experiences to Rotary clubs thinking about doing a water project.
Paul Harris Fellow - Canandaigua

The Rotary Club of Canandaigua honored Dr. Ben Gullo with the coveted Paul Harris Fellowship award on January 12, 2012. The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is given to an individual who is an inspiration and who has brought leadership and service to our community while observing the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self”. This is Dr. Gullo’s third such award. Pictured are Dr Gullo and Rotary Club President Jeff Anthony.

Paul Harris - Watkins-Montour

Last month, JC Argetsinger introduced Watkins-Montour Rotary’s 116th Paul Harris Fellow, Bill Green – “a goodwill ambassador wherever he goes and a treasure,” Argetsinger said.

Green is a life-long resident of the Watkins Glen area and has served as a historian for the Watkins Glen International racetrack for many years, as well as for the International Motor Racing Research Center. Green is a walking encyclopedia for Watkins Glen racing history, and is himself a published author on the subject.

Green graciously accepted his award, remarking that he has seen many other worthy individuals receive the award and was honored to have it happen for him.

Save this date

June 20th, 2012 (Wednesday)

District 7120 Changeover Dinner at
Inn on the Lake - Canandaigua
Canandaigua Rotary Inducts New Members

At its January 12th meeting, Jenny Goodemote from Wood Library, Mark Prunoske from FF Thompson Health, and Sal Pietropaolo, formally BID Director, and Robert Christakos from California were inducted into the Rotary Club of Canandaigua. Pictured above in the foreground are Jenny Goodemote, Mark Prunoske, and Sal Pietropaolo with their credentials.

New Member at Honeoye Falls-Mendon

Honeoye Falls-Mendon Rotary Club welcomed back a past member and past president, Dan McCarthy. Dan’s renewed enthusiasm for Rotary was initiated by the involvement of the Honeoye Falls Lima School District’s association with us (Dan is the principal of the Manor School), and has already taken up the duties of Youth Exchange Officer for the club. Welcome Home Dan!!

New Member at Gorham

Gorham Rotary Club recently inducted new member Tami Farnsworth (left) pictured with Club President Sylvia Schepisi.

New Member at Geneseo Rotary

Joyce Horner, Director of the Livingston County Chapter of Literacy Volunteers of America, was welcomed as the newest member of the Geneseo Rotary Club on Monday, January 23rd.

Shown above, left to right are: Club President Howard Stewart, new member Joyce Horner, member sponsor Jan Montano-Castillo, and Past President David Parish.

New Member at Fairport Rotary

Pictured above is (left to right) Fairport Rotary Club’s newest member, Domenick Cecconi pictured with President Vin Barone. Domenick is the ninth new member inducted into the Fairport club this Rotary year.
Exchanging Banners at Geneseo

Pictured above is Geneseo Rotary’s president Howard Stewart (left) exchanging banners with DGE Ashish Desai from Rotary District 3050 which is located on the Western part of India. Ashish and his wife, Bina, hosted by Rotarian Charles Tyo and his wife Bonnie.

Geneva Rotary Event Funds Lunches for Kids

Pictured above are: Bob McFadden (right), president of the Geneva Rotary Club, presents a check for $1,500 to the Boys and Girls Clubs for its school vacation lunch program. Accepting the check are Arlene Francis, Executive Director of the clubs, and Bill Buell, Rotarian and clubs volunteer.

The Geneva Rotary Club recently presented a check for $1,500 to the Geneva Boys and Girls Clubs for its school vacation lunch program for kids. Bob McFadden, president of Geneva Rotary, presented the check to Arlene Francis, executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs, at the Rotary’s meeting Oct. 19.

The check represented the proceeds from Rotary’s Fall Festival Express, a train excursion featuring wine tasting and a picnic.

Geneva Rotary - Lunches for Kids (continued)

Rotary partners with Finger Lakes Railway on the popular Fall Festival Express and the Santa Train later in December.

In the club’s 2010-2011 year, Rotary reinvested $48,500 in the Geneva community through various grants, projects, scholarships and interest-free student loans.

Francis explained that the lunch program provides lunches at the Goodman Street and Geneva Community Center facilities during school vacations to kids who would normally receive a free lunch at school. “Thanks for your support,” she told Rotary members.

Affiliated with Geneva Rotary are the Interact Club at DeSales and Geneva High Schools and the Rotaract Chapter at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Joint Meeting of Rotary and Kiwanis

On January 5th, Canandaigua Rotarians and Kiwanis held its annual joint meeting at Steamboat Landing. Rotary President Jeff Anthony and Kiwanis President Mike Linkey presented some spirited and interesting challenges for both clubs in terms of local historical trivia, and an indoor tricycle relay race. Both club presidents agreed to various rules ahead of time, most of which were followed.

At left Rotary President Jeff Anthony is at full steam on his third leg of the race. Officials could not find anything in the rules about placement of one’s knees: above or below the handlebars.

At right - Kiwanis President Mike Linkey giving his all even if the pedals are a little close.
Activities of Pittsford Mendon & Sutherland High School Interact Clubs

Above - Members of the Pittsford Interact clubs celebrated National Hat Day with residents of Heather Heights Senior Living Center on January 16th.

Below: Pittsford Interact club members operating games and painting faces for youngsters attending WinterFest at Mendon Ponds Park on Sunday, January 15th.

Bloomfield Rotary gives recognition to Students of the Month

At a recent Bloomfield Rotary breakfast six students at Bloomfield High School received “Student of the Month” designation and a $50.00 award for their favorite charities. Pictured, left to right: Principal Nancy Gerstner, Emma Williams (December honoree), Tristan Smith (January BOCES New Visions), Laura Goldstien (November honoree), Meghan Schaefer (January honoree), Steve Carlson (October honoree) and Brianna Carlson (September honoree). Charities chosen by the students were Blue Star Mothers, Lollypop Farm, Doctors without Borders, Breast Cancer Research.

Re-induction at Pittsford Rotary

Pictured at left is Houssem Ben Lazreg from Tunisia. He was the guest speaker at a recent Pittsford Rotary Club meeting.

Houssem is a teacher of Arabic. He is also a student of Nazareth College. In his presentation he highlighted information about the beautiful and historic Muslim country of Tunisia.

Pamela Wright (center) was re-inducted and given a warm welcome into Pittsford Rotary Club on February 8, 2012.

Pamela’s mentor is Past President Lynn Freshman (left) and 2011-2012 President Malcolm Bugler led the induction.
Belmont Rotary Celebrates RI’s Birthday!

On February 23, 1905, Paul Harris held the first meeting of the Rotary Club in Chicago. Although this industrious gentleman was hoping that a service organization would be able to change the lives of others through the creation of the Rotary Club, we wonder if he realized the impact his vision would have on the entire world.

Members of the Belmont Rotary Club recently celebrated this special event during its February 8th dinner meeting. The program speaker for this meeting was Governor Norma, who was attending our gathering to discuss the Rotary International District 7120 Conference 2012 to be held in May. The Governor’s enthusiastic presentation was well received, as are all of her visits with us. Following a delicious meal, Belmont Rotarians and their guests enjoyed a decorative cake commemorating February 23, 1905 as Rotary International’s birthday.

Pictured above - Celebrating Rotary's birthday are, from left to right, Youth Exchange Student Andrea Casla, Belmont Rotary President Donna DiGirolamo, Rotary District Governor Norma Madayag-Reilly and her husband, Gary Reilly.

Students of the Month at Watkins-Montour

The Watkins-Montour Rotary has recognized the following students selecting them as “Students of the Month” for their outstanding contributions.

For the month of December 2011:

Danielle Teed, a senior at Watkins Glen High School, was named Watkins-Montour Rotary Student of the Month for Watkins Glen. Teed plans to attend Alfred State, then hopefully Canisius and Cornell with the goal of becoming a large animal veterinarian.

Taylor Carey, a senior at Odessa-Montour High School, was named Watkins-Montour Rotary Student of the Month for Odessa-Montour. Carey is ranked 3rd in her class, is a member of Honor Society, SADD, Student Council, and Rotary Interact. Carey plans to attend college in the fall.

For the month of January 2012:

Watkins Glen High School senior, Jessica Stansfield, was named Watkins-Montour Rotary Student of the Month for Watkins Glen. Stansfield plans to attend CCC, then SUNY Cortland, to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Development.

Odessa-Montour High School senior, Joe Thompson, was named Watkins-Montour Rotary Student of the Month for Odessa-Montour. Thompson plans to attend Columbia University to study mechanical or electrical engineering, and has been nominated for a Quest Scholarship.

Photos courtesy of Charlie Haeffner
Special Olympics

Interactors from Pittsford Mendon & Sutherland High Schools provided fun and entertainment for over 800 athletes and coaches attending the recent Special Olympics New York State Winter Games in Rochester. Their carnival games were the key component of this year's Olympic Village. The Pittsford Interact clubs welcomed the assistance of student volunteers from the Avon and Caledonia-Mumford Interact clubs.

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

- February 25th - 3rd Advisory Council/ District Leadership Training
- February 27th - 2012 Outbound GSE Team leaves
- March 6th - Membership Committee Meeting
- March 9th - 11th - Multi-District PETS
- March 24th - District Oratorical Contest
- April 14th - District Assembly
- April 18th - Foundation Committee meeting
- April 25th - Inbound GSE Team Arrives
- June 20th - District Changeover at the Inn on the Lake - Canandaigua.

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

- February 18th - Wayne County Rotary Spelling Bee - 10:00 AM, Bon Ton Court, Eastview Mall. Contact Bill Dean - pastpres2004_5@msn.com
- February 19th - Spencerport Rotary’s Ziti Dinner at the American Legion Post - $7.00
- February 23rd - Rotary Night with the Rochester Lancers. Blue Cross Arena - 7:00 PM.
- February 25th - Palmyra-Macedon Rotary presents the 2nd Annual Murder Mystery-Dinner; Palmyra Moose Lodge 3808 State RT. 31; 6:00p.m. $25.00/ticket - Advance Ticket Sales Only - Call 315-597-0212
- February 28th - Genesee Rotary Club Pasta Dinner, Genesee Central School, Avon Road, Geneseo. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Adults: $6.00, Children: $3.50
- February 29th - ERC Networking Social @ Night - Elmira Holiday Inn - Riverview.
- March 24th - Sodus Rotary Club Presents In Concert From Nashville Tennessee Rhonda Vincent & the Rage - also Rebecca Colleen & the Chore Lads - Sodus High School, 5:00 PM, tickets at www.sodusrotary.org.
- March 3rd - Rochester NW fundraiser for Literacy - Contact Shelley Matthews for more information.
- March 10th - Lima Rotary Club’s semi annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Lima Diner on East Main St.
- March 12th - Taste of Pittsford - Nazareth College Schultz Center.
- March 17th - Belmont Rotary 250 Club Party at the Amity Rescue Squad. For tickets call Noreen Pace at 585-593-1271 or Mary Fuller at 585-268-7308.
- March 24th - Sodus Rotary Club presents Rhonda Vincent in concert; contact Mike Garlock at 585-415 9641.

For more details on any event visit the District’s calendar and click on the event.
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