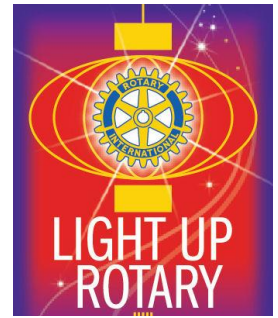


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Camp Cory Rocks!



Camp Director, Pat Foster, like many others in the YMCA Camping team, has a lifelong relationship with Camp Corey. He started camping with “I don’t want to be here.” Two weeks later, he did not want to leave. He had made friends, something a scared boy from Cape Cod and a recent transplant to Rochester didn’t have. A divorce in his family set him into despair and isolation, a place from which he emerged at Camp Corey. Over the years, he grew more confident and self-assured. Eventually, he became a camp counselor, went to college, got a degree in special education and started a teaching career outside of Boston. When the directorship at Camp Corey opened five years ago, Pat was a candidate for the job. At that time, he has had no time to look back or reflect on the choice. It was given that he would become the director.

He said that he learned many important lessons at the camp...for example, he learned how to talk to girls. He learned water skiing under the watchful eye of Nichole Hunt. He met his wife Nichole at Camp Corey so it was logical that they would be married there.

Pat’s approach to campership focuses on giving campers a significant advantage in life. He and his staff prepare young men and women to be competitive in the 21st Century by focusing on creating empowering skills. Such topics as Communications, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity. The leadership team works on creating special human bonds at the Cabin and Community (a camp tribe) levels. They work to help campers set realistic goals, to achieve those ends and help them take setbacks (failures) in stride. Everything is designed to help the youth identify strengths and to do more with each one. The staff also keeps them well fed and safe.

Our club provides camping scholarships to help defray the \$730/week expense.

News and Notes



Leon (at the table) has started a Friends of Rotary Club where he is living and working. Awesome!



Not the greatest exposure, but a picture of the famous Penn Yan Rotary Club Can Hunger six layer cake to celebrate the 110th Birthday of Rotary International. From the left, **Cortney, Tina, Barb, Carol, Rob, Steve, Stephany** and **Sake** are shown. Thanks to TOPS Market for donating about \$150 in canned fruits and vegetables, and to the assembled club members for buying the rest of the cans...quick work, many hands and a solid core of cans.

Look for more news on Can Hunger. The plan is to invite all the participating teams to lunch to hand out awards.

Fellowship over lunch this week

Twenty-three showed for lunch this week for a choice of beef stew or chef salad buffet. President John related an emotional story about his Spanish exchange student who is an A320 pilot on the Barcelona – Germany flightpath. Just as we were hearing last week about the downing of the German Greenwing A320 plane, John's exchange-son was incommunicado because his plane had experienced inflight smoke in the cockpit and was diverted back to Barcelona. Scary moments, but all is well. The weather on Tuesday was cold but warming and light snow flurries greeted us as we left lunch.



Larry L, song leader for the month, warms up the sax to accompany "oh when the saints go marching in."



Pat shares his passion for the Y and for Camp Corey. It is great to have skilled leaders like him in our community.

ABC's – Rotary grants grow local economies

Rotary, like many other international development agencies, has discovered the value of micro-financing and “group loans.” In group loans, seed capital is given to a community of aspiring entrepreneurs. Often it is a group of women who decide among themselves which one of them will get the first loan. With the loan the enterprising woman buys a machine or start up supplies and from her income repays the loan to her group. They then loan to the second woman for her start up. Loans are often in the range of \$200-\$500 for machines such as a kiln, a sewing machine or a loom.

In Honduras, Adelante, a global grant agency partnered with the Rotary Clubs of Real de Minas-Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Poway-Scripps, California, and several clubs in District 5340, California. The group loan focused on a group of women who were raising food for the local market. Springboarding from that, 600 more individual loans were made. The clubs provided considerable business training as well.

In Peru, the Rotary Club of Inka Cusco implemented a program to improve the lives of people in Peru's poorest region, Ccarhuayo district. The club was combatting poverty AND environmental issues. They taught indigenous villagers about farming, forestation and good health habits. They used villagers who had already begun improving their lot as role models of better diet and use of local health services. They villagers earned higher incomes from raising alpacas, guinea pigs and trout more efficiently. They also helped prevent deforestation and soil erosion by planting more than 1 million trees.



Join in a project – Feel good



Interactors are doing a District 7120 Interact project and would like the help of Rotarians. They are collecting small size tooth paste, shampoos, conditioners, soap, washcloths, combs and brushes to make toiletry bags to be given to a women's shelter or kids in crisis (foster care). These

bags will be assembled at the District Assembly on April 11th, 2015. Their goal is 100 bags. Individuals who have these items can send them to the District Assembly or contact Mary Anne Cooper, District Interact Chair at mcooper2@stny.rr.com. All help would be greatly appreciated.



What's Happening Next

- 4/7 Student of the Month, Facebook and Email to promote the Auctions; Update from Carol Worth re: Kick-Off Event and Rotary Day
- 4/14 Board Meeting at 8am;
- 4/14 Club Assembly at noon meeting
- 4/21 Bio: Sue Andersen
- 4/28 Tree bagging lunch at Schwarting's barn, 280 Route 54, one mile south of Camp Corey

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers, who are:

	<u>APRIL</u>
Set up	Carol W
Attendance	Steve M
Pledge, Song	Tom M
Prayer	Jackie S
Sergeant	Tom H

Rotary Day (4/11) and our two Auctions

Donations, ads and sponsorships that have been submitted have crossed the \$12,000 line and there are still many items not yet submitted. Great Job!!!!

In the near future, all club members will be asked (and shown how) to reach out to friends and family, asking them to pass our request for help further to their friends and family. It is for a very good cause, and our tourism oriented items need to be seen and bid on by many from outside our region on the Internet. Stacy and Rob are going to take the message to Rotarians at the District Assembly.

Donations and Advertisements are due RIGHT NOW. Turn in to Tom M and Carol W. THANKS!!!

Bob Shrader and **John S.** have the Production Team's ball rolling ahead, and first out of the box will be the *Rotary Day Celebration* on April 11th. Every

club member is in the process of inviting their donors to the event, so we might just have a huge crowd at Milly's Pantry – Pinwheel Café, from 5-7:30. **Stacy** has started setting up the roll over phones for the On Air Auction with WFLR.

Amy and **Dave** of **Rooster Hill** will pour wines for us. **Carol** is arranging background music, and **Steve Owens**, Classic Café in Dundee, will provide finger food. Some club members can bring in other hors d'oeuvres too. Individual presenters representing our grant recipients are being lined up.

RIGHT NOW - Day for Rotarians to return their donor's sheets, ads, sponsorships, etc. to **Tom M** and **Carol W**.

3/31 Going Hot – Target day for opening the online bidding site for viewing and everyone to send an email message to friends and relatives, asking them to pass on news about our online or on air auctions. Start posting on Facebook

4/11 Spread the word to Rotarians – Pass out cards to Rotarians at the District Assembly

4/11 ROTARY DAY CELEBRATION – Party at Milly's: Let the Bidding Begin!

4/11-4/24 Online bidding

4/25 Live WFLR Remote Auction from Milly's

- 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

Secretary Chris points out that you can use your make-up activity at any time. And it's not about the hours put in, but that it was a one for one exchange of activities....so long as it was about an hour or longer for a committee meeting. The Internet Club meetings last about 35-45 minutes....sometimes more and they count.

Thinking about visiting?

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.

Doing a Make-Up 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