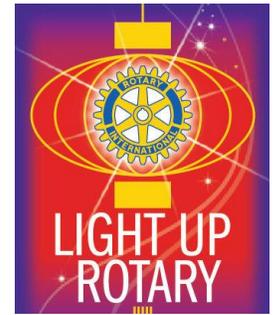


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T'was the night before Christmas



A tradition of the club to read the Night before Christmas was started by **John S** years ago, and was directed by him once more. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



Top left – **John** handing out honorary Santa hats and picking on **Sandi P** a bit. Top right – **Sandy** giving it right back...and smiling a lot. Bottom left – Our intrepid leader and honorary Santa, **Stacy** raptly listening to the club's poetic reading of the classic Christmas poem. Bottom right – Newest member **Jackie S** shows the proper theatrical emphasis as she reads the closing lines of the poem. Guest and one time active Rotarian from the Gloversville area and now residing on East Lake Road, **Fred Goossen**, (not shown) had the club in stitches with his poetic license as he read. The club was entertained by the Academy's Select Chorus, with Jessica Kinsey, director.



Carol W takes her turn at the poem.

Board Meeting Discussions

During the December 2014 Board meeting the officers and directors discussed the following items:

Membership: New member induction is now planned for the Jan. 27th noon meeting. Inductees will be Stephanie Zehr, Steve and Tina Miller, and Dr. David Graham. Another applicant is Stephanie Bates; while Nicholas Peters has asked for an application.

Also, **Jackie S** has volunteered to lead an effort to mentor and inform new members of the many Rotary customs and service opportunities. A fireside Q/A session was proposed for February.

Youth: Sakura spent last weekend with her fellow exchange students and will be heading to NYC for this weekend. Starting on the 15th, she can be invited to your home to learn your family Christmas or Chanukah traditions.

Our **Ashley Gleason** was named 2nd Runner-up for Ms. Penn Yan. She is being encouraged to compete in the District 7120 Oratorical Competition.

Interact meets Sunday at the Living Well and will be making Christmas cards for the elderly. The **Rotaract** is dark until January when Keuka College resumes classes.

Finances: The club continues to have sound and prudent reserves. The Flood Relief committee must meet and distribute the last of their funds by year end. Christmas for the Need sent a "Thank You" for the \$2000 we gave for flood victim's Christmas. kidCARE distributed 180 cases of diapers.

Global Project experienced directors were able to inform the newer directors about the process of selecting, planning and funding a major project like the one that the **Corning Club** is doing with **Leon F** in the Congo. It means deferring (saving) club funds for a while to accomplish something significant. A good

time to learn about major projects in developing countries is during the District Governor Elect (DGE) Exchange reception in January. Attend and listen to the DGEs describe projects they envision.

SELECT CHORUS SINGS



The Select Chorus provides some inspirational selections for our enjoyment. From the left: Abby, JJ, Nick, Trevor, and Brittany.

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.

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

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.

STARSHINE A big Rotary THANKS! to the elves that helped....in the freezing rain...**Warren** and **Melissa Kinsey**, **Carol W, Dyke S**, and of course the super elf herself – **Sue A**. The line for Santa was much longer than usual this year.

Don O is home with a cold, but sends his encouragement for everyone to come to the Holiday Party.

Larry L has made a fast friend in **Bob Greene**, Rochester Deaf Club, and they plan to tour the district showing the new Rotary Logo. He is helping the club get apparel and memorabilia for our future projects. Larry also is excited by his new wind controller instrument. He says he can sound like 200 different instruments...looks like a weird clarinet.

Bob Scharf, our club photographer, mentions that 66 and 2/3rds of his children will be home this season.

Warren K was the proud parent with his son in the chorus that sang for us, and with a son completing his first semester at Alfred.

David and **Amy** are grateful for the warmth and good feelings of the season. **Mary Ellen** reciprocated by thanking the **Hoffmans** and Rooster Hill Winery for their Christmas celebration.

Jackie and **Pam** (and others) are grateful for their friends, the season and wished all a safe trip.

Stu mentioned his family and **Evelyn** was grateful for a returning grandson. **Mary Ellen** was thankful for time with her grandchildren at a Santa breakfast.

Bob Shrader paid a bit in advance...looking for good luck and a safe journey...2000 miles to Chicago and then to Boston.

Carl S was overjoyed with the reception in NYC for the documentary film on Autism. The film comes next to Rochester. He remarked that Kiwanis was

very visible at the NYC showing, and he wants that changed for Rochester.

Sue A. mentioned that family traditions continue in spite of the older girls being away. Traditions persist.

Sandi M reports that her family is locked in battle with the neighboring **Kinsey** family for the best lighting effects on the street. Our feisty Sandi says: "Bring it on!"

Kim H., recent mom, reports that the loving husband is taking her to NYC to the Rockets Christmas Show at Radio City. She confesses to being a Rocket wanna be when she was young, and is thrilled with this trip.

Rotary did very well in Ms. Penn Yan contest. The new Ms. Penn Yan is Johanna Marchenese a member of Interact; 1st Runner-up is Chelsi Thompson, one of our Student of the Month award recipients; and our sponsored candidate Ashley Gleason was selected 2nd Runner-up.

FELLOWSHIP OVER LUNCH:

Nice! Stuffed chicken breasts and the fixings made today's buffet. It has been another nice meal and great service. Sue and staff absorb our ups and downs in attendance with aplomb. There was lots of chatting and laughing at my table....good to be among friends for a short break in the day.



Who knows, you might end up sitting with two totally strange people, who in this case, **Sandi** and **Rob**, are honorary Santa....for a day.

JOIN IN A PROJECT:

If you know of a **community project, not a Rotary one** that might be of interest to service-minded Rotarians, tell me at lunch and it will appear there.

OUR NEXT MEETING:

We will meet, next Tuesday, December 16th, at the regular time and place. The program will be the first cut at having fun in Rotary Radio Day. Team leaders will compete for sign-unches 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.**

ups. Come and enjoy!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

President **Stacy** did not ring the bell at 1:00. Instead he reminded us all that we are a family of friends for which there is no end...our meetings continue through the week until we gather next Tuesday.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

- 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:

Our weekly meetings offer us a great opportunity and have a few "rules." We get together for fellowship and intend to offend no one such everyone should feel welcome and participate freely.

Most Rotarians are successful professional and business executives because they hear opportunities knock and take advantage of them. The weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors you have not known before, and to share your personal friendship with other members.

Rotary clubs which have a reputation of being "friendly clubs" usually follow a few simple steps. Members are encouraged to sit in a different seat or at a different table each week or to sit with a member they do not know as well as their long time personal friends. Members are asked to invite new members or visitors to join their table and share the conversation around the table rather than merely eating in silence or talking privately to the person next to them. Rotarians also should make a special point of trying to get acquainted with all members of the club.

When Rotarians follow these five easy steps, an entirely new opportunity for fellowship knocks each week. Soon Rotarians realize that warm and personal friendship is the cornerstone of every great Rotary club.

In many Rotary clubs, it is customary to open weekly meetings with an appropriate invocation or blessing. Usually such invocations are offered without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths.

Rotary policy recognizes that throughout the world Rotarians represent many religious beliefs, ideas and creeds. The religious beliefs of each member are fully respected, and nothing in Rotary is intended to prevent each individual from being faithful to such convictions.

At international assemblies and conventions, it is traditional for a silent invocation to be given. In respect for all religious beliefs and in the spirit of tolerance for a wide variety of personal faiths, all persons are invited to seek divine guidance and peace in their own way. It is an inspiring experience to join with thousands of

Rotarians in an international "silent prayer" or act of personal devotion. Usually all Rotary International Board and committee meetings begin with a few moments of silent meditation. In this period of silence, Rotary demonstrates respect for the beliefs of all members, who represent the religions of the world.

Since each Rotary club is autonomous, the practice of presenting a prayer or invocation at club meetings is left entirely to the traditions and customs of the individual club, with the understanding that these meeting rituals always be conducted in a manner that will respect the religious convictions and faiths of all members and are nondenominational in nature.

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. Plans are being made to make this year's production more fun and turn it into a **celebration of Rotary**, as much as a fund raiser.

Project leader, **Carol W** has drafted four team descriptions and invites every club member to select a team and be involved. If you have suggestions to share, please write to: (carolworth280@gmail.com)

Team **Solicitation** will keep track of donors, make assignments and help club members reach out and talk to our faithful supporters. They are the helpers that give us the skills to talk about Rotary, ONSEYAWA, and our good works.

Team **Production** will organize the day of the Auction and produce the show and afterglow. They

will work with the radio station, phones and Milly's as well as scheduling readers, auctioneers, and phone workers throughout the day.

Team **Trackers** will keep track of all the donations, where they are, who to thank, and make sure in the end that the right person gets the item. They will supervise a team of data entry workers to get auction items on the Internet Bidding for Good site.

Team **Media** will blast away at the consuming public by every means possible so that the world is aware of Penn Yan Rotary and that we are doing something great with our Auction

VISITATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Do you want some variety in your life? Well, then visit a neighboring club. It is fun. Let others know when you plan on going, and you might be surprised by how many might join you.

- **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.

MISSED A MEETING?

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.