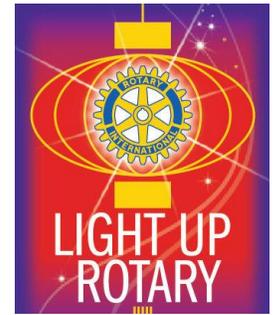


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IT'S A GO! -- CAN HUNGER

It's all about kicking hunger in the can...or something like that. **Chris B** and **Tom M**, with some sideline coaching from **Sandi M.**, launched the 2015 edition of CAN HUNGER. This will be the third year that Penn Yan Rotary will be holding an artistic competition to benefit the Community Food for the Needy program.

Can Hunger is really an outlet for innovative and artistic people who excelled in the Tinker Toy construction phase of childhood. It involves designing and constructing an object, logo, map, etc. out of dried goods. Boxes or cans of food...anything non-perishable... is used to make a dragon, or a Syracuse Block SU, or a Rotary Wheel. See these pictures of can-structures made by teams in the national competition.



The competition this year will be in March, about the 8th -13th timeframe. The project team is looking for many groups, companies and organizations willing to compete. Each team creates a design/theme and then purchases the cans and boxes that reflect the color scheme and provide a structure. Things like pasta and vegetables might predominate. Teams are allowed to use some secondary supporting material, but cannot remove or destroy the labels. Will ROTARY field a team this year? Can your place of business provide a team or space for some other team to build and show their entry? More to come.



If you want to have some serious FUN, then you want to join **Tom M.** and **Chris B.** (and **the two Sandi's**) in the Can Hunger Competition. They are looking for a PY Rotary team to jump in the competition.



NEWS AND NOTES:

The art and sport of skiing raised a lot of happy dollars this week. Either ROTARIANS were going skiing, coming home from skiing, had children skiing at exotic places around the world, or had grandchildren barely old enough to tie their shoes taking the T-Bar to the top of the slope and bombing to the bottom. But....here goes...

Larry of **THE Ohio State** was off skiing recently, visited grandkids in FLA and is about to take off on an alumni skiing reunion out west.

A proud grandpa **John S.** reports that granddaughter #1 broke her collarbone while preparing for a gymnastics meet, so granddaughter #2 stepped up and

won an event first and an overall second. Kelsey has arrived safely in Australia...regrettably, that is about as far from here as one can go. Does anyone think that we might get her to find for us a good-humor sister club down there?

Ryan H. reports great time on the slopes and no broken bones.

Stu P. checked in with eye #1 cataract removed without a hitch, and #2 scheduled for next week.

David H. casually dropped word that his granddaughter is currently at THE Ohio State...not sure whether that made him happy, but a forthcoming trip to FLA surely does.

Chris B. is happy that she has so far missed all the big Buffalo storms and been able to get across the border to Crystal Beach and **Norm.** Get a Nexus card....no wait at the border anymore.

Family is healthy and happy, so **Sue A.** is too.

Don O., our Foundation man, is happy that the 2014 grant paperwork is done and that our Dime-olish Polio campaign collected \$365.01.

Lots of laughing when **Tom H.** reported that wife **Sarah's** birthday was the 19th. What'd I miss????? Oh well....moving right along.

Happy and grateful grandma, **Mary Ellen,** reported moving her granddaughter into college dorm.

Yes, a great granddaughter was born in Virginia, **Evelyn E.** was happy to report.

Host mom, **Stephany W.** reported that **Sake** was skiing with the family over the weekend and broke no bones.

Sake reported working hard on studies...and skiing.

Coreen L from Waterloo Club was happy to learn what we were doing with Can Hunger, and travel companion **Ellen H.** was just plain happy. Someone pointed out that we were witnessing a special event...two Past District Governors (PDGs) at a meeting that wasn't a district event. Well, come to think of it, it's not really that special for the Penn Yan Club. PDG Hall and Alhart also doubled up with Jeff. It's nice to note ... we must be a welcoming club.

Valentine's Day is coming.

With an “Oh well, don’t watch.” **Diane K.** reported that the two youngest (6 years old) ride the T-bar up the slope....and down they come.

Carol W. was happy to be out of the house after 10 days of an unshakable cold and is looking forward to a trip to NJ...away from snow and with grandson.

Sarah C. confessed that she was “one sore puppy.” On her day off, she tried to keep up with father splitting wood. It puts a new meaning on young people hanging out at the “maul.”

Stacy W. beamed warmly as he reflected on the merits of having an older large family. He and **Chris** are at the point when pay-offs are fabulous. A cruise with one set of kids, another is sending best wishes from the ski slopes of Austria....etc.

Dyke S. reported that his employer encourages staff to volunteer in their communities by matching volunteer hours with cash contributions. Dyke’s work in Rotary earned a **\$500 check to camp ONSEYAWA.**



FELLOWSHIP OVER LUNCH:

30 Rotarians and guests had a crazy, funny meeting and great fellowship today. **Prez Stacy** mixed things up by doing happy dollars before the program on CAN HUNGER. **Carol W.** gave a little update on Rotary Days and Auction. Guests were:

- **Ellen Hughes** and **Coreen Lowry** from the Waterloo Club.
- **Sake**, our exchange student



A B C's OF ROTARY

This week, an article in the District Newsletter by Jon Alhart is probably worth repeating here:

Dedicate two minutes this month to raising awareness of Rotary. That’s it – two minutes. We all have two minutes, right? How hard can it be to take two minutes to let someone know why we love Rotary? It doesn’t have to be a “you really should join

Rotary” message we’re sharing. It just has to be, “this is why I love Rotary.” That’s it - a simple conversation with a friend.

January is Rotary Awareness Month, and if we all took two minutes to tell someone about Rotary, it would mean 6,000 more people would find out more about what Rotary does. Heck, since it’s only two minutes, we could do this every month! 6,000 x 12....that means 72,000 more people would find out more about what Rotary does!

Here are my two cents...or rather...two minutes.

Why do I love Rotary? Every January, more than 150 people brave Rochester’s wonderful winter to have fun for a good cause. It’s the Pen-Web Rotary Snow Much Fun softball tournament, and it’s what Rotary is all about – fellowship and generosity. All of the money raised goes to our club’s three pillars of giving – Literacy, the Rotary Foundation, and non-profits in the Greater Rochester, N.Y region.

It if wasn’t for Rotary, I wouldn’t have ever met wonderful people who I now consider good friends. I wouldn’t be able to give back in such a fun way. I wouldn’t be able to help more people read, simply by slipping in the snow on my way to first base.

So there are my two minutes (it might have even been less that that). What are yours? Take a minute to think about it, and then tell someone.



FELLOWSHIP EXCHANGE TO NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

Prez Stacy calls attention to the Rotary Friendship Exchange, which 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.

This year our District has been invited to participate in a RFE in **District 7820 in Nova Scotia, Canada.** In past years the exchanges have been with various districts in Europe and Australia.

The exchange involves normally a dozen or so Rotarians and spouses travelling in country and being hosted at exchange homes for two weeks. Then a like group comes here for a similar experience. One can host an incoming family for a few days (Oct 1st to 15th) and need not travel to the foreign country at this time. Hosts will have priority choices on future outbound exchanges.

If you have any questions or an interest in hosting or participating in the trip to Nova Scotia, let's have a chat over wine and cheese with our district RFE guru. Call Rob and Carol, 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 on February 13th 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 later in February.

The Arts Center of Yates County is hosting a series of Winter Workshops...educational and recreational fundraising at the Main Street Gallery. Volunteer to help in their projects or participate.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

- 1/27 New Member Induction
- 1/28 Auction team leader coordination meeting at Schwartings 4:30
- 2/3 Toss Up – Come and listen
- 2/10 Board Meeting LNB 8:00 AM
- 2/10 Club Assembly

Birthdays in January:

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



OUR NEXT MEETING:

We will meet, next Tuesday, January 20th, at the regular time and place. The program will be the induction of new members:

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

Please feel free to invite other guests, and if you do, **RSVP to Prez Stacy**, 536-2363 (o), 536-9589 (h), or stacywyant@storkinsurance.com by Monday, 26th, so that the restaurant can plan seating.



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. Next month, February 19th, it will be glassmaking by Raven Skyriver, live music by Red Baraat, and great food and drink. The glass shop is open at 5:00 PM and there is no admission fee.

...join 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???

...pay a surprise visited to our Canandaigua Club next Thursday, the 29th? Rumor -- their 12:15 meeting in the Culinary Arts Center is fabulous...great food and a great room. **Carol** and **Rob** are going and would like company...and while there, looking up the various wine tasting and culinary classes around Valentine's Day. Yummmm.....!



VISITATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Do you want some variety in your life? Well, 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