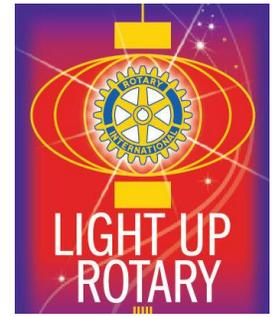


# Rotary Club of Penn Yan

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## Veterans' Day

The club members sang "Let there be Peace on Earth" (very well, by the way), took a few minutes in silence to remember the service of the several veterans who gave their lives, and then applauded those Vets who stood to be recognized. Rotarian **Larry Lehner** took a few minutes to express his appreciation for the beautiful and moving ceremonies done by the History Class at the Academy and the Veterans' Day celebration at Keuka College. Well done! For some, it was a sad moment...**Dick Brow** was remembered for his constant presence and urging that we appreciate and honor the service of our Veterans living and passed; and he is no longer with us.

## Interact and Youth Week

The club was fortunate to have four officers from Interact and two officers from Rotaract in attendance. It was a great pleasure to have these young leaders at the luncheon table and to listen to their reports on various club activities. Representing the Interact Club was: **Stephanie Owen**, president; **Mary Kate Killen**, Vice President; **Jarett Alexander**, Secretary; and **Peter Tomlinson**, Treasurer. President **Paige Fuller** and Vice President **Jena Bird** represented the Keuka College Rotaract Club.



**Paige**, left, presented the Rotaract Club year of successes, and plans for the next several months. Rotaract has countless simultaneous events underway. Almost every club members either leads or has a critical role in campus events.

**Stephanie**, extreme right, is flanked by her Vice President **Mary Kate**. Stephanie talked about Interacts many activities, including chicken barbeques to raise money, and their plans to end the year with their charitable contributions. She remarked that the club needs to reach out to new frosh, sophomore and junior members as the club has lost a large portion of its members to graduation.

The Rotaract club will be ringing bells at Tops and have elected to “provide Christmas cheer” for a family (mom and three children) as part of the Angel Tree project. The Interact club will ring bells with the Rotary Club this Christmas season and, with Rotaract, provided game leaders for the Community Halloween Party. Last year, they donated to Kid Kare and to an Eagle Scout project in the community. They will run a can drive over the New Year holiday, sell barbequed chicken in the spring, and participate in Can-struction in February.

## Exchange Students Present:



**Sake**, with **Courtney** looking on, gave a short talk about her home town and herself. She likes Sushi a lot and comes from a town on the sea. She was born on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and loves piano and dance. Her sister was an exchange student last year in the Jamestown Rotary Club, and both parents are Rotarians in Japan. She aspires to being an English teacher once she completes college. She was a guest at the Japanese restaurant Sukara in Canandaigua and was shocked to discover that all the workers there were speaking Chinese. Wow!

**Courtney** presented her returning student talk on her exchange to Komatsu, Japan, home of the internationally famous Komatsu Heavy Machinery Company....the world’s largest dump truck.

She talked about Kabuki Theater which originated in her adoptive city. She learned to appreciate health spas and went to several fabulous garden exhibits. She took trips to Tokyo and Kyoto.



She was attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> academically ranked “elite” school, and was able to join in a few clubs. Her fellow students were very driven to perform academically and busy with studies, but were kind and friendly. She observed: **“Learning a new culture is really all about people and relationship!”**

Her sponsoring club was mostly men (three females) and very socially oriented. The members and spouses often went on excursions to various cultural and recreational centers; and instead of hands on projects, they donated their money.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Don O**, on Veterans’ Day, shared a few thoughts about the Foundation and urged everyone to think about REDEDICATION during Veterans Week. “Today would be a great time to rededicate to the principles of Rotary and to the greater cause of Peace.”

**Madeline?** It is dinner theater at the United Methodist Church. The play is about the famous little girl, Madeline, and her 15 friends in Paris. The first showing/dinner is at 5:15 pm for dinner. The play is at 6:00 pm, with a second dinner following at 7:15 pm. Both dinner seatings will view the same show. Tickets are available for two days, November 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Tom M** is chief parking guru and is looking for a few hearty souls to help him direct traffic.

**Dick Brow’s Memorial Service** will be held November 15<sup>th</sup> 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. PDG **Jeff** has asked that "jug monitors" check their jugs this week and bring all the cash and coin in to him on Tuesday. He thanks everyone for their efforts.

**Jeff** also shared thanks that his son sold Jeff/Diane's old car on the Internet in less than a week.

**Leon** was over the moon ecstatic – All the necessary signatures for the water project in the Congo were on the forms; his son was able to visit recently, and his daughter was promoted in the Bronx Public Defender Office. Batting 1000!

In the 'how can we pick on him' file – **Tom H** has started his 44<sup>th</sup> season as a grape grower. As a way to reduce unplanned surgeries, his son is helping more.

Happy dollars for our Vets and for our Young Leaders were contributed my many at the meeting. **Dick B**, a Veteran, was missed by several, and Veterans expressed great appreciation for the many Veterans' Day observations and events.

Planning for a **Christmas Social Event** was started. **Stacy W.** reports that there will be a family gathering at Carl and Kerri Schwartz's home on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details at Club Assembly on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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>

**Christmas for the Needy** bell ringing is almost here. This is great fellowship and fun on a sometimes cold day. **Two ringers are needed for the lunch hour when the Club is holding its regular meeting.**

**Our Miss Penn Yan contestant Ashley Gleason** will compete during Star Shine, Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We

are planning on being there, and selling chances on the Kindle Fire! Check it out!

**Sarah C** thanked **Pam D** and **Carol W** for helping at the re-instituted Kindergarten "Book In," an evening of pizza and books for kindergarteners and family. 15 families were represented at the last event, and plans are to do it again. It is part of the Early Literacy Initiative.

**Building Minds for South Sudan** and Sebastian were very well received. Students were appreciative and respectful during the hour long school assembly. Good press in the Chronicle Express. We gave \$250 to Sebastian for BMSS.

**Sakura, "Sake,"** is available to accompany you on short trips, dinners at your home, or local outings. If the trip is for a longer period, the Rotarian must complete some forms in advance. Plan ahead and take advantage of the cultural exchange our students bring to Penn Yan.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**. **Sue A.** 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**.

November is **FOUNDATION MONTH**

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## WE MISSED YOU TODAY:

22 Rotarians and 7 guests partook of a great pork loin and the fixings lunch. President **Stacy** urged everyone to think about things we could be doing better and to contact him or a board member. The meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Guests were:

- **Rotarian Steve Owens** - Dundee Club

- **Interactors:**
  - **Stepany Owens**
  - **Mary Kate Killen**
  - **Jarett Alexander**
  - **Peter Tomlinson**
- **Rotaracters:**
  - **Paige Fuller**
  - **Jena Bird**

### **Birthdays in November:**

- **Dyke Smith**                      11/18

## **A-B-Cs of Rotary**

**100 PERCENT ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF EVERY ROTARIAN ... NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE WITHOUT MAKEUPS**

Regular attendance is essential to a strong and active Rotary club. The emphasis on attendance is traced back to 1922 when Rotary International announced a worldwide attendance contest which motivated thousands of Rotarians to achieve a 100 percent attendance year after year. Many Rotarians take great pride in maintaining their 100 percent record in their own club or by making-up at other Rotary club meetings.

Although the bylaws of Rotary require members to attend only 50 percent of all meetings (as of July 2009), the custom has emerged that 100 percent is the desirable level. Rotary stresses regular attendance because each member represents his own business or profession and thus the absence of any member deprives the club of the values of its diversified membership and the personal fellowship of each member. Club directors may determine appropriate reasons for excusing absences. From time to time, proposals have been made to give attendance credit for various reasons or to lower the minimum requirement, but such attempts have not been adopted by the Council on Legislation.

In 2001, the Council approved the creation of a New Models Rotary Clubs pilot project to develop up to 200 new clubs that were more responsive to the needs of younger professionals. The new models clubs are allowed to operate outside the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and Bylaws. Many of these clubs have altered their meeting frequency and relaxed attendance requirements. If the pilot clubs prove successful, the 2004 Council on Legislation could adopt policies making these innovations permanent.

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

**If you want to be inspired, visit the Rotaract Club at Keuka College on Mondays...5:30, in the Cafeteria. Check with **Mary Ellen** or **Evelyn E.****

## **OUR NEXT MEETING**

We will meet, next Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at the regular time and place. Reports from the Board and Club teams, and updates/info on the Foundation.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**President Stacy asked everyone to HELP** with the Penn Yan Rotary holiday raffle by selling tickets to Non-Rotarians for a chance at a Kindle Fire Tablet! Drawing will be at the Holiday Party, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, we are hoping that part of your holiday giving can be directed to the Rotary Foundation. More information will be available at the meetings or email Stacy ([stacywyant@storkinsurance.com](mailto:stacywyant@storkinsurance.com)).

Our weekly set up team (**John S. and friends**) is doing a great job. **Witt Y** is going to be away, so a weekly volunteer will be needed to do attendance and welcome our members and guests.

In closing, Stacy remarked that November 19, 1863 was the date of Abe Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

- 11/16** Foundation Brunch at Belhurst Castle
- 11/18** Board meeting 8am, LNB Conference Room
- 11/18** Club Assembly
- 11/21 and 11/22** Madeline the play and dinner, arrival at 5:15 or 6:00 pm, United Methodist Church
- 11/25** Howard Dennis – PY Central School District Budget Information
- 12/2** Bell Ringing
- 12/2** Stefan Lewandowski and Medicare Options
- 12/9** Holiday music theme
- 12/16** Club Assembly –kick off of Rotary Day and Auction Planning
- 12/23** 2014 in review
- 12/30** No meeting

## **Penn Yan Rotary Day & Radio/Internet Auction**

Some of the club members are starting to plan a day of celebration and the culmination of a two weeks Internet Auction. Already, the team has arranged for a live event on WFLR, as in the past. It will be broadcast from Millie's Pantry. The party room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at Millie's could be used for a great celebration by our three clubs – Rotary, Interact and Rotaract. The week of the Auction, tentatively scheduled for 19-25 April, 2015, will be an opportunity for the three clubs to showcase their work. At this time, these plans are tentative and your input ([carolworth280@gmail.com](mailto:carolworth280@gmail.com)) is wanted.

**Auction team leader Carol W**, in meetings with Club leaders, is working to revamp the Auction staffing plan. "Ideally, everyone in the club will take on several quick and easy tasks. This is our biggest annual project...probably easier than running the LPGA golf tournament every year. 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rob.schwarting.280@gmail.com) or Diane Krans at [dgkrans@yahoo.com](mailto:dgkrans@yahoo.com).*