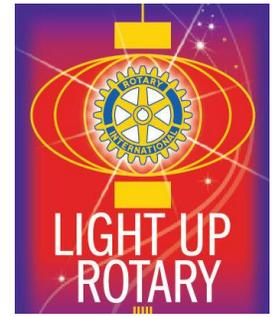


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Happy Sixteenth Birthday Sake!!!



The Club took time, a day late, to celebrate the 16th Birthday for Sakura, our exchange student from Japan. The weekend snow storm was heavy enough to cause a snow day at the Academy, so she had the day off from school. She celebrated at home by “relaxing doing absolutely nothing.”

There was a mix of gifts in the Happy Birthday bag from the club.

We wished her well, and sang “Happy Birthday” for her in English. Not a bad job either. (Carl S. was present to get us going on key)

Not to be outshone, our intrepid Treasurer Tom rose to the occasion and joined Sake. They share the same birthday. When asked, Tom declined to mention his age...”just a bit more than her’s.”

Bob Scharf brought in two pieces of carrot cake, and Jorgen O. lit the candles. It was a bit of a challenge and involved the fire under the chaffing dish. It seems that there are no match carrying smokers in the club.

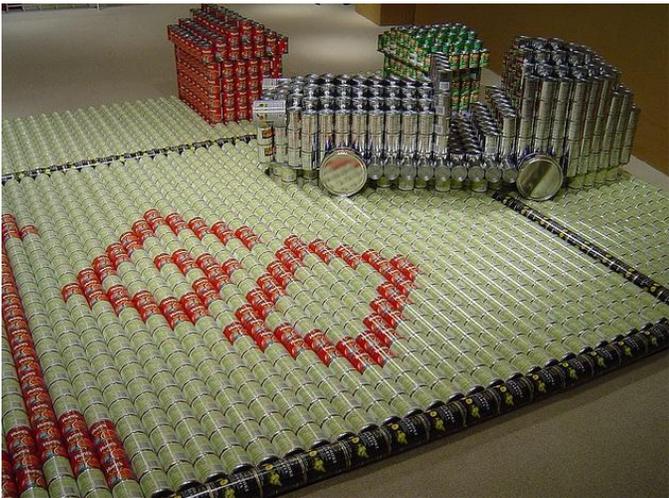


CAN-STRUCTION is FUN!!!!

Here are a few ideas of can-structions that were done by groups in the past. It seems that rules now allow some internal support and edge to edge hot gluing to keep the can-struction in one piece.



There are several variations on the iPod, but one can see how they used a few cut out letters and colored paper disks to fill in the ends of cans to make the drawing in the iPod screen.



A monopoly board is a cool theme and doesn't require a lot of vertical internal support or edge gluing of cans. It does look like it needs more cans.

Rubik's Cube (top of next column) looks interesting and requires a bit of wood to make the cube divisions and edges. I imagine there is a wooden cube on the inside that provides part of the structure under the top row of cans. What do you think?



Sponge Bob Square Pants....how hard could that be? See R2-D2 at the right?



For more information, contact **Tom May** **Sandi Perl**



NEWS AND NOTES:

John S. and **Dyke S.** seem to have gotten the best of those "west coast fans"....barely. **Bob Shrader** and the loyal Superbowl opposition were blessed with several miraculous catches and cursed with one horrible interception. Congratulations to the Patriots and Brady for keeping us entertained between

commercials. **Bob/John** put some bucks in the bucket in hopes of seeing the Bills in the playoff next year. Yeah....right...it's going to cost a lot more!

Lots of members paid into the happiness bucket because of BIRTHDAYS and SUNSHINE. Lunch at the Top of the Lake on a sunny day in winter is without question a real upper.

Visiting Rotarians, **Jeff and Jerry**, pitched in a little for the beautiful drive down (uphill) to Penn Yan. **"Great lunch and a great fellowship."**

Carol is grateful for all the enthusiasm and leadership the Auction teams are demonstrating. Meetings are underway and they are hitting their stride.

To brighten a winter day, **Bob Scharf** told the story of a bee that LOVED clover, which by the way, a passing cow loved as well. Buzzing from blossom to blossom, the bee was not cautious enough and found itself trying to escape from the cow's stomach. The bee panicked, tried to escape, grew weary and laid back to rest. In time, the bee was happy to note that the cow had gone. ...yes, we try to have fun in Rotary.

Jorgen O. is looking forward to visits from ALL of his grandchildren next week...ones from Vancouver and others from Denmark. By the way, 180 farm clients visits later, he is up to his neck in year-end financial plans and taxes. From his perspective, the largest industry in Yates County – Agriculture – is doing well. Small dairies had very good returns in 2014.

Warren K was afforded the recognition this week as: "the man of very few words." It beats me what that means, but there was more than a little laughing from that side of the room today.

It was red letter day. **Jorgen O.** and **Carl S.** were both present. Had **Jack C.** been at table, it would have been a TRIFECTA. Is there anyone out there a betting man (woman)? What are the odds?

Stu P. is the greeter/attendance keeper this month, and is back after two cataract surgeries. "Doing great!" he says.

Carl S, Mary Ellen M. and **Evelyn E.** are celebrating the students coming back to Keuka this week. Hoping all made a safe return. ROTARACT will start next week with an officers' meeting, and full club meetings will start in two weeks. All Rotarians are welcome to attend.

It was reported that **Sue A.** is bruised and sore from a rousing round of King of the Hill. Curious Rotarians want to know who the contestants were, and what material formed the hill. As I recall, she and Dave ran a dairy and cattle operation....so I'm just curious.

Steve M. Stephen...to correct my error from last week... rejoiced for the return of sunshine. **Tina** says that it is nice to be in a place where there are 4 seasons. "It's hard to keep track of events when the weather is the same every day....Christmas without snow is just not right or memorable."

\$10 from the 50/50 pot went to **Ryan H.**

The **50/50 pot** for the next few weeks will have an added second drawing for packets of note cards. These cards were created by the campers at **Camp ONSEYAWA** and have been appreciation gifts for contributions to the Camp. Donated by **Dyke S.** Is it possible to get more? **See Sue A. or Dyke S.**

Sue A. read a wonderful reflection on climbing Mt. Rainer. It was more or less – A Step Closer to an ideal world...climbing, scaling the peak as one. One carries one's own baggage, a trek a climb, all equal. People on the trek are not strangers, just friends not yet introduced. It is a chance to pause and a realization, an appreciation of a touch more understanding of self, of others and of our natural world.

NOTE: If one searches the Internet for "**A Step Closer – Mt. Rainer**" one is taken to a site dedicated to raising awareness for organ donation. Hmmmm... interesting and inspiring too.



FELLOWSHIP OVER LUNCH:

27 Rotarians and guests were presented with a Chicken Pot Pie and salad buffet....wonderful pastry and creamy chicken filling. Super!!! **Prez Stacy** welcomed back our new members and invited everyone to take the time to meet each. Guests were:

- **Jeff Cassim**, from our Waterloo Club and Foundation Area Director
- **Sake**, our exchange student
- **Jerry Macaluso**, from our Seneca Falls Club and Area Assistant District Governor

PROJECT PLANS 2015-16

Don O met with a planning team and reports a tentative list of projects that would need District Simplified Grant (DSG) support for the next Rotary year. The club should anticipate getting at most \$3,000. The list is not final, and all club members are urged to check what excites them and speak to club directors. On the list for next year are:

- Scholarship for deserving Keuka Student. \$500 would come from the DSG to be matched by ROTARACT and PY Club contributions. Must do!

Two other projects rose to the top, and one of the two could be supported. More details are needed to refine the project requirements and grant application.

- Support the entrepreneurial and educational programs of the FFA and 4-H for some special youth activity, such as growing the vegetables and then manufacturing and selling a Salsa.

- Create and support a pre-school literacy program through the local physicians: "Read to Your Baby."

Also discussed were programs to address drug addictions, bullying, the YCRR recreation center, and tourism enhancements along the trail. In long-time Rotarian Doc McCarthy's memory, it was mentioned that we could lead the effort to have a public bathroom erected in the village, at the boat launch or along the Outlet Trail. These last projects were either postponed for more progress through community planning or thought to be eligible for more appropriate funding from other sources.



A B C's OF ROTARY

Rotarians have not only been present for major events in history—we've been a part of them. From the beginning, three key traits have remained strong throughout Rotary:

We're truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today we're working together from around the globe both digitally and in-person to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

We persevere in tough times. During WWII, Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Japan were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many

continued to meet informally and following the war's end, Rotary members joined together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.

Our commitment to service is ongoing. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. By 2014, only three countries remain polio-endemic—down from 125 in 1988. And, for the past two weeks, there have been no new cases of polio reported world-wide.



JOIN IN A PROJECT:

Northwest Rochester Rotary Club is holding a "Books and Blues" fundraiser on March 7th. It is an initiative to support Rochester's Mayor in pre-school literacy. Watch for more details.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

- 2/10 Board Meeting LNB 8:00 AM
- 2/10 Club Assembly – **Student of the Month**
- 2/11 Auction Team Leaders' pow-wow
- 2/17 **J. Shrader** Coalition on Substance Abuse
- 2/24 Regular Meeting – **Tourism (TBD)**
- 3/3 Regular Meeting

Birthdays in February:

- **Sakura** 2/2
- **Tom May** 2/2
- **Chris Bergman** 2/16
- **Teresa Vivier** 2/25



WHAT'S A FAD?

He's a **Foundation Area Director**. Ours is Jeff Cassim and he came to say a few kind words about our great annual effort to support the Foundation.



OUR NEXT MEETING:

We will meet, next Tuesday, March 10th, at Top of the Lake. Our program is Student of the Month, Fellowship, and News.

Club duties for February are:

- Set up Bob Shrader
- Attendance Stu Porter
- Reflection and Song Sue Andersen
- Happiness Honcho Ryan Hallings



ROTARY DAY – PENN YAN

Planning for **ROTARY DAY** is hitting its stride. Progress has been made on several fronts, and great ideas are pouring in from club members.

ROTARACT has a great computerized presentation on its purpose, mission and successes. It was shown at the District Conference/Assembly and was well received. It is one station that is bound to generate interest.

Another idea is that we should prepare an invitation to the CELEBRATION and make sure it is given to every Donor or Sponsor when they commit to our fundraising for this year's Auction.

“Why don't we invite the **Lions Club** members too?” They have worked with us in **kidCARE**, and they will make a great addition to the event. Absolutely!

April 11th 4-7:30 PM -- Save the date. We will take over the Pinwheel Café and Market on Saturday after 4:00 for the CELEBRATE ROTARY party.

Ideas, thoughts and needs:

- PHOTOS, PHOTOS and more PHOTOS from our past.
- NAMES of past grant recipients and organization contacts.
- A menu and catering plan.
- Wineries to provide “tastings.”
- Can we erect and leave a “model” construction at Milly's for an extra month?

Milly's is excited to be supporting us as it brings the public into the Pinwheel Café and Market. There are so many win-win opportunities here.

Keep those ideas coming! Your points of contact for this important event are:

Promotion: Sarah Crevelling screvelling@pypl.org

Bob Shrader bob.shrader@proforma.com

Rob Schwarting rob.schwarting.280@gmail.com

They want to hear from you!



Rotary Day Auction Deadlines

3/24 Assignments Due Back to Solicitation Team

4/11 ROTARY DAY CELEBRATION -- Kickoff at Milly's: Let the Bidding Begin

4/11-4/24 Online bidding

4/25 Live WFLR Remote Auction from Milly's

WHAT IF WE.....

...we reached out to a club in each of the premier wine regions of the world? Like a club in Austria, Australia, Germany, France, Italy, Spain and Chile. What other countries would be included? Wouldn't it be fun to have a wine lovers' exchange program? Could we have an international toast to Rotary Day where we Skype a toast with each other? Hmmm?

We might be embarrassed by the mere fact that we don't seem to have a special wine festival costume like the Italians, Austrians, etc. We might have to invent one, go to a winery that has an old fashioned vat (Hunt County?) and take a few photos....how about UA spandex suits like the one that PG Hall wore....blue and gold with "Stomp out Polio emblazoned on it. I know, until I lose 50 pounds, I would look ridiculous in something like that, but the "stomp" might be a fun way to promote the Polio Eradication Program. Hey! We could feature our wineries, tourism, Polio Eradication and may be raise a few bucks from "paid up" guest stompers or selling the juice. Oh my....!



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 who might join you.

- **Canandaigua** – Meets Thursday 12:15 at the NYS Wine and Culinary Center. Awesome venue, but a little pricy at \$16.
- **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