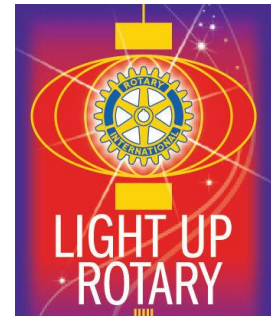


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A CHILLING HALLOWEEN TALE

Written by: Brian King

Once upon a Rotary year-y, while I pondered, growing a bit leery,
Over whether every Rotarian, would give \$100 or more. My mind raced, now more wary,
suddenly what I saw was terribly scary.

More so than ghosts or monsters or something rapping at my chamber door.

It was the image of a child, paralyzed, crawling on a dirt floor.

Only this and nothing more.

Ah, but this child I did not know, as she pained and suffered so.

Would not someone else see she was not left upon that dirty floor?

Rapidly my fear turned to sorrow for this child may have no tomorrow.

She was just another crawler, helpless and always to be poor.

Leaving it to someone else, leaves her on that dirty floor.

Nameless and alone for ever more.

More images now, my fear grew stronger; hesitating then no longer.

Poverty, illness, hunger and so many victims of conflict and war.

So many living a nightmare, with whom our good fortune we can share.

No water or food or one to care; no education, for millions no open door.

No opportunity; no bright future, neither nor.

Darkness there and nothing more.

Who will help those in need; this desperate call who will heed?

"Sir," said I, "or Madam", truly your support I implore;

Every Rotarian, everywhere, help end this chilling tale if you dare,
help those in great despair, in our backyard and on another shore.

'O the ways you can help are so many, please do explore.

And change the life of a child--forevermore!

And every Rotarian, with no hesitation, responded without consternation,
giving every year \$100 and even more.

And the children's eyes have all the seeming, filled of hope; and dreaming;
their smiles now beaming, as Rotarians' generosity there was an outpour;

And the lives of millions with so little to live for,

shall be lifted--forever and ever more!

Larry Lehner Tells his Story

Larry L. came with his saxophone to the club a few years ago from Duluth, Minnesota. At the time, he was working with Keuka College and moving east to be closer to his daughter Christie and grandchildren. He became involved in the United Methodist Praise Band, and Murhy's Law, a classic rock band.

Larry was born in Columbus Ohio, raised in the poor rural area of Mt. Pleasant, OH, graduated in a class of 27 students and attended Ohio State University. As a scholarship recipient, he was housed in a men's dormitory under the bleachers of the great football stadium. (continued next page)



Larry graduated with a degree in marketing and a draft number of 5, during the later stages of the War in Viet Nam, so as a college grad promptly enrolled in Officer Candidate School. Dreading an Infantry assignment in the active war zone, he lucked out with a boring assignment in Korea. Married Diane between basic soldier training and OCS; then promptly went on an unaccompanied tour of 23 weeks.

Son Troy is in Colorado. Diane works for the ARC of Yates, and Larry is now working part-time with Bob and Jackie Shrader's Proforma. Larry joined Rotary in Superior where he worked with several Rotary Clubs in their annual Dragon Boat Festival. A big time fundraiser (\$92,000), similar to the Dragon Boat Festival hosted by the Asian Community in Ithaca.

Larry's careers were in Hospital Administration, and Fundraising for Hospitals and later, Keuka College. As COO and later consultant, he is most proud of his leadership in turning around some struggling hospitals. He is a Life Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the Association for Fundraising Professionals.

NEWS AND NOTES

Bob Shrader asks: **Who is Madeline?** Sandi P. explained that Madeline is a play about the famous little girl and her 15 friends that travel and get into and out of fabulous situations. The series of books is great for readers to pre-school and elementary school students. Madeline coming to Penn Yan will

be a dinner and play performance to benefit the Living Well. Watch for more details.

Dick Brow's Memorial Service will be held November 15th at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Genesee Street, Geneva at 2 PM. Anyone wanting to make a donation to Camp ONSEYAWA in **Dick Brow's** name should send the check to:

Camp ONSEYAWA,
c/o Jerry Giacomani
6615 Porter Road
Naples NY 14512

Dime-olish Polio jugs are out there on merchant's counters for the month of November. When you see one, thank the staff for helping Rotary stamp out polio one dime at a time. **Chevy DeVaney** took a jug for Keuka College and **Kim Hughes** is taking one to the ARC of Yates.

Planning for a **Christmas Social Event** was started. **Stacy W.** reports that there will be a family gathering at Carl Schwartz's home on December 19th. Watch for more details

Ryan H. invited all Rotarians to attend a PYMS assembly on November 7, 2014 at 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. where Building Minds in South Sudan (BMISS) will have Sebastian, one of The Lost Boys, speak. If you want to attend, please register ASAP with Ryan (536-2300) as he needs to get you on an entry list.

This is **INTERACT WEEK**. Our club sponsors the Interact Club at the Penn Yan Academy and provides the adult guidance.

Please share with your neighbor's and friend's children that the 2015 Rotary Oratorical Contest for juniors is on the District website:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=50098&pid=59179>

Dean Morgan is circulating a sign-up sheet for **Christmas for the Needy**. This is great fellowship and fun on a sometimes cold day.

Starshine and the Miss Penn Yan competition is Friday, December 5th. We are planning on being there, possibly doing Origami or Balloon Animals at street side.

The sergeant, **Sandi P** was on a roll with HAPPY \$\$\$
Lots of hugs and blessings reported by members.

Chevy talked about missing time with the club members, meetings and the camaraderie. She reported that her son, Michael, 15 years old and a triple letter athlete is also an officer in the Geneva Interact Club. He loves the Interact experience!

Tom M expressed appreciation to the volunteer gremlin, which made him “director of parking” for the Madeline show and dinner. He made an urgent plea for helpers while casting the evil eye at **Sue** and **Sandi**. Laughs all around.

Jeff K is a geographic bachelor...but not to worry, he will be visiting Rotary Clubs for lunches and dinners, starting with the great noon buffet at Dundee.

Grief Support Group will meet 7-9 PM, 11/11 at the Living Well in the Masonic Temple, Elm Street.

Deb F-C thanked **Larry** for bringing his wife, **Diane** to PY so that she would eventually work at the ARC. Diane is absolutely adored by the ARC clients.



Chevy looks on as her guest **Sony** introduces herself to the club.

Don O. donated a dollar bill that bore the message; “not to be used for bribing a politician.”

Jackie and **Bob Shrader** and **Carol W** reported that the Rotary Leader Institute was FABULOUS! They are now really jazzed about making a difference and have

expressed interest in taking on new roles. Carol proposed that the club do more with new member training. President Stacy plans on addressing their comments at the Board Meeting on 11/18.



PDG John Hall pedals his bike to raise money for Polio Plus, and, as shown, wears his race spandex jersey emblazoned with Rotary and Polio Plus. This was a stop in HALL on his way to our club last week.

JOIN IN A PROJECT:

Xmas for the Needy – Penn Yan Rotary will supply lunches for all volunteers at both the Armory and the Baptist church. Meals are being prepared by Steve Owen, Dundee Rotarian. We will need two to three Rotarians to help each day for lunch. This will occur on **December 10th and 11th**. Sue will get water and label it with Rotary logo.

Literacy Volunteers of Ontario and Yates Counties will teach you how to be a literacy guide for people with poor reading skills or for whom English is a second language. No need to be a skilled teacher. Literacy is one of Rotary’s major projects in the **Vocational Avenue of Service**.

Kid Care needs some shoppers. Contact **Sue A.**

November is **FOUNDATION MONTH**

WE MISSED YOU TODAY:

23 Rotarians, 7 guests and friends partook of a great cheese ravioli and meat ball lunch. President **Stacy** called out many a hearty thank you for all of the club's volunteering in the past week. Seven attended the day long Rotary Leaders Institute meeting and several participated in the Coats for the Needy distribution on Thursday and Friday.

Guests were:

- **Chris Wyant**, wife of President Stacy
- **Steve and Tina Miller**, prospective members
- **Chevy DeVaney**, Director of Keuka College Multi-cultural Affairs Office
- **Xong-Sony Yang**, "Sony," Director for International Students Services
- **Dr. When-Yan Zhou**, Director of the Career Center in China for Chinese students getting Keuka College Degrees.

OUR NEXT MEETING

We will meet on Veterans' Day, next Tuesday at the regular time and place. Interact Students will attend, make a presentation and be recognized.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Stacy pledged himself to "having fun." And he took great pains to thank everyone for their service and participation in Rotary activities during the previous week. "It is through these efforts that we accomplish great and lasting change." He called on **PDG Jeff** for a comment: "Rotary is therapeutic – stress levels go down every time one goes to a meeting."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

- 11/7 PY Middle School Assembly** – Sudan, 1PM
- 11/8** District sponsored Public Image and Social Media Seminars – Avon – 8 am to noon
- 11/11** Keuka Rotaract Scholarship Awarded; reports from the Rotaract Club
- 11/16** Foundation Brunch at Belhurst Castle
- 11/18** Board meeting 8am, LNB Conference Room
- 11/18** Club Assembly
- 11/25** Howard Dennis – PY Central School District Budget Information

Birthdays in November:

- **Dyke Smith** 11/18

A-B-Cs of Rotary

For years, many "Rotary Minutes" at our weekly meeting consisted of educational material from a little book called: "The ABCs of Rotary." Since we no longer do that, and many actively working members can attend only about 50% of the meetings, some new members feel a little adrift. At the request of a few newer members, the ABCs are going to be shown here. New members need mentoring. If you need a mentor ask your sponsor or president Stacy.

THE SPONSORSHIP OF A NEW MEMBER

The bylaws of Rotary clearly outline the procedure for a prospective member to be proposed for Rotary club membership. The "proposer" is the key person in the growth and advancement of Rotary. Without a sponsor, an individual will never have an opportunity to become a Rotarian. Individuals must be asked to join Rotary; thus, it is every member's responsibility to identify and invite prospective members.

The task of the sponsor should not end merely by submitting a name to the club secretary or membership committee. Rotary has not established formal responsibilities for sponsors; however, these procedures are common in many clubs.

The sponsor should:

1. Invite a prospective member to several meetings prior to proposing the individual for membership.
2. Accompany the prospective new member to one or more orientation/informational meetings.
3. Introduce the new member to other club members each week for the first month.
4. Encourage the new member to become involved in any club service projects underway.
5. Invite the new member to attend meetings of the Interact or Rotaract clubs sponsored by the club.
6. Provide opportunities for the new member to get involved in international program efforts, such as Group Study Exchange or Youth Exchange.

7. Invite the new member to accompany the sponsor to neighboring clubs for the first make-up meeting to learn the process and observe the spirit of friendship.

8. Ask the new member and spouse to accompany the sponsor to the club's social activities, dinners, or other special occasions.

9. Urge the new member and spouse to attend the district conference with the sponsor.

10. Serve as a special friend to assure that the new member becomes an active Rotarian.

When a new member becomes involved and connected, both Rotary and the new member become stronger. If you are a new member and feeling a little lost, contact a Board member and ask about an upcoming fireside chat opportunity. President **Stacy** says we need to plan one soon.

NOTE: If you have someone you wish to sponsor as a member, but cannot devote all this attention to their successful integration into the club, please speak to a Board member. They will help find a mentor, if they know that you need the assistance.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE IN ROTARY.....

If you want to be inspired, visit the **Rotaract Club** at Keuka College on Mondays...dinner time in the Cafeteria. Check with **Mary Ellen** or **Evelyn E.**

In a few months, the club will start work on **Penn Yan Rotary Day** – a day of celebration and a day of fundraising with the auction and other possible events. How would you highlight your Rotary Club and your experiences for others to see? How can we raise money more effectively to support our many good causes?

Also, it is time to start thinking about local and regional firms that would donate to Rotary for the Auction or become an ANNUAL SPONSOR of our many programs. As an auction item, what about asking for pit passes for the Glenora Classic Races at the Glen? Or season pass at Bristol Ski Center, a weekend on Whiteface in the Adirondacks, a summer long lawn pass to the Sands Performing Arts Center.? Let's think big and see if we can't raise \$25,000 this year!

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 is fun.

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.