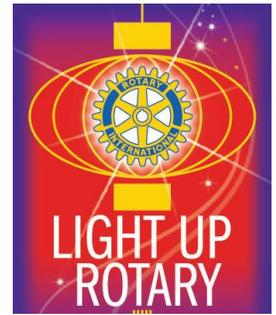


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Kayla Andersen – In a Word: MODEL STUDENT



Kayla Andersen, who her father Dave admits takes after him, is: “the silent one.” Sue’s facial expression upon hearing those words was priceless. Two of the proudest parents possible, listened as Megan Gillette of the PY Middle School introduced this month’s student of the month....KAYLA ANDERSEN.

Megan’s report was comprehensive and most flattering of Kayla. Teachers, staff and students could say only the most positive things. Kayla is first well rounded. She participates in much of the Middle School activities and offerings. She is a highly regarded pitcher on the girls’ softball team, an active musician in the band and the jazz band (Sax) and is involved in mentoring/assisting young new musicians in the 6th grade band. She is also a key member of the Leadership Club. In the leadership role she has been instrumental in planning and executing a large number of middle school projects such as staff appreciation day events and planning the message and content of hallway bulletin boards. On top of that she is achieving academically, across the board, at the 99% level.

Outside of school, she is very active in her church where she is a Sunday school teacher and in the community garden program. Of course, she is frequently found supporting family commitments to the Lions and Rotary Clubs or the several projects of her older sisters. When asked where her interest might take her, she admitted that a career teaching music might be rewarding and nice. She continued to say....”But I really do like the sciences too.”



President Stacy presents the student of the month certificate to Kayla Andersen.

News and Notes

Note: **Jackie Shrader** is our club's **program chair**. It is one of those "Club Service" opportunities. Contact her with your speaker suggestions.

Regarding the tradition of luncheon speakers, it is different in every club. Often it is good to have a potential member...someone new in the community...come and talk about their profession or project. Good old standby programs like the Red Cross, the ARC, Safe Harbors, etc. tend to roll around as a program every few years. In the Ithaca noon club there used to be three speakers every week...a new member 5 minute professional bio; a 5 minute local need/update pitch; and a 15 minute weekly keynote talk. Their meetings used to be run like the German railroad and attendance stats were sky high. In some European clubs, the speakers are government officials or Fortune 500 business CEOs. In Buffalo, the club claims to have the most sought out speaker's dais in western New York.

Rob S and **Jack C** shared their lingering cough (and we hope not much more) from this season's strange flu. **Jack** celebrated the imminent return of Esther from the Philippines...no more Mr. Mom.

Ryan H and **Don O** reported submission of a District Simplified Grant request to fund a \$5,000 early childhood literacy project. A local family support agency has agreed to support 50%; while the remainder would come from the club (10%) and the DSG (40%). The club will assemble Literacy kits for

new born babies that will be distributed by local pediatric practices during the four well baby check-ups in the youth's first year. The kits will consist of a book, supportive encouragement and literacy coaching tips for parents. The doctors will prescribe "Read to your baby."

Rob S. shared with the new members of the club how this literacy project application is a culmination of a seed that was planted six years ago by a small group of Rotarians brainstorming on how to help break the literacy failure cycle in the poorest families in the community. He urged: "Pursue your passion in Rotary. It may take several years, but seeds of service planted years ago will suddenly blossom." In this case, it took **Ryan H.** joining the club and sharing his talents and associations to provide the last key ingredients to make the seed grow. The power of Rotary is AWESOME!

Many in attendance gave generously to the Happiness Box in celebration of the spirit that **Kayla Andersen** shows. Standing ovation in her honor.

Tina M. continues to bounce up and down on the energy scale as she recovers from surgery. Nothing troublesome, just getting back in the swing.

Stu Porter is getting some heart work done... involves a pacemaker and the club could not resist the opportunity to send him a little humor and a lot of well wishes.

Sarah C got a big THANK YOU for all her design support and now for a steady flow of messages about spreading the word about the Auction.

Interact and **Rotaract** will be big parts of the Rotary Day Celebration on Saturday. **DG Scott** will be attending to help us thank our donors. We want to thank everyone for pitching in and making these donors feel appreciated. **Jack C** will be taking recorded interviews with many donors and grant recipients alike.

Tom M, song leader is commended for picking a tune that we can all follow....but really, Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star? The words were about spring, but there was some confusion and a little laughing going on by the end of the tune. It's a wonder what the other diners at Top of the Lake were thinking.

No one mentioned Duke's NCAA win, or talked about UCONN and Notre Dame in the women's final. Is that because collegiate basketball has devolved to dynasty

schools where draft-oriented stars go just to be seen for a year? There was talk of SU around one table though. Conclusion was that Coach B got punished more than he deserved.

Chris B. bids farewell for a few days..."It's my Canada weekend."

Spring has sprung in the vineyards...according to **Tom H.** He must be getting ready for the long haul as he was later observed leaving the barbershop with a super short cut.

Carl S reports that his seven year old can now find the right key and start the car. Can he reach the pedals? Undaunted, Carl's answer was: "Well know soon enough." Daughter Lilly is headed to the Eastman School of Music camp at Keuka College this summer.

Bob and **Jackie** are piling on the miles...heading back to Chicago...confirmation time.

The Can Hunger Winners Are....

Best in Show

Knapp and Schlappi

Best use of Labels

Penn Yan Interact

Best Meal

Five-Star Bank

Most Creative

Keuka Comfort Care Home

Best Theme (Tied)

Knapp and Schlappi,

Keuka Comfort Care Home

Interact

People's Choice Award

Workforce development – Youth Services

Larry L has gotten a strangle hold on the 50/50, in spite of "**anonymous**" buying a long strip of tickets to break Larry's run on the pot. He walked with a ten spot this week.

Fellowship over lunch this week

Student of the Month programs often generate a feeling of warmth among club members, and the one this week, was by far one with a lot of emotional value....truly one to remember. Twenty-four, including three guests, dined this week on a fabulous seafood gumbo, mixed salad and a choice of sandwiches. President John welcomed **Jack Clancy** and **Carl Schwartz**, both past presidents, letter C

bearers and hoped to see them soon and often. The weather on Tuesday was overcast, but free of snow. No ice fishermen anywhere, and open water for 200-300 yards south from the pier.



ABC's – Rotary grants grow local economies

As was reported last week, Rotary International supports the growth of businesses, and communities all across the world. It promotes economic security and peaceful coexistence. Today, in hundreds of communities around the world, Rotary is bringing educational and business communities together to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship. Yes, this is something we can do here in Penn Yan.

Several months ago, **Don O's** district simplified grant nomination team suggested that the club should start in April with the new officers for 2016 to plan our next project (instead of waiting until the last minute). At that time, several possible grant focuses were tossed out, and among them were two or three that involved youth entrepreneurship in conjunction with Future Farmers of American and/or Cornell Cooperative Extension. Vocational service, one of the hallmark avenues of Rotary, involves helping youth pick and pursue meaningful careers in the trades or professions. At the time of the earlier meeting, it was suggested that the club might want to find a project that helped our youth with starting new businesses and on using our county's agricultural assets.

It was remembered that several years ago, the club (**Rob S** and **Stacy W**) helped sponsor a young entrepreneur's after school club at the academy. The next year, it became a credit bearing academic class that was taught in conjunction with the Youth Entrepreneurship Academy Educational Initiative with U of R (YEA), and then died for lack of funding the following year. The academic course involved John Kriese (FAA/Technology teacher), a business course teacher and dozens of local business men and women.

Now, it is noted that the Canandaigua Academy, the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce and FLCC have a YEA initiative that meets Wednesdays from 4-7PM November to May at FLCC. Perhaps it is time for us to consider doing something jointly with the FAA, CCE,

the PY Academy and the business management department at Keuka College. Perhaps the time is ripe to meet again and flesh out some proposals. President Elect Bob is in the midst of his PE training and will soon work with his officers to set goals and make plans for the next year.

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. **LAST CHANCE to donate small items is COB Friday to Sue A at Lyons National Bank.**

Steve Knapp (photographer, Rotary Day donor and longtime friend of the Keuka Outlet) urges us all to become involved in saving the cupola from the old Empire Winery that sits on the side of the road between Top of the Lake Restaurant and Knapp and Schlappi. He is looking for volunteers with many varied skills to help salvage the cupola design, if not significant parts of the structure for a permanent use. He and others envision the cupola being part of a structure that would be an anchoring object at the end of the lake where the Outlet trail and the lake join.



What’s Happening Next

- 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

“Whew!” says **Carol W.** She is beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel...and hoping it isn’t a train. Over lunch, she expressed appreciation for the work everyone is doing on the auction, especially the standup job by **Sarah C.** during the last week.

So.... you’re going to be gone for the Celebration on 4/11? **Be sure to send your donors!**

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 pricey 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
- 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.