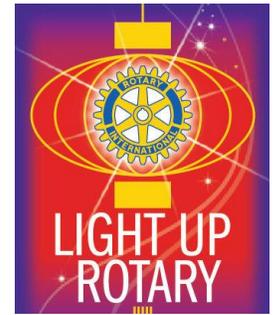


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Rocking and Rolling in the Club Assembly



Past President Diane shows the banner our Penn Yan Club earned in 2012-13 for generous support of the RI Foundation. A 100% of club members gave at least something to the Foundation, and the average per capita contribution was over \$100, or \$4,000 last year. The club is in the top 3.5% of clubs world-wide. Penn Yan was one of six clubs in the District that had 100% sustaining members, and many of the club members have chosen the Foundation as the charity of their choice at death by planning a substantial bequest from their estates. RI is grateful that **Dick B** made such a bequest several years ago.

President Stacy set a rapid pace trying to cover all the matters raised at the morning Board meeting. **Don O.** shared a great deal about the Foundation, most of which will be included in this and subsequent issues of the Newsletter. Those who attended the Foundation Brunch at the Belhurst Castle last Sunday were treated to a truly inspirational presentation by a former ('01) Ambassadorial Scholar, Melissa Pritchard, who studied in Barcelona, Spain. The experience completely changed her life and career, and she emigrated to Spain. After 12 years in Spain teaching English, she started a 14,000 mile bicycle trek across Europe and Asia to return home to Oregon.

The Board recommended to the club that we host the 2016 spring (late March or early April) **District Training Assembly** for then incoming District Governor **Tom Rogers**. After discussion, the club was asked for a vote of support. Since there were no objections, President Stacy will notify the district that we will be glad to host the Assembly. It will entail some concentrated efforts packing welcome packets, arranging for Audio Visual Support at the training site (Keuka College or the PY Academy), directing traffic to parking, and conducting registration. There are several very accomplished advisors to assist us.

All club members were reminded that they should visit the Board of Directors meetings if they can. They will learn how the club is governed and have a chance to speak up. The next meeting will be December 9th (2nd Tuesday) at Lyons National Bank at 8 AM.

Regarding the Foundation, it was noted that it is one of the best-rated charities in the USA. It has one of the lowest administrative burdens, and for our interest, 50% of the money donated in the District comes back to local clubs two years later as District Simplified Grants. We have used those grants for many important projects in Penn Yan.

NEWS AND NOTES

Anyone wanting to make a donation to Camp ONSEYAWA in **Dick Brow's** name should bring their checks to the club this Tuesday or send the check to:

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

Any checks accumulated by the club will be forwarded in a group.

Dime-olish Polio jugs are out there on merchant's counters for the month of November and part of December. PDG **Jeff** has asked that "jug monitors" bring all the cash and coin in to him on Tuesday December 16th. He thanks everyone for their efforts.

Don O reports that Marie takes up a new project or activity every decade. This one is Tap Dance. They also dance (ballroom) with the Canandaigua Shufflers.

Teresa Vivier reports that her daughters, Brooklyn (8) and Hayden (3), are avid RV campers. Their favorite trip is to Jellystone, a Yogi Bear theme camping park. Anyone else interested in RV-ing?

The **Geneva YMCA** has an aqua-toning program at 11 am to Noon, M-W-F. Also you can get a 100 pass booklet for a pretty fair price.

This year, the Holiday Gathering at **Carl/Kerri Schwartz's** home on December 19th will be different. Gone is the Silent Auction for Paul Harris. Instead, there will be an **Angel Tree** to receive donations. **Tom M.** suggests folding money or checks, not coins.

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>

How much is it worth to see **Sue A** dressed up as a Christmas Elf? **Christmas for the Needy** bell ringing is December 2nd at TOPS and Byrne Dairy. This is great fellowship and fun on a sometimes cold day.

Our Miss Penn Yan contestant Ashley Gleason will compete during Star Shine, Friday, December 5th. We are planning on being there, and selling chances on the Kindle Fire! Check it out! We will be on Main St. and at Community Bank (warm up space).

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 10th and 11th**. **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**.

WE MISSED YOU TODAY:

WOW! 25 Rotarians and 4 guests partook of a great parmesan and pasta lunch. Guests were:

- **Steve and Christine Miller**, members awaiting formal induction
- **Dr. David Graham**, applicant for membership
- **Sake**, our outgoing and intrepid exchange student from Japan

OUR NEXT MEETING

We will meet, next Tuesday, November 25th, at the regular time and place. The program will be recognition of the Student of the Month; and Howard Dennis from Penn Yan Central Schools will speak on the special vote in December.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President **Stacy asked:** What is the bare minimum I should know about the Rotary Foundation giving? He says: "It should be my charity of choice as almost 50% of every dollar I give goes to help people in the world and almost 50% comes back to my Rotary District to be used for local projects. I am making the absolute most of my charitable giving!"

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

- 11/25 Howard Dennis - PY Central School District Budget Information
- 12/2 Bell Ringing all day at TOPS and Byrne Dairy
- 12/2 Stefan Lewandowski and Medicare Options
- 12/9 Holiday music theme and the club reading of "Twas the Night before Christmas"
- 12/16 Club Assembly -kick off of Rotary Day and Auction Planning
- 12/23 2014 in review
- 12/30 No meeting

Birthdays in November:

- Dyke Smith 11/18

A-B-Cs of Rotary

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A ROTARIAN

As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although each Rotarian has the first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. In the early 1950s a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis. Here is what it said: "A world-minded Rotarian:

- Looks beyond national patriotism and considers him/herself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

- Resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority.
- Seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands.
- Defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want and fear.
- Supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere.
- Upholds the principles of justice for mankind.
- Strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal.

- Urges and practices a spirit of understanding of every other man's beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life."

That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!

Our Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation offers four specific funds (donor method) to which we can contribute. Each fund supports projects in one or more of Rotary International's six primary areas of focus. These funding approaches are:

Annual Programs Fund - Here a donor's unrestricted contributions support district and global grant activities. This fund is the primary source of unrestricted support for the programs provided through the Rotary Foundation in the six areas of focus. One-half of all Rotarian contributions to this fund are returned to their respective districts three years later for use on local or global grant projects at their discretion.

Polio Plus Fund - Here, donor's restricted contributions focused on worldwide projects to eradicate polio permanently.

Term Gifts - These restricted contributions are generally expended in the following year on a

specific global grant or for Rotary Peace Centers. Most members do not give in this category.

Permanent Fund - These restricted contributions are held in perpetuity as part of the Foundation's endowment fund. Spendable earnings supplement the Annual Programs Fund and also support Rotary's highest priorities, including Global Grants and Rotary Peace Centers.

The six areas of focus are as follows:

Promoting peace

Today, 42 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution. Through our partnerships with several leading universities, Rotary Peace Fellows develop the skills to strengthen peace efforts, train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and support long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict. We provide up to 100 peace fellowships per year at Rotary Peace Centers.

[Learn how Rotary projects address the structural causes of conflict](#) (hot links...control click, and go! If you cannot make the meeting, go to these six links for an e-meeting make up. Tell Chris.)

Fighting disease

More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs. We aim to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas. Our members educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. Many of our projects ensure that medical training facilities are located where the workforce lives.

[See how Rotary projects provide low-cost health care](#)

Providing clean water

More than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.

[See how Rotary is building sustainable clean water and sanitation facilities](#)

Saving mothers and children

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.

[Watch how Rotary helps bring health care to mothers and newborns in rural Haiti](#)

Supporting education

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

[Watch how a Rotary grant helps bring tablet technology to students in Fiji](#)

Growing local economies

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and develop opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also help strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

[See how Rotary helps workers achieve better wages and working conditions](#)

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

Youth Services team leader is open for a volunteer. The leader will attend board meetings and in general keep track of the several club youth programs, which are all in capable hands and well advised. The one initiative that could use some attention is arranging for a Youth from our area to attend the **Rotary Youth Leadership Academy** a multi-day resident program to develop leaders.

Penn Yan Rotary Day & Online Auction: The live radio auction is planned for April 25, 2015. Two

weeks before the live radio Auction will be the online auction and an opportunity for the three clubs to showcase their participation in this fundraiser, our largest one of the year. At this time, these plans are tentative and your input is wanted. Write to: (carolworth280@gmail.com)

Auction team leader Carol W reported to the Board that she is looking to engage every member of the club in some aspect of the Auction. We are mixing up and balancing who solicits what items from whom. We are working to up the donor participation too.

Four or five teams will work on distinct areas for the auction. Those team descriptions are being written and will be described in full at the Dec. 16 meeting. Sample:

- Inputting items for the on-line auction
- Being a radio voice or bid taker
- Keeping track of all the donated items
- Wrap up record keeping and sending items
- Media outreach for ads and articles

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.