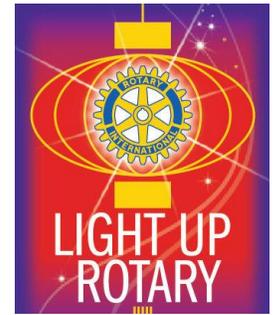


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Sifting Through Supplemental Part D Insurance

As our program on Tuesday, **Stefan** took us on a walk through Part D, Medicare Supplemental Insurance. His point was that our circumstances are constantly changing and our “best deal” for our medical insurance is constantly changing as well. He invited everyone in to Walgreens for a checkup. In response to **Jorgen**, Stefan pointed out that some insurance plans and some insurers have made special participation agreements which change the playing field. These agreements mean that insured individuals under a plan might have to change pharmacies, or elect a different insurance plan if they wish to stay with their preferred pharmacy. Stefan is married to Mary Ann, has two boys by a previous marriage and enjoys his daughter, Portia, now 2 years old. Stefan grew up in Cato, NY, graduated Suma Cum Laude from Cayuga Community College and now manages the Walgreen Store here in Penn Yan. He and Mary Ann also own and run the limo/wine tour service, PALS. **Enrollment decisions must be made by this Sunday, December 7th.**

District 7120 Keuka College Scholarship Awarded

Assistant Governor, **Tom Rogers**, assists **Mary Ellen** and **Evelyn**, advisors to the Keuka College Rotaract as they present the District 7120 Keuka College Scholarship to Alaysha Kelley, a junior. Alaysha comes from Elmira Heights and is a member of the Rotaract Club. She was selected from a competitive pool of applicants in recognition of her volunteering in many events and service activities on campus. She has been active in Girl Scouting, Multi-cultural programs and the Branchport Fire Company. In Rotaract, she has been involved in the annual Halloween Party in Penn Yan, bell ringing for Christmas for the Needy, and Can Hunger’s Can-struction. The award for \$1000 will assist her in completing her studies in her senior year at Keuka.



OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS -

District 7120 offers some really phenomenal 4-yr scholarships for winners of the yearly Oratorical Contest.

- RIT - \$5,000,
- U of R - \$10,000,
- Keuka - \$2,500
- Elmira - \$10,000
- St. John Fisher - \$2,500
- Nazareth - \$3,000
- Robert Wesleyan - \$2,500

Spread the word. We have many deserving and qualified students at PYA.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Paul Harris Holiday Celebration -

Our Holiday Celebration is December 19th at Carl & Kerri Schwartz's home at 2926 Coates Road (directions below) and will begin at 5:30 pm and last until around 8:00 pm.

Please sign up and plan to bring hors d'oeuvre or a dessert item to serve 10-12 people, or a bottle of wine. The main objective is to enjoy some holiday socializing with club members and their spouses. Festivities and fun may include carol singing (bring your best voice – this could be the high point of the evening!!), a holiday story/reading and the Kindle Fire Tablet drawing. Remember to bring any last minute raffle tickets that you sold. We invite you to send your favorite family holiday story/reading or other program suggestions to John Socha or Don Oakleaf by December 12th to possibly add to the fun!!

In order to raise funds for Paul Harris Awards (\$1,000 each), we will display the new Foundation Angel Tree to which members can attach their contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Also, it will be available at the regular 16th and 23rd Club Meetings. We are looking for personal checks made out to "The Rotary Foundation" and/or completed membership forms to the District 7120 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Society. Your contributions will be forwarded directly to the Foundation so that both you and our club will receive credit towards this year's Every Rotarian Every Year Award recognition program.

Directions to the Holiday Party at the Schwartz's

From Penn Yan, route 54A south to Williams Hill Road; Turn right onto Williams Hill, then at top of hill turn left on Coates Road. Schwartz's house is on the right at 2926 Coates Road. Large Victorian country home, drive rises from the road on the left side of house.

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>

Sakura, "Sake," is available to accompany you on short trips, dinners at your home, or local outings. **She loves to go shopping!** If the trip is for a longer

period, the Rotarian must complete some forms in advance. Soon, Sakura will be moving from the Elias' home to the Zehr's.

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 Happy Dollar pot saw some Lincolns and better this week! There was a lot of happiness in the room.

- **John S.** took a lot of ribbing for his birthday. **Sandi P.** shared the song. **Dyke S.** watched from a nearby table (since he was absent for all of November and missed his moment in the spotlight, did he feel included in the Happy Birthday too?). **Bob Shrader** and others reveled in pestering John. A little payback, perhaps?
- **Jack C.** (yes, he was at lunch) was beaming uncontrollably as he mentioned that his son, Ralph, is being inducted in the Junior Honor Society and was baptized last week. Ralph has convinced Jack to sell the Sanibel Island house and return to Penn Yan while he (Ralph, not Jack) finishes secondary school.
- Many gave thanks for the cooperative weather as we rang bells for Christmas for the Needy at TOPS and Byrne Dairy.
- **Deb F-C** gave thanks for the fellowship opportunity presented by bell ringing in pairs of Rotarians and was especially thankful for seeing mostly dollar bills, not coins, being stuffed down the chimney of the collection house. Truly a rewarding moment to see the generosity of our community.
- **Tom M.** was singled out for verbal mention (abuse?) by **Sandi P.**, his bell ringing partner, who had to ring alone for one hour and forty minutes. Tom hoped that a \$10 mea culpa would work. Sandi responded by chipping in a big wad of bills to thank Tom for his help (and others') in directing parking in the cold for the Madeline play programs. Considerable jocularly ensued....
- **Carl S.** shared the news that the documentary on Autism, in which he was a principal speaker, is being shown in NYC this week. Carl will attend and answer questions from viewers.
- **Tom H.** paid to tell a story about a chainsaw.

- **Tom Rogers**, Assistant Governor, expressed his thanks for our stepping up to host/run the District Training Assembly in the spring of 2016.
- **Steve**, new member awaiting his (and Christine's) formal induction, expressed gratitude for Thanksgiving with his family, something that he and Christine missed during their many years of overseas duty.
- **Sarah C.** expressed gratitude for a family gathering where the ages spanned 10 months to 93 years.
- **Barb E.** expressed some sadness for the soon to be transfer of Sake to the Zehr's home. **Stephanie Zehr** expressed expectancy and happiness.
- **Diane K.** regaled the club with the trials and tribulations of "Thanksgiving on the generator." Apparently, a lot went wrong. Insufficient oil for the generator....etc. Including lessons on how to flush without water pressure, and yes, you can cook a turkey on the grill. Moist inside...crunchy outside.
- **John S.** won the 50/50 pot. Cheers to all.

Don O points out that our 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 and **Gail** were wished a safe trip south, so a weekly volunteer will be needed to do attendance and welcome our members and guests. Are you it???

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.

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, Classic Café and Dundee Rotarian. We will need two to three Rotarians to help each day for lunch. This will occur on **December 10th and 11th**. Sign up with **Sue A.**

Almost a Full House:

On a wonderful sunny day, 28 Rotarians, and 7 guests partook of a great buffet. We busted out of the small dining room again. It is truly a lively luncheon when almost all our members are present. Guests were:

- **Sake**, our outgoing and intrepid exchange student from Japan
- **Alaysha Kelley**, Scholarship honoree
- **Tom Rogers**, Rotarian from Canandaigua, Assistant Governor
- **Billy Joe Jayne**, Rotarian from Dundee and Keuka College
- **Nick Peters**, newly assigned to Penn Yan by Paychecks
- **Anne Turner**, Advancement at Keuka College
- **Stephanie Zehr**, proposed member and host mom.

Only five active members were missing, and three of them were doing duty ringing bells.

A RED LETTER DAY!!!!

OUR NEXT MEETING:

We will meet, next Tuesday, December 9th, at the regular time and place. The program will be the annual reading of "T'was the Night Before Christmas" and Holiday Music. Come and enjoy!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

President **Stacy** observed that the Penn Yan Rotary Club is in high gear and in constant motion. "Who else is as active as we are?" On behalf of the board, he thanked everyone for their hard work.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

12/9 Holiday music theme and the club reading of "T'was 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-last day for the Foundation Angel Tree
- 12/30** No formal 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:

Vocational Service is the "Second Avenue of Service." No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work. Programs of vocational service are those which seek to improve business relations while improving the quality of trades, industry, commerce and the professions. Rotarians understand that each person makes a valuable contribution to a better society through daily activities in a business or profession.

Vocational Service is frequently demonstrated by offering young people career guidance, occupational information and assistance in making vocational choices. Some clubs sponsor high school career conferences. Our club and many others recognize the dignity of employment by honoring exemplary service of individuals working in their communities. The 4-Way Test and other ethical and laudable business philosophies are often promoted among young people entering the world of work. Vocational talks and discussion of business issues are also typical vocational service programs at most clubs.

Regardless of the ways that Vocational Service is expressed, it is the banner by which Rotarians "recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations"

and demonstrate a commitment to "high ethical standards in all businesses and professions." That's why the Second Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary club.

In District 7120, the Dictionary Project, where clubs give every third grade students a new dictionary, is considered a vocational project.

Literacy Projects - It has been estimated that a billion people - one-sixth of the world's population is unable to read. Illiteracy among adults and children is a global concern in highly industrialized nations as well as in developing countries.

The tragedy of illiteracy is that those who cannot read are denied personal independence and become victims of unscrupulous manipulation, poverty, and the loss of human dignity. Illiteracy is demeaning. It is a major obstacle for economic, political, social, and personal development and a barrier to international understanding, cooperation, and peace in the world.

Many Rotary clubs provide basic books for teaching reading. Others establish and support reading and language clinics, provide volunteer tutorial assistance, and purchase reading materials. Rotarians can play a vitally important part in their community, as we do, and in developing countries by promoting projects to open opportunities that come from the ability to read. For example, Australian Rotarians developed Lighthouses for Literacy projects in four schools in Thailand. This innovative teaching method proved so successful that the Thai government adopted it for all the nation's schools. Other Rotary clubs have used this model to develop literacy projects in Bangladesh, South Africa, Brazil, and other countries.

It is refreshing to note that a literacy program that our club proposed several years ago – Read to your Baby – is now being re-examined. It is a project where every mother is given a prescription "to read to your baby" and a book at every well-baby visit to the pediatrician. It involves someone (possibly us and a group of pediatricians) buying the books and giving them out at the doctors' offices for the 3, 6, 12 and 24 month well-baby check-ups.

Share the Joy:

Regardless of one's religious beliefs, and in the Rotary tradition of not embracing any practice that might offend another, we are at a time when the major religions in the USA express joy for blessings.

Chanukah, the Festival of Light, begins at sundown on December 16th and lasts 8 nights. It commemorates the miracle that a one day supply of oil to light the lamps in the ancient temple in Jerusalem lasted eight days. Therefore, in homes where the festival is celebrated, there is a menorah with 8 daily candles and a ninth for utilitarian purposes. Display of the menorah outside of the home and the popularization of Chanukah in the USA began about 1970 and is more commonly practiced or mentioned today.

The festival is a special time for additional daily blessings for the miracles in our lives. The children are given time to play games (Dreidels), receive gifts, or practice acts of charity.

Advent, a 4 week period of anticipation, commences in Christian Churches on the 4th Sunday before Christmas, which this year was November 30th. It encourages one to look forward to the first (the savior) and/or second (the judge) coming of Christ. The symbolism of the time is in a wreath with four candles. A new candle is lit each Sunday leading to Christmas. In many families, the wreath and candle lighting is a central daily focus.

Customs have varied over time, and at one time included fasting as occurs in the season of Lent. Most households today observe daily ceremonies of blessing, anticipation and charity at the main meal.

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

HELP! The club needs a volunteer to be leader of the **Youth Services** team. There are leaders for each of the major youth initiatives, Rotaract, Interact and Youth Exchange. All this leader volunteer needs to do is be the mouthpiece and advocate for youth services when needed.

Sunday January 11th, 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.** Be sure to invite potential members to attend as well.

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)

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

- **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.

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.