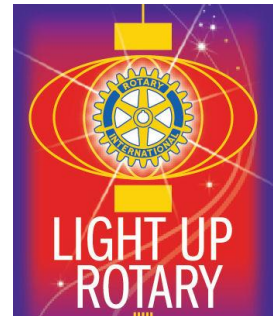


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Kelly Bray, host sister to **Dann** last year, told us today that she will be taking a month long 7/1-8/1, visit to Denmark and Dann's family. While she is over there she plans to take a tour arranged by Dann's family to Paris, southern France, Monaco, Venice, northern Italy, then to Munich, northern Germany and back to Denmark. Kelly is reaching out for the international experience while she can. Affording it financially might be another matter and Rotarians can help her by contacting our Youth Exchange chair, **Stacy W.**

News from the Board

Every second Tuesday, the club gets to hear what is happening at the board level, what contributions are made, upcoming projects and plans and the usual reports. Co-Prez John let us know that the Board had contributed to the Summer Concerts in the Courtyard, to Boys' State and Erik Hobbs' Eagle Scout project to restore the Potter Cemetery. In lieu of giving money to Girls' State (need is too low), \$125 was given to both Interact and Rotaract. The Treasurer reported sufficient funds on hand, and showed expenditures in accordance with the budget. PE Bob Shrader will present the proposed 2016 budget in May. It was decided to purchase a brick for the Library outdoor reading court (\$100) with the Rotary Logo, and a request to support the Safe Harbors Golf Tournament was turned down.

The Directors elected to purchase 15 safety vests with Penn Yan Rotary and Rotary at Work printed front and back, and split the cost of a case of coffee cups...some for club members and some for speaker gifts. The change over dinner was scheduled for June 30th at the Showboat Restaurant. It was approved that we consider off-site luncheons at the Wagener Estate (undergoing refurbishment) and the YMCA's Camp Corey. A list of club sponsors or friends of Rotary was generated for inclusion in the weekly newsletter. Information was received from Leon and Sake has moved to her third host family (see following news).

News and Notes

Thanks to **Steve Owen and family** for a great catering job at the reception last Saturday. They kept us well fed and entertained. Daughter, **Stephanie**, is also the president of the INTERACT Club at the Academy and is thinking that she would like to pursue a career in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies. Wow! Thank you ROTARY for inspiring this great mind to reach in that direction. Wife **Shirley** and daughter **Ashley** were in constant motion as they made sure that hors d'oeuvres kept arriving on the several buffets.

Jack C was in and out of the closet during the reception. He found a "sound proof" space during the noisy party where he could interview donors and grant recipients for spots on the upcoming Rotary Day radio show, April 25th.

PDG Ellen Hughes informs us that her club is going to copy the Can Hunger project and calling it an EXTRAVA-CAN-ZA for their local food pantry. Like **Sandi P and her team**, she knows that the pantry is pretty bare in the spring and also there is not a lot of cash coming in to buy food. Food donations are always critical in the spring.

This is not the first time our programs have been copied by other clubs in the district (or the last time that we might copy one of their successes). **PDG Jack Best**, Penfield, copied our Service Above Self recognition luncheon and reports that it is one of their best events...going on its third year.

Bob Green, Bob Shrader and **Larry Lehner** pressed the flesh and were featured tradesmen at the District Training Assembly. "It's all about branding."

Bob Shrader got in some President Elect Training Seminar time (PETS) last Saturday. It made for a long, but informative day for our President Elect. Reports are that a tired Bob was found sleeping for a while at the Canandaigua Lake Park on his way to the Rotary Day Donor Reception ...better safe than sorry.

District Conference registration by **April 30th** for first time attendees is only \$35. **Buffalo!!!!** See: <http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050098/en-ca/files/sitepage/district-conference/click-here-to-download-conference-registration-form/Conference-Reservation-Form.pdf>

Buffalo! During the Conference there is the chance to take one of three tours:

Darwin Martin Home by Frank Lloyd Wright
Niagara Falls and Casino

Knox Albright Museum of Art

To attend one of the 3 tours **you must sign up directly with KNOW HOW TOURS by April 17, 2015**. See: <http://www.knowhowtours.com/rotary> or call **1-716-649-9694** to book your tour and find out all the details of the 3 offered tours.

News from Leon in the Congo: Progressing right along. This past week, they finished one fresh water tank and started the second. Rain water is collected off the roofs and sent to the two above ground tanks.



Jackie S, Bob Shrader, Sue A, Stacy W. Tina and Steve M and Carol W. (anyone else?) set up our reception displays on Friday and Saturday. Thanks to Safe Harbors, kidCARE, Living Well, YMCA, Camp ONSEYAWA, Mary Ellen M (Club history), Interact and Rotaract for providing displays. Thanks to **Paige and Elizabeth** from Rotaract who came and helped get people enrolled on the BiddingForGood site.

Amy Hoffman, uncorked two new reds (a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Meritage) from Rooster Hill that are being sent to competitions for judging this month. By one somewhat unsophisticated palate, they were judged to be mighty fine wines! Thanks to Dave and Amy for helping.

Sake has moved: You will find Sake at her third and final host family for a few months, and then she is on the Tour America trip and returning to Japan. Now is the best time to have her come and visit you. Judson and Paulina Reid are her host family; Phone is at 585-703-8737. 2396 State Route 364, Penn Yan.

Carol W. cannot keep her men straight in her mind... she thinks "**Bob Socha**" and "**John Shrader**" are heading up the Auction Production team. Hefty fine is in the offing....

Tom H. "fleeced the flock" by starting with himself for a very interesting and LOUD ring tone on his cell phone. It must be loud because of all the tractor noise. Spring shows not too much winter damage in the vineyards.

Lots of chickens went home from two successful barbecues. Milo Center Methodists and Rotaract did a great job with over 660 halves sold. Thanks to all the Rotarians who bought and ate.

Nick Kinsey and **Sake** are on the track every Tuesday for various regional meets. Check the PYA website for more details.

Testimonials for the value of Boys State were very positive. **Jack C.** member of the American Legion and longtime coordinator for the local selection program remarked that since 1930 we are unique and fortunate in that we get to send 10 boys every year. **Carl S.** and **John S.** were attendees and **Warren K.** remarked that his two boys are attendees, each with positive but different outcomes. Every donation of \$350 means another boy goes, unlike the Girls State process where only one girl goes regardless of how much money is donated.

Tom M contributed \$5 for a confession. He took the weekend off from the auction, missed the Rotary Day reception and did not attend the Assembly. "Best \$5 I ever spent..." But we missed you big guy.

Fellowship at lunch this week

Weather is improving, tax season is ending and that meant 27 for lunch, including host mom **Paulina and Sake.** President John reminded us to **Aspire to Inspire,** before we **Expire.** ☺ ☺ Bright sunshine and temperatures near 60 followed a glorious Sunday and Monday. About 100 yards of chunky surface ice was still jammed up at the pier and small floes were braking off for a trip down the Outlet. Hundreds of gulls and ducks were visiting the lake.



ABC's - Our fight against polio in 2015

In January of this year, Rotary International released \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped. The funds will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

The grants include \$8.1 million for Nigeria to support its final push to eradicate the disease. Nigeria experienced a nearly 90 percent reduction in cases in 2014 compared with the previous year, and hasn't registered a new case of polio in the last six months. "Nigeria has managed an incredible feat," says Dr. Tunji Funsho, Rotary's PolioPlus chair for Nigeria. "However, now we must be more vigilant than ever, as our progress is fragile." Commitment to polio eradication from all levels of the Nigerian government has proved crucial to the country's recent progress.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, in which Rotary is a partner, made significant progress against polio in 2014 in most places. More than half of the world's cases in 2013 were the result of outbreaks in previously polio-free countries, largely caused mostly

by instability and conflict in Syria, Iraq, and Somalia. The outbreaks appear to have been stopped last year following special vaccination efforts in 11 countries that reached more than 56 million children. Until we eliminate polio from its final reservoirs, children everywhere are at risk from this disease. Rotary -- along with our partners -- will work hard to ensure that the world's most vulnerable children are kept safe from polio."

One less promising spot in the polio eradication fight has been Pakistan, which saw an explosive outbreak totaling more than 300 cases in 2014, the most there in more than a decade. As a result, Pakistan accounted for almost 90 percent of the world's cases last year. Pakistan will receive \$1.1 million of the funds that Rotary is releasing to support eradication efforts there. In addition, the grants include \$6.7 million in Afghanistan, \$7 million in Somalia, \$3.3 million in Democratic Republic of Congo, \$2.8 million in Niger, \$2.5 million in Chad, \$1.6 million in Cameroun, \$1.1 million in Ethiopia, and \$250,000 in Kenya. A total of \$321,000 will provide technical assistance in Africa.

To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion to fight polio. Through 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication (up to \$35 million a year). In 2014, there were only 350 confirmed polio cases in the world, down from about 350,000 a year when the initiative began in 1988.

Join in a project - Feel good

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.

Safe Harbors, an organization for the protection of battered women and abused children, is holding a golf tournament soon and wants help with fundraising. Contact **Sharon Corcoran**, phone: 315 536-2800.

Our Rotary District will be holding a golf tournament for Camp ONSEYAWA, and another just for district fundraising. Watch for dates.

Planning ahead? The Red Wings vs. Syracuse Chiefs game is August 1st and amounts to a bit of a district to district competition. The losing team's district makes a \$1000 contribution to the Foundation in the winning district's name. Tickets, picnic and fun!

If you are interested in hosting visiting Rotarians and spouses as part of the international friendship exchanges, contact the chairman, Carl Grovanz, at cgrovanz@rochester.rr.com. Individuals who host then become eligible for outbound exchanges to places like Nova Scotia, New Zealand or....

Do you enjoy BIRD WATCHING? Check this out: Rotary has had a bird watching fellowship and it has 150 members in 20 countries. English Newsletters are emailed to all members once or twice yearly. The publisher is Susan Leonard of Fishers, Indiana, U.S.A.. The full membership list is updated annually and sent to all members. **The International Fellowship of Bird-watching Rotarians** <http://www.ifbr.org>. For years, their big event is several days of bird watching in the locale of the annual International Conference.

FYI: In spite of yet another snowstorm, records were broken by the **Greece Rotary Club** for their annual Ziti Dinner in meals served - over 2,300 and in dollars raised - over \$45,000! **The Rotary Club of Corning** holds an International Dinner and raises over \$25,000 in sponsorships and \$50 a plate dinners.



Larry Lehner, Bob Green (Rochester Deaf Club) and Bob Shrader on a break at the District Assembly. They are helping us all with the new Rotary logo branding and building club identity in the community

What's Happening Next

- 4/21 Bio: Sue Andersen
4/28 Tree bagging lunch at Schwarting's barn, 280
Route 54, one mile south of Camp Corey
5/5 Cinco de Mayo! Come and see what's up

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers, who are:

	APRIL	MAY
Set up	Carol W	Are
Attendance	Steve M	You
Pledge, Song	Tom M	Available
Prayer	Jackie S	and
Sergeant	Tom H	Interested?

Rotary On-Line and On-Air (WFLR 96.9 FM) Auctions

This week, it is all about getting the word out and getting friends, co-workers, family and strangers on the street to visit our auction website and bid. www.biddingforgood.com/pennyanrotary.

Email a few friends every day. Sarah C. sent around a model message that all you have to do is click and forward. Check with Carol if you cannot find it in your inbox: carolworth280@gmail.com

Tell your donors about the website too and invite them to use their participation as a "hook" to promote themselves to their customers. Look for the Smoker Grill at Knapp and Schlappi. There is a sign on it that invites patrons at K&S to visit our website and bid. They might find other good things there too.

Jackie Shrader, the **Sandi's** and **Chris B.** are putting together a direct mailing to every household in our local zip codes. It invites them to bid on the Internet or to bid on air on the 25th.

Please spread the word!!!!



Thinking about visiting?

Do you want some variety in your life? OK... visit a neighboring club. It's fun. Let others know when you plan on going, and you expand the fellowship.

- **Canandaigua** – Meets Thursday 12:15 at the NYS Wine and Culinary Center. Awesome venue, and worth the price 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

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