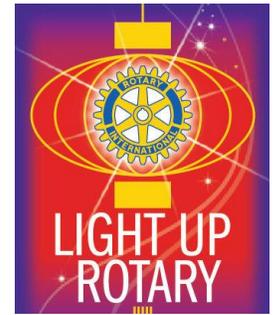


# Rotary Club of Penn Yan

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## Turkey Week – Safe Travels to All



Wrestling and Lacrosse. His counselor, **Theron Chinn** speaks highly of Cameron's commitment and determination to make something of himself. **Coach Hobart** is looking forward to getting another great Lacrosse player while speaking highly of Cameron's academic work. **Pam D.** presented the Long's gift card and certificate.

**Student of the Month – Cameron Allgood** comes to Penn Yan from Bloomfield, and candidly admits that he was afraid that PY Middle School was not going to be as good as Bloomfield's. But, now he is convinced that our school is "the best!" His favorite course is Math and he is a three letter athlete --- Football,

## Special Vote for the School District

It is all about capital works. **VOTE DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>** – Noon – 8:00 PM at the Academy Gym. Superintendent **Howard Dennis** and Vice Superintendent for Business **Kathy Milliman** presented the Board/Administration plan for preventative maintenance at all three district educational buildings. About 50% of the investments will go into roofs, security, replacement parts for deteriorated doors and windows, and critical technology to preserve operations (cooling for computers). About 10% goes into security and technology to preserve operations at the Academy and the remaining 40% goes into security, lighting efficiency and flooring repairs in the Elementary school. Dennis and



Milliman further explained the strategy of preventative maintenance, bonding and repayment such that no new tax burden will fall on home owners and businesses in the community. A capital reserve fund from past savings in contracts is available to pay the annual bond payments through 2019 when other bonds will have been retired.

At that point, the district will continue to use the former bond payments to retire this indebtedness. Provided that future preventative maintenance does not balloon, the district can maintain this strategy for years to come.

## NEWS AND NOTES:

**KEUKA LAKE VIEWSHED PRESERVATION** The **CORNELL UNIVERSITY** field practice workshop in **Planning** will propose a scenic corridor and viewshed protection plan for the Keuka Lake watershed as part of the **Sustainable Keuka Lake Initiative Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan**. The students will be making their presentation Monday evening, December 8 at 6:30 pm at the Ravines Winery Tasting Room, Route 54 in Wayne. You are cordially invited to attend.

This year, the Holiday Gathering at **Carl/Kerri Schwartz's** home on December 19<sup>th</sup> will be different. Gone is the Silent Auction for Paul Harris. Instead, there will be an **Angel Tree** to receive donations. For those that cannot attend the party, the Angel Tree will be at the December 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings.

The 2015 Rotary Oratorical Contest for juniors is on the District website. Have possible contestants visit:

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

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> is our day of Christmas Cheer!** Stop by Byrne Dairy or TOPS and cheer on the Rotary teams as they ring bells for Christmas for the Needy. Every dollar raised in these events is spent in Yates County for the neediest among us.

**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! 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.

President **Stacy** suggests that this year everyone set aside "that one Christmas gift that defies description." He proposes that we have a humorous "re-gifting" party later in the 2015. Plan your revenge!

The Arts Center has a great new show. Check it out.

In the theme of Gratitude and Thanksgiving, club members mentioned:

- Our great school system, the staff and teachers who bring us fabulous Students of the Month.
- Visiting children and grandchildren and their safe travel.
- Sharing the holidays with new children in our homes....and of course new grandchildren. Seeing the spark of awe in their eyes.
- For the hundreds of exchange students we have grown to know and appreciate; specially "Cherry Blossom" (Sake's name translated).
- Our good health and happiness.
- Release from 7 feet of snow in Buffalo....great to be home in Penn Yan.
- Madeline was a GREAT, uplifting event.
- My best friend in my life....my spouse.
- Bills for trouncing the Jets last night!
- Our recent daily high temperature beat those in large parts of Texas. Hurrah!
- The new badge arrived! (Duh, where's the old one?)
- Three great weeks in Florida....and not in Buffalo, (duh, not much of a choice last week)
- Heading south for the winter...safe travels.
- Many are looking forward to great time with family and friends. Wishing all a safe journey.
- Pam D. won the 50/50 pot. Cheers to all.

**Don O** points out that donations to the Angel Tree will go to the Foundation's Annual Share Fund. It will come back to the district for our projects. We win twice.

**Witt Y** is definitely going to be away after 12/2, so a weekly volunteer will be needed to do attendance and welcome our members and guests. Are you it???

**Stefan L** reports that business in his line takes a brief break in early November, and then surges after Thanksgiving. Also. **Portia** will be two next week.

Renovations at the ARC of Yates, according to **Kim H** and **Deb F-C** are still waiting for final approvals from FEMA. Every piece of work has to have three bids. All so time consuming.

Anyone who has a program speaker to recommend should contact **Jackie S** at: [shraderja@aol.com](mailto:shraderja@aol.com)

## 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**.

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## WE MISSED YOU TODAY:

On a wonderful sunny day, 21 Rotarians and 8 guests partook of a great parmesan and pasta lunch. Guests were:

- **Sake**, our outgoing and intrepid exchange student from Japan
- **Brian Hobart** Penn Yan Middle School teacher and Lacrosse coach
- **Theron Chinn** Penn Yan Middle school counselor
- **Cameron Allgood** Penn Yan Middle School student of the month
- **Eileen Fontier**, spouse Leon
- **Bob Green**, Rochester Deaf Rotary Club
- **Howard Dennis**, Acting Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum at PYCSD
- **Kathy Milliman**, Assistant Superintendent for Business at PYCSD.

President Stacy invited our guests to be members in the Club.

## OUR NEXT MEETING:

We will meet, next Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the regular time and place. The program will be our own **Stefan Lewandowski**, who will speak on Medicare Options.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

President **Stacy asked:** What are Happy Dollars? He pointed out that the collection at the end of the meeting serves two purposes. First, it helps members get to know each other by revealing little things that are happening in their lives. Second, it raises a little money to support the good works of the club.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

- 12/2** Bell Ringing all day at TOPS and Byrne Dairy
- 12/2** Stefan Lewandowski and Medicare Options
- 12/5** Star Shine – see sign-up sheets
- 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 – Team assignments and the tentative schedule of deadlines and events
- 12/19** Our Holiday Party at the Schwartz's
- 12/23** 2014 in review
- 12/30** No meeting
- 1/11** Visiting Governors' Receptions:  
Rooster Hill Winery (3:00 PM)  
Schwartings' Home for dinner (4:30 PM)  
Spouses and children welcomed
- 1/13** Board Meeting (8:00 AM)  
Club Assembly (noon), presentation by visiting DGEs, and presentation of the 2015 Conference
- 1/27** (tentative) New Member Induction

### Birthdays in December:

- **Sandi Perl** 12/2
- **John Socha** 12/2
- **Stacy Wyant** 12/20
- **Stu Porter** 12/30

## A-B-Cs of Rotary:

### THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY

**The Assembly:** In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide the 34,300 club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world.

The district assembly offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club. Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The assembly gives all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Usually eight to ten delegates from each club are invited to attend the training session.

Another important feature of a district assembly is a review by the incoming district governor of the program theme and emphasis of the new RI president for the coming year. District goals and objects are also described and plans are developed for their implementation.

The success of each Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in the annual district assembly.

**The District Conference:** Most Rotarians have never attended a Rotary district conference. They have not experienced one of the most enjoyable and rewarding privileges of Rotary membership.

A district conference is for all club members and their spouses, not just for club officers and committee members. The purpose of a district conference is for fellowship, good fun, inspirational speakers and discussion of matters which make one's Rotary membership more meaningful. Every person who attends a district conference finds that being a Rotarian becomes even more rewarding because of the new experiences, insights and acquaintances developed at the conference. Those who attend a conference enjoy going back, year after year.

Every one of Rotary's more than 530 districts has a conference annually. These meetings are considered so important that the Rotary International president selects a knowledgeable Rotarian as his personal representative to attend and address each conference. The program always includes several outstanding entertainment features, interesting discussions and inspirational programs.

One of the unexpected benefits of attending a district conference is the opportunity to become better acquainted with members of one's own club in an informal setting. Lasting friendships grow from the fellowship hours at the district conference.

## Our Rotary Foundation:

So, by now many of you are thinking about making a year-end special contribution to the Foundation. Specific ways to make cash or credit card donations to the Rotary Foundation include:

- Rotary Direct On-Line – Rotarians can make donations on-line using their credit cards to authorize either one-time or recurring donations.
- Standard Contribution Form – Rotarians can complete individual forms to make cash or credit card donations at any time. Speak to **Evelyn E.** or **Don O.**
- Multiple Donor Form – Rotarians may make cash donations via the personal envelopes maintained by Evelyn Emerson which are remitted to the Rotary Foundation via completion of Multiple Donor Forms.

Rotarians can also set up special end of life donation plans. Some prefer to be quiet about these plans, but if desired one can be recognized for their estate planning as follows:

- Benefactor – is an individual who informs the Rotary Foundation in writing that he or she has made a provision for the Foundation in his/her estate plan or makes an outright gift of \$1,000 or more to the Permanent Funds.
- Bequest Society – The Rotary Foundation recognizes individuals or couples who have made commitments in their estate plans totaling \$10,000 or more.

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

**Club Youth Services** team leader is looking 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.

Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>, our club will host a visiting District Governor Elect reception at Rooster Hill Winery, thanks to Dave and Amy Hoffman, and then a

buffet dinner at Rob and Carol's home at 280 Route 54, E. Lake Rd. Start at the winery about 3PM and at Rob and Carols about 4:30 PM. Light buffet dishes by club members are solicited. Watch for sign-up.

**Penn Yan Rotary Day & Online Auction:** The live radio auction is planned on April 25, 2015. Project leader, Carol W has drafted four team descriptions and invites every club member to select a team and be involved. The list will be sent around by email. If you have suggestions to share, please write to: ([carolworth280@gmail.com](mailto:carolworth280@gmail.com))

This year, every member will be asked to approach 6-8 businesses or professionals to solicit an ad, a donated item or a sponsorship. Too often a few Rotarians are asking 20-30 owners or businessmen and women, and it gets stale. It is hoped that everyone will share the load and learn about this important fundraiser.

To assist, starting in January, there will be support for everyone on "How to Make the Ask and Close Deals." It is good information for every Rotarian in his or her business and civic leadership: or for making our annual fundraiser better.

## 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).*