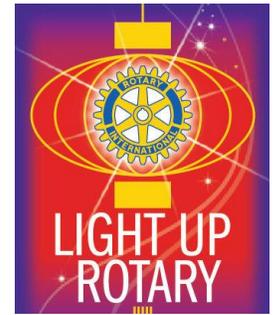


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Lots of Updates on Club Projects

President Sue introduced her daughter **Heather**, recently visiting from college, who spoke on **kidCARE**. kidCARE was awarded a \$500 district 7150 Simplified Grant to expand its service area to include the Village of Dundee and the Dundee Central School students. Matching funds have been secured and Heather reported that they were acquiring the usual diapers, underwear, new and gently used clothes and shoes for preschoolers and elementary school kids in acute need. A needs assessment revealed that there is a need for a “clothes closet” early in the year. Many students arrive at school without proper clothing. Heather started kidCARE when she was in fifth grade with initial support from the Penn Yan Lions and Rotary Clubs. Kudos Kiddo!!!!

President Sue also announced that several agencies are cooperating with each other in a special push to get **winter coats** for kids and adults that were affected by the floods and just plain poverty. New and clean used coats can be dropped off at any of the local bank branches or Nothnagle Realty. **Act quickly....distribution date is October 31st.**

Ef A. has visited the Rotaract meeting a few times and has come to the conclusion that these students as far as vocational mentoring goes have grown up in a bubble. He sees a great role for our club members to play in sharing professional experiences and passions with the Rotaractors. He proposed that Rotarians share vocational/avocational interests with him, and he reduces it to an anonymous profile. When he has a book of profiles he can give it to the Rotaract Advisors. Then, when a student sees something of interest, the advisor arranges a mentoring moment. A great twist on the old Vocation and Career sharing. **Larry L.** reported that the students were hungry for the information that he and **Bob S.** shared on fundraising. **Mary Ellen M.** mentioned that the Rotaract Club is highly regarded on campus, probably because members get many opportunities to lead small teams and because they are learning skills that help them be successful in other organizations on campus.

Shelby McGlynn, Rotarian in the Canandaigua club visited and shared news about the Camp ONSEYAWA Staff Recognition and Appreciation Dinner on November 1st at FLCC. The attendance by paying Rotarians is wanted so that it offsets the free dinners for those being recognized/appreciated. Cash bar at 5, Dinner with wine at table at 6. If you wish to attend, contact President Sue for RSVP details.

Sarah C. pitched an Early Intervention program for literacy that focuses on pre-K and Kindergarten age children. Like the book parties that the club organized at the elementary school years ago, Sarah proposes a “Community Reading Night” of book reading, pizza, pajamas, celebrity readers and a book to take home. She is focused on the 139 kindergarteners in PYE for an event on November 5th. Watch and get involved.

Ryan H. reported on the Rotary Literacy Summit he attended. YC students start below level and progress appropriately every year. But, don’t catch up and skills erode over summer break. **Rob S.** and others talked about Family Literacy as a possible project.

(continued from page 1) **Evelyn E.**, a twenty year volunteer reader at the PY Public Library, passed on comments by **Millie Bloomquist**, former public health nurse, that nine out of ten homes she visited had NOTHING to read in the home. According to our **Literacy Chair Ryan**, representatives from Literacy Volunteers of Ontario and Yates have started organizing a Family Literacy program. Ryan also shared that Sebastian, one the Lost Boys from the Sudan will be speaking at the Middle School when the students finish reading "A Long Walk for Water." Watch for details. Club members will be involved in the event.

Don O. was the final speaker for the program and he shared how the club has assisted with poverty and local poor nutrition. Statistically, 22% of Yates Co. youth are "food insecure." Hanna's project that was supported by the District and the club last year was to create a cookbook for individuals that get free or local food donations. The recipes were tailored to the local conditions. He also shared a grant success story about an e-club project to promote youth literacy through a writing competition. Wonderful stuff..... Very inspiring

NEWS AND NOTES

Whit Yonge was uncharacteristically absent from the sign-in table. Anyone know where he is? Hoping all is well, and in the meanwhile **Ef A.** will fill in.

Dick Brow, has been sharing his room with former Rotarian **Tom Burke**. Sadly, Tom passed away this week. Pege and family are looking for a nursing facility where Dick will get the care he now needs.

Eastern Cities Dinner -21 to attend. Come and hear Past RI President John Kenny. It is not too late if you want to sign up. Check with Tom or Sue to see if one of the club tickets is available, and if not, go on line to register.

Carol W., Tom M., and Tom H. are starting to make plans for the Online and Radio Auction in 2015. They are open to all suggestions on how to make the Auction even greater. Is it possible for us to raise \$25,000? What would the club have to do differently?

Dean Morgan mentioned that **Christmas for the Needy** has announced Christmas donation collection schedules and we have elected to ring bells for one

day at TOPS and BYRNE DAIRY. Watch for a date and sign up. Interact will ring after school.

Ryan paid to brag a bit about Graham, 7 months old, crawling a bit and now standing up in his bed....

Tom Hunt is grateful for plastic surgery and has a nose to prove it. The harvest is going well, and when it all calms down he will start gathering data for the member book. He and **Ef** will be collecting much of the same data....hobbies, phone numbers, Rotary Service interests, etc. Time for an update....been a few years and we have gained many members.

Starshine and the Miss Penn Yan competition announcements have come out as well. Does anyone have an idea for a fundraiser or have a nominee for Ms. Penn Yan in mind. Tell the Board.

Sarah C. paid to announce with gratitude that she is going on her "summer" vacation and will miss a meeting or two.

Jack Clancy reports attending three of Ralph's soccer games, where his son scored or got an assist in each game.

Jackie S. was a presenter at the Heroin Forum which attracted 300 interested/concerned citizens. She was very grateful for the turn out and the concern shown by many.

Bob Scharf reported that his son had...for what it's worth....succeeded to the managerial level at the space center. It means that he gets sent to managerial training in Tennessee and doesn't know what is happening to "his" space station anymore... "I don't know anymore, I'm a manager now." Humorous on the one hand, and a sad commentary on the other....

Pam D. had the family around for a while and reported that son, Bob, has headed off for a new job in Bethesda.

Dean, a man of few words as he paid into the pot:"We had a great wedding."

Leon F. reported that he will be leaving soon for the Congo and his sanitation/water project. The grant is progressing through the several bureaucratic stages with the usual glitches and problems to solve.

Your editor is writing this from Highland Hospital. Coming back to PY today, Friday.

JOIN IN A PROJECT:

Mary Ellen Morgan and **Evelyn Emerson**, two great advisors and mentors, have announced that they will be retiring from advisors to ROTARACT next July. They have asked for volunteers from the club to shadow them starting in January. Anyone who has ever attended a Rotaract meeting reports being impressed by the club leadership and activities. It is a great service opportunity.

The Penn Yan **Community Halloween Party** will be October 31st at the Baptist Church. Rotary will provide game barkers (Interact and Rotaract) and post-party cleanup crew (Rotarians). Watch for details.

Can Hunger a three dimensional art contest using canned or boxed food is **postponed to February 14th**. Organize your teams, start shopping for the cans and boxes, register with **Sandi Perl**. All the collected food is donated to the food pantry. See: <http://www.canstruction.org/gallery/international-winners/> for some fantastic ideas and inspiration. The rumor is that the planning committee has settled on a Valentine's Day theme and will be using store-fronts for the creations, much like the scarecrow competition that is about to start.

WE MISSED YOU TODAY:

Twenty-two Rotarians and five guests met at the Top of the Lake. There was a great mix of age, gender, interest and professions at every table. **Stephany Bates** sent a moving letter of appreciation for her Service above Self Award; **PDG Jeff and Diane** sent a message that they were taking a break after four Rotary events and wished us well.

Guests for the day:

- **Ef A.** introduced his neighbor **Debbie Smith**, who with her husband is retiring to the lake. She has lived a very active professional life and is interested in Rotary and its projects.
- **Dave H.** introduced his neighbors **Tina** and **Steve Miller**. Tina makes great balloon animals. Steve says that he is her balloon support person.
- **Heather Andersen** returned from college to work on kidCARE.

- **Shelby McGlynn**, Rotarian from the Canandaigua Club, spoke about the ONSEYAWA appreciation night dinner.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Club Assembly is a time to relax and catch up with all the activities of the club and board. Also it is time to give a little feedback to the board if you are so inclined.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Sue says: People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is light from within.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

- 10/14** Board Meeting – 8:00 AM Lyons National Bank Conference room
- 10/14** Club Assembly
- 10/19** Interact meets at the Living Well 7:00 pm
- 10/27** Eastern Cities Dinner – Rochester Convention Center – John Kenny speaking
- 11/1** Rotary Leadership Institute
- 11/1** UN Day, NYC, registration is required
- 11/1** Camp ONSEYAWA Dinner – CCFL
- 11/8** District sponsored Public Image and Social Media Seminars – details to follow

Birthdays in October:

- **Diane Krans** 10/15
- **Deb Fabris-Coon** 10/18
- **Jerry Rose** 10/20
- **Carl Schwartz** 10/22
- **Dick Brow** 10/23

INTERESTING ROTARY FACTS

Another visiting DGE next January will be **G. Hidayat Tjokrodojo** from the Jakarta Metropolitan club. While he is visiting he will be hosted in the Corning area. District 3410 represents the western portion of Indonesia, primarily the major islands of Sumatra and Java (as we call them in English). The native language is Javanese and the dominant religion is Muslim. The Spice Islands were a colony of the Dutch until the end of WWII. The country consists of many

ethnic and linguistic minorities, with a national slogan of “many, yet one.”

Indonesia is the 4th largest nation in the world, with a population greater than 250 Million, yet it also boasts of the 2nd most diverse ecology in its many wild areas. There have been many periods of political unrest since independence was gained. Since 2005 there has been greater national stability and mostly pro-western political policies.



The District’s newsletters are in Indonesian, so it was hard to understand the hundreds of projects, until I came across a Literacy Project – Little Libraries. This common thread should make **Chris Wyant** and **Tom May** happy.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE.....

See: <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auction/onhome.action?auctionId=220898808>

Arts Center of Yates County is holding its first ever Art Auction on the Internet starting **ending this weekend**. Over 48 artists have agreed to contribute items for the Auction. As of this date, there are over 120 unique items on the auction site. **It’s gone live! You can get on the bidding site and start bidding.** Please share the auction site with your friends and family. Our club is sponsoring the auction on our Bidding For Good site and sharing in a portion of the proceeds.

MAKE-UP & VISITATIONS

PLEASE.....do yourself a BIG FAVOR. Do a makeup meeting somehow or somewhere. The FELLOWSHIP of meeting weekly with other service minded Rotarians is an important part of **personal and professional growth**. It is part of a vibrant personal and successful business life. Even if the lunch meeting is only a moment of relaxation or a change of

perspective, business and personal coaches highly recommend it. Just when it seems that a manager needs to put more attention to the job, to stay longer or work harder, then it is most important to push back, take a walk, visit with a business peer or get away from the problems. Even if you cannot get up and get some aerobic exercise to re-oxygenate the brain cells, take a break in focus and go on the Internet and visit a Rotary Website.

Tell Chris Bergman when you do: hatzcb@yahoo.com

Canandaigua – Meets Thursday 12:15 at the NYS Wine and Culinary Center. Awesome venue! **John Socha** finds the meeting place most agreeable .

Dundee – Meets Wednesday noon at the Youth Center on Main Street. Great Buffet!

Geneva – Meets Wednesday 12:05 at the Belhurst Castle, Route 14. A larger club.

Bath – Meets Thursday at noon at The May Street Restaurant (Bath Country Club), 330 May Street, Bath.

Gorham – Meets Thursday evenings, 6:15 at the Acropolis Restaurant, 5&20, east of Canandaigua.

Waterloo – Mondays at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn, route 414, Waterloo.

Naples – Mondays at noon, except every 2nd week of the month at 6:00 PM at the Redwood Restaurant, route 21.

Club members are encouraged to make up for missed meetings whenever possible. One can make up by:

- Visiting neighboring clubs or attending a club while on vacation.
- Log in on District 7150’s Internet Club www.rotaryclubNY1.com
- Attend Interact or Rotaract meetings
- Work on a club or district committee
- Attend a district function
- When you have made up a meeting, please be sure to notify Chris Bergman for proper credit. hatzcb@yahoo.com

Do you have an item that you would like included in the weekly bulletin? Need to have something revised or correct an error? Please email Rob Schwarting at rob.schwarting.280@gmail.com or Diane Krans at dgkrans@yahoo.com.