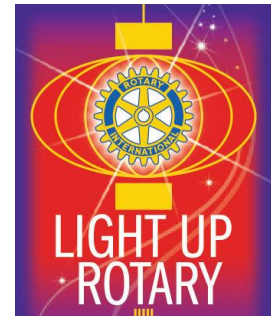


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Report from the Board

President Elect (PE) Bob Shrader started planning for the upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year in Penn Yan. **PE Bob** and directors began the process of building a team of new and old members as Directors, Service Avenue Leaders, and special program leaders. **Sctry Chris B.** and **Treas Tom M.** will continue to serve, while **Mary Ellen M, Evelyn E, Jeff K,** and **Diane K.** are stepping down from some (not all) duties to make room for new members to serve. PE Bob has to complete a number of planning documents and asked that volunteers and members with recommendations step forward and let him know how they would like to serve or what is on their minds: Bob.Shrader@proforma.com.

The board voted to designate **Witt Yonge**, 31 year member of the club, HONORARY ROTARIAN. This will allow Witt to winter in the south and still join the club during his summers on the lake without regard to attendance requirements or costs.

The Treasurer reported that we are pretty close to budget and that those members that are in arrears for dues, for various reasons, are being brought up to date. Income is lagging slightly in 50/50 and happiness, mostly because we did not collect on days when we had public ceremonies. Happiness, energy and enthusiasm are very high....Bravo.

Can Hunger has 9, possibly 10 contesting teams. The PY Rotary Hunger Can Kickers seem to be **Tina, Carol, Sandi M, Stephanie W, Christ B, and Barb E.** The club is waiting with bated breath....to see their creation of cans. OK...Where are the men????

The club has submitted the necessary nomination forms and documentation for District Recognition Awards in Literacy, Newsletters and Webpage. Our Rotary Day Celebration in April is after the deadline for inclusion as a requirement of the Presidential Citation....aww, shucks. The club has yet to submit for Community Service recognition, where we hope to feature: "Thank You Rotary" for support from so many clubs, and the work that we did with those funds.

Yes! We have an **Oratorical Contestant: Suzanna Slack.** She is home schooled and in preliminary oral presentations, experience critics find her speech "superior." They have great hopes for her competing at the semi-finalist level. As she progresses, the club will want to attend to cheer her on. She is presenting her speech to the Interact Club Sunday the 15th, 7:00 PM at the Living Well, Masonic Hall, 121 East Elm Street.

The Board voted to accept for constructive attendance credit any make-up regardless of the date. Members may submit reports to the Secretary at meetings, by email or phone. While attendance and fellowship at Tuesday luncheons are still important, this relaxed requirement recognizes how many of us fulfil our desire to serve.

Until more information is developed, the Board tabled a request to assist with the Global Grant for Clean Water in Guatemala presented by Karen Parkhurst of the Victor-Farmington Club.

NEWS AND NOTES:

Jack Clancy says that when you get older, getting well takes longer...been in bed with that fever, achy thingie for many days. He says that Ralph is really good at soccer and thinks about taking his sophomore year in Rotary Exchange to a country where soccer is the BIG sport...Spain? Best wishes to Ralph and Jack.

John S, Carol W, Saki and **Rob S.** visited the Rotary Club in Canandaigua. We met Bob Sands and staff from Constellation Brands and Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul (Hamburg, NY) in the hallway of the Culinary Arts and Wine Center. Bob and staff promised to support the Auction again. Now, we just have to get the Lt. Governor to visit our soon to be famous site: www.BiddingforGood.com/PennYanRotary. Buffet luncheon was fabulous, the meeting was fun-filled and it moved right along crisply.

Ray Spencer, former Rotarian from Dundee, and possible member here, has hit a homerun with the new Wine Bar on the Outlet below Birkett Landing. He says that getting back into Rotary is a good idea, but he has to finish the "loft" over the liquor and wine store first. Pizza at the Silver Bird on East Elm gets high marks too.

A championship record of long standing in Rwanda, a bowling score of 238, belongs to our one and only ace on the lanes, **Steve Miller**. See "Join in a Project" for a bowling tournament announcement. Do we have a team to enter the competition?

Saki reports that she went skiing for five hours with ROTEX members, an association of former outbound foreign exchange students. It was a blast and she did not fall down once. Also, she has discovered her passion for chocolate éclairs during a visit to an Italian deli on Parish Street in Canandaigua. She and her hosts, the Willsons, will be visiting in Florida over the school mid-winter break.

Steve M's happy dollars were for the chance to see icicles again. Many others were happy to see the sun sparkling off the snow last Tuesday. It seems that happiness may come from how you choose to view the current circumstances.

Evelyn E. and friends were happy to see Diane back for a visit and a little chauffeuring.

Having another birthday for her great 94 year old grandfather is giving **Sarah C.** some happy moments.

Don O happily reports that the District Simplified Grant plans have progressed and he has completed the proposal for the \$1000 scholarship for Keuka College. He and the planning team are still working on preparing a second proposal that will focus on a community service project.

Ryan H, Bob Shrader, Rob S and **Stacy W** are going to make a trek to the Rotary office (yes, we have one) and look through the Historical Files at 10:30 on the 17th. The office is upstairs in the Lown's Building on Main Street. Tag along if you like.

See "Join in a Project" on page 4. **Tom M** is in trouble at the Humane Society, and needs some help.

In the skiing all day and not falling down category, **Tom H** shares honors with **Saki**...or so he says. ☺

OMG....who should attend on Tuesday but **Ef A**. He is visiting the lake for a week to check up on things, get stuck, shovel some snow, and make a lunch meeting. It was so good to see him smiling and laughing.

Great column in the Chronicle Express on Can Hunger

Neptune is coming! **Bob Scharf** reports that we have survived the named winter storms – Juno, Kari, Linus and Marcus. (Is it possible that 24 hour weather stations have run out of news to report and that naming storms makes for greater sensationalism?)

The 50/50, in the amount of \$13, went to **Barb E.**, and a packet of ONSEYAWA note cards went to **Stu P.**

President Elect Bob Shrader asked about doing a strategic plan for the club. Anyone with thoughts on our forward looking strategies for leadership, fund raising, membership development and education, projects and programs, community involvement, international relations, etc. should give Bob a call at 607-343-8784.

Prez Stacy points out that the Rotary International theme for the February is **World Understanding**.

Leon F. reported from the Democratic Republic of the Congo that the funds for his project in Bolenge arrived last week in Kinshasa. Borrowing the slogan for RI in 2015-16, he says that he intends to "be a gift to the world...at least Bolenge's schools."

Sue A read the lyrics of a song in the 1925 song book called "That Rotary Smile" by R. E. Paul. It

encourages each to greet another with a grin. Quoting from the 1938 *ROTRARIAN* she told the story that club singing builds a cooperative spirit. In our case, we might start off key, wander where we don't recall the words, or lose the tempo, but in the end, we are usually united and on key.

Also from the past, **Bob Scharf** brought in a copy of the July 2001 club bulletin. Its heading read as follows:

SPOKES FROM THE ROTARY WHEEL OF PENN YAN

Clearly, corrections to the current edition of the bulletin are necessary. If there is no objection from the club members at the meeting of the 17th, your editor will try to reconstruct the banner in the fashion of the older editions.

It was noted as Volume 80, Issue #1. It appears to have been created by **Peter Loughnane** in Microsoft Publisher. **Lloyd Emerson** was thanked for being the editor of Spokes for the previous 4 years. **Dean Morgan** had passed the gavel of authority to **Carl Schwartz** at the annual change of leadership dinner at the Showboat. At that dinner the following were recognized

- Paul Harris Fellow – **John Socha**
- Rotarians of the Year – **Bob Scharf** and **Bob Heggie**
- Thank You Awards – **Tom Hunt** for Radio Day and **Lloyd Emerson** for editing Spokes
- Distinguished Service Award – **Ernst Riemschneider** for 32 years of service
- Four Avenues of Service Award – **Jeff Krans**

Newly inducted members at that meeting were **Bob Reinertsen** and **Dr. Gene Spanneut**.

Lastly, shown in a tiny, tiny picture of the grass covered hillside on 54A, known as the **Rotary Forest**, was **Carl Schwartz** with a chainsaw in his hands. The caption read "Chainsaw Massacre at Rotary Forest." For newer members, Carl S has been the "trustee" of the documents that established a forest preserve on 54A, opposite the PY Municipal Water Plant.



FELLOWSHIP OVER LUNCH:

28 Rotarians and guests partook of nice big grilled steaks for lunch. Wahoo! Cecil and Sue are taking good care of us at Top of the Lake. Guests were:

- **Sake**, our exchange student
- **Diane Emerson**, daughter of Evelyn and former club member Lloyd.



A B C's OF ROTARY

From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Mary, Karen or Charley by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom. In our club, we follow this tradition, to include referring to our officers as "President Stacy." In the not too distant past, members were fined for referring to someone by any title or last name.

In a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features. In the Roslyn, VA club, there were many former Department of State employees who had travelled worldwide and adopted the nickname rule for their club. Your editor was named "Professor" not because of his profession, but because of his longwinded explanations that resemble classroom lectures. Nicknames are frequently a source of good-natured fun and fellowship. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, the spirit of personal

friendship is the initial step that opens doors to all other opportunities for service.



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.

There will be a **Bowling Tournament Fundraiser for Camp Haccamo** on Saturday, March 21 beginning at 5:30pm at Clover Lanes, 2750 Monroe Avenue. Price is \$20 per person, with 5 member teams/\$100 per team, which includes pizza, soda and shoe rental.

The **Humane Society of Yates County** is threatening to jail **Tom May** if he doesn't raise enough to make bail. It appears that he is short about a Grand. Pledges to Tom: (tom.may@communitybankna.com)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

- 2/17 **J. Shrader** and **Warren Kinsey** Coalition on Substance Abuse
- 2/24 Regular Meeting – **Cindy Kimble** Tourism Student of the Month
- 3/3 Biography **Sue Andersen**
- 3/10 Club Assembly
- 3/17 Potpourri or "St. Patrick's Day Celebration"
- 3/24 Rotary Branding – **Larry L** and **Bob Green**
- 3/31 Day before Fishing Season Opens "Special"

Birthdays in February:

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



OUR NEXT MEETING:

We will meet, next Tuesday, March 17rd, at Top of the Lake. Our program is progress by the Coalition for Substance Abuse. Our own Jackie and Warren are involved in the Coalition and have important issues to bring to us. It is one month to St. Patrick's Day.

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

The Radio Day Auction, Online Internet Auction and Rotary Day Celebration planning is warmed up even more. Donation solicitation facts and forms were distributed to members at lunch and more are going out by hand to home and office. Prez Stacy and his team have prepared some facts about our club's work so that donors will have information that makes them feel good about support our Auction and Celebration.

New this year will be sponsorships at four levels and an opportunity for firms and friends to just donate money instead of goods or services.

Important dates this year are:

- 3/24 Donations given 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

Your team leaders and contacts are:

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WHAT IF WE.....

...reached out to all these wonderful retirees in Penn Yan, who, like two of our new members, the Millers and **Leon F**, appreciate the international dimension of Rotary? Throughout the community, we bump into people who have lived in Paris or Madrid, been on a Group Study Exchange like **Ryan H**, or were sent overseas by their company and lived in Japan or Thailand. We could weave such a rich tapestry of experience for the rest of our community. Our community service projects are very important in rural areas like Yates County and Penn Yan; however, it is our international dimension that differentiates us from Kiwanis, Lions, Elks, Masons, Moose, etc.....

...committed to a month, a year or just one day of fun? Could we smile and have fun with everything we did in Rotary? How would we add a dimension of happiness and hilarity to everything we did? They say that laughing floods the body with good endorphins and stimulates the immune system. Do happy people actually have fewer colds? Do smiling salesmen earn bigger commissions? Would we all be in service to humanity if we smiled, laughed and brought good cheer into everyone's lives?



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