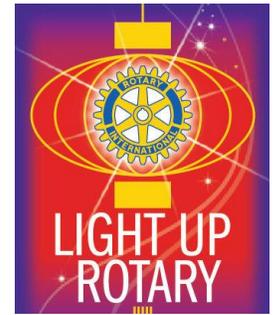


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WOW!!!! ROTARY GOES TO BUFFALO IN MAY

Clifton Springs' Christa McDonald-Socha and Mary Beer brought the 2015 Conference message to Penn Yan and presented compelling reasons for going to Buffalo this May. The message is that Buffalo is resurgent! The Darwin Martin House has been renovated and its grounds have a new pergola; the canal park has been created and a grand tourist's district has grown up around it; to say nothing about the renovated Hyatt. The 11th Floor pool will be where we will find our families and the Exchange Students. It is close! The room and meal plan is pretty reasonable, especially if you register early.



President **Stacy** asked us why we went to conferences in our past. Clearly, the one word was "Fellowship!" **Rob S.** mentioned the year that he and Carol hosted the club's party suite. **Sue A.** talked about family weekends. **Diane and Jeff** mentioned the kindness and warm shared by all the Rotarians. Overall, this might be a highlight for many of us this spring. We are urged to start planning now to make sure that as many members as possible can make the short trip to Buffalo and be part of this promising experience. Details can be found at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50098/SitePage/district-conference>

Yes, we are going to be in Buffalo on May 15, 2015. Put is on your calendar. Don't afraid to venture out of the hotel. There will be several tours, and some of us can lead you further afield for some extra tours to the historical or art museum, as well as some of the Frank Lloyd Wright buildings.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Interact's post-holiday can drive seems unending.

Bag your party returnable cans and bottles and bring them to Lyons National Bank (**Sue A.**) or to Two Can Dan's, where you ask for the refund to be credited to the **Interact** Club. If all else fails, contact Sue A and she will arrange a pickup at your home

Inductees on January 27th:

- David Graham
- Christine Miller
- Steven Miller
- Stephanie Bates
- Stephanie Willson (formerly Zehr)

Stephany Zehr is now Stephany Willson (two "Ls").... She can be reached at: Stephanie: 941-928-6838 (C) or 315-531-2723 (W).

Saki has moved to the Wilson's and has a cell phone: 315-719-8569

If you are inviting **Sake** out or to an event, Stephany and Tom would like you to please text, call or email either of them as well so that they are kept in the loop. Oh yes...**Sake** has a Skiing pass for the season, and needs size 8 boots. Go ski with her!

Bob Scharf announced that Arbor Day '15 is under way and will be at the club's convenience in April. Starting this year, **Barb Elias** will be leading the project. Typically, ten members volunteer for 45 minutes of tree bagging and fellowship in Rob's barn and two or three more spend an hour presenting the trees to elementary school kids.

Jack C. returned from Florida...permanently...for now; has been signed up as song director for January, and was AWOL this week. Oops....or as he says, his not singing is a true blessing.

Word is that **Stu P** is undergoing cataract surgery. Give him a shout!

Rotary met for lunch on a sunny day, and many gave thanks for the sun and warmth of the sun, in spite of a 10 degree high. People also gave thanks for a great wine reception at Rooster Hill and the Schwartings on Sunday. It was a real blow out at both venues. Rob and Carol thanked all who came; brought food, cookies and fruit; and helped. There were a few fish stories told and more wine "tasted" during a spirited clean up session. It was truly lots of fun....well may

be the dish washers and spill scrubbers might see it differently.

Prez. Stacy mentioned that he should take more vacations like this past one...a cruise. "Since I was gone, the club has had several marvelous meetings....all without my help. I should go more."

Dean M reported that the club had its usual bang up day ringing bells for Christmas for the Needy. We pulled in over \$850. Did **Larry L's** sax playing draw in a few extra bucks? Or was it **Sue A's** elf suit?

Jeff K kept up the pressure on **John S.** and walked away with \$5 from the 50/50. Diane K said the fix was in..."333"...the number drawn...has huge significance in the Krans family.

The Corning Museum of Glass was quite an event for us and our guests. **Tina, Diane, Steve, Rob** and **Jeff** represented Penn Yan well. Jeff and Diane's guest **Evangeline Jesuthusan** and host **Luitweiler** won hand blown bowls.



Corning Museum of Glass gaffer George and Evangeline



BOARD NEWS:

Community service - Sandi said the committee for Can Hunger will kick off the week of March 16th. (Chris, Sandy M, Teresa, Tom M and Sandi P) are in charge of the event and chose to restructure the event. This year, participants will build structure in various places of business and Rotarians will judge

them. Two weeks later the winners may attend a club meeting to accept their prizes. The club meeting on the 20th will be devoted to Can Hunger. Committee is looking for some PR assistance, perhaps George Schaefer might help.

Youth Services

- ⦿ Interact sent Christmas cards to residents of Clinton Crest Manor, The Homestead and Penn Yan Manor. They had a can and bottle drive at 2 Can Dan's. Their annual email meeting will be Sunday the 18th.
- ⦿ No candidate for the Oratorical contest however there is interest from one home schooled student.
- ⦿ **Ashley Gleason**, Miss Penn Yan candidate Rotary sponsored sent a Thank you note.
- ⦿ District Interact Coordinator **Mary Ann Cooper** emailed **Sue** and **Sandi** to ask what role Interact should take at the District Conference. Sue noted that PY Interactors will not be attending the conference in Buffalo.
- ⦿ **Courtney Elias** our outbound YEX student in 2013-2014 has graduated PYA and now will be attending University of Albany.
- ⦿ **Sandi** moved that the club sign the commitment letter to host a YEX student during 2015-2016. Second by Diane. Motion carried.

Membership

- ⦿ **Amy Hoffman's** application for membership has been received. Tom May moved that it be approved, second by Sue. Motion carried.
- ⦿ Prospective members include **Fred Goosen** a former Rotarian retiring to Dundee, **Robert Smith** who is a Rotary Past President from Batavia, and **Nick Peters** regional Paychex employee.
- ⦿ **Jackie** and **Stacy** reviewed the 4 members to be inducted on the 27th and felt there sponsors would be good mentors. The induction will be different than what we have done in the past.

Foundation

- ⦿ **Karen Parkhurst** of the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club asked for financial support funding a grant in Nicaragua, but Diane suggested we wait to decide as there is a 3 week delay on that grant moving forward.
- ⦿ District Simplified Grants have been completed from last year and the final report from kidCARE is complete and ready to submit.
- ⦿ Members should brainstorm as to ideas to support next year with DSG funds. Diane said she supports the Keuka College scholarship and perhaps asking for funds to support a Rotary Day

in connection with Radio Day to work alongside local community members.

Old Business

- ⦿ A donation of \$2,491 was sent to Food for the Needy in memory of Millie Bloomquist
- ⦿ Rotary Radio Auction is scheduled for April 25, 2014 and Carol will need club time. Many members have signed up to work on the four teams to support this fund raiser.
- ⦿ Bob Shrader offered to help the club purchase new banners; though now, Stacy found a box of banners in our "Rotary Office," upstairs over Carl Schwartz's law office.



FELLOWSHIP OVER LUNCH:

We had a great meeting, great fellowship and lots of fun today. Prez Stay was back and stuffed sole, sautéed squash and wild rice pilaf were on the buffet. and an accomplished speaker at the podium. The conference invitation and banner exchanges with our visiting foreign District Governors Elect made for a quick and interesting meeting. Guests were:

- **Christa MacDonald-Socha**, and **Mary Beer**, Rotarians from the Clifton Springs club
- **Sake**, our exchange student
- **Luis and Esther Fong**, our exchange DGE and spouse from Chile
- **George and Evangeline Jesuthusan**, our DGE and spouse from Sri Lanka



Rob and Luis exchange club banners.



George and Jeff exchange club banners



A B C's OF ROTARY

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the gear wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.



FELLOWSHIP EXCHANGE TO NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

The Rotary Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotarians and spouses. The RFE provides participants with the opportunity to experience other cultures by staying in the homes of Rotarians in other countries and experiencing their

district. In turn, their Rotarians visit our district and are hosted by our Rotarians.

Our District has been invited to participate in a RFE in **District 7820 in Nova Scotia, Canada**. The province of Nova Scotia is made up of mainland Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island. Nova Scotia has the beautiful Annapolis Valley, famous for apples, miles of rugged coastline, and the busy port of Halifax. Cape Breton Island, rich in Scottish heritage, is one of the most scenic areas of the Maritime Provinces. Its famous Cabot Trail was named after John Cabot, and marks the discovery of North America in the fifteenth century.

The exchanges will begin with a visit to Nova Scotia D7820 currently planned for September 7 to the 21st/22nd. The team from Nova Scotia D7820 will then visit our District 7120 from October 1st to the 14th/15th. There will be a limit of 12 team members that D7820 will accept. Priority will be provided to Rotarians that have hosted but have not participated in a Rotary Friendship Exchange.

If you have any questions or an interest in hosting or participating in the trip to Nova Scotia, let's have a sit down chat with our district RFE guru. Rob-536-9850



JOIN IN A PROJECT:

Safe Harbors is considering a Golf Tournament with which to raise needed funds. Anyone with tournament planning experience or soliciting donors to sponsor holes, etc. is needed.

Milo Lodge, Freemasons will be selling hearts at East View Mall to raise money for the Ronald McDonald house in Rochester, and will be sponsoring a non-perishable food donation drive in the PY Elementary School in February.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

- 1/20 Surprise meeting topic by Prez. Stacy
- 1/27 New Member Induction

1/28 Auction team leader coordination meeting at Schwartings 4:30

Birthdays in January:

- Pam Donnells 1/9
- Tina Miller 1/16



OUR NEXT MEETING:

We will meet, next Tuesday, January 20th, at the regular time and place. The program is a presentation of the forthcoming **Can Hunger**...the can art and construction competition to benefit the food cupboard for the needy.



WHAT IF WE.....

...make an outing to Corning for the 2300 degree show. It is every third Thursday from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. It features a different glass artist making some truly unique objects, wines, and hors d'oeuvres. This week, 1/15, the Sim Redmond Band will bring their distinctive sound and rich harmonies to the stage. Based out of Ithaca, they blend sounds from west and south Africa to create a unique rock beat and reggae sound. The glass shop is open at 5:00 PM and there is no admission fee. Next event is 2/19.

...meet for a little Rotary After-Hours at Ray Spenser's new WINE BAR some afternoon after work? Invited our friends and spouses for a little investigation of the spirits and atmosphere at this new chic dive?

"Knock three times, and whisper low

That you and I were sent by Joe..."

Below and behind Birkett's Landing...may be Thursday the 22nd? Who's interested?

...joined forces with Friends of the Outlet Trail this spring for an annual trail repair/maintenance effort? Community Service chair **Dyke Smith** is gathering ideas for a Rotary Project on the trail, perhaps info kiosks at various places along the trail... Thoughts???



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