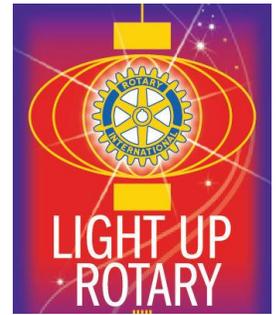


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## *In Memorial: Stephany Bates*



**Service Above Self honoree** and not yet inducted Rotarian, Stephany Bates died very unexpectedly from an accidental fall at home. The news of her passing was a shock to her several close friends and peers in the Penn Yan Club, across Yates County at her workplace, Pro-Action.

Sue A. and Tom M. close friends of Stephany, were among the several for whom a moment of silence reopened that door to a flood of feelings for their loving friend and her unfortunate death. Truly a sad moment in the club.

Stephany was one of a select few who was most deservedly honored by the club for their service to their employer and the community as a whole. Stephany was person who stepped up, worked long hours and provided a critical service as Penn Yan recovered from the flood of May 2014.

She acted as the clearing house for referrals to various agencies that had goods and services for those families most adversely affected by the flood. waters.

Stephany was employed by Pro-Action of Yates and Steuben and provided a vital service in keeping clients and service providers engaged and informed. In December, she left this assignment in Yates County for career advancement by moving to Pro-Action's headquarters in Bath, New York.

Stephanie had been part of the Pro Action family for nearly 8 years. In Bath, she was the Special Projects Manager where every day she brought passion and dedication to her role of finding ways to serve families and individuals in need. Stephanie lived and breathed the mission of Pro Action and Community Action. She was an amazing member of the Pro Action team, and this will be a difficult time for the agency.

Stephanie has two young sons, a loving husband and parents. She was a dear friend to many of us and words cannot express how much this loss makes our hearts ache. A memorial contribution of \$100 to a new trust fund for her sons was unanimously adopted by the club at lunch. Other donations can be sent by check to Tom May at Community Bank, made out to "Corey."

Her sudden departure reminds us all to appreciate every day we have as if it were a gift. Funeral services at the First Baptist Church, Main St., Penn Yan, Thursday 4/23 at 11 AM.

## News and Notes

### If you would like to send cards to Stephany's family, here are the addresses:

Corey Bates (Stephanie's husband)  
9075 Coreyell Road  
Branchport, NY 14418

Susan and Roger Boyd (Stephanie's parents)  
211 Court Street  
Penn Yan, NY 14527

Sometime Philadelphian (or nearby) **Ef Adnopo**z and wife **Susan** have officially returned to the lake. He'd heard that the ice was gone and that his driveway was cleared of snow and passable. Susan has been one of our connections to Camp ONSEYAWA, where she has served for several years. Check with her about the spirit of camp for our kids with disabilities.

**Tom H.** started a conversation with an aside during his Sergeant duties that a few name badges were not being worn....or worse were missing. It used to be a fine in those days when fines were imposed. **Rob S.** mentioned how several years ago the club members challenged each other to wear their Rotary lapel pin every day for a month. Those that missed days were expected to "confess" every week when the sergeant made his rounds. It seemed to generate pride.

**Ef** wasted no time in getting involved in club business when he asked this reporter about plans to put our member bios on a "member's only" page of the club's website. He'd suggested this before, and President **John** agrees that we might want a project to do that. Look for this to come up at the next Board meeting, and anyone who has skills to make this happen might want to speak up.

**Sue** and **Cecil** have modified the menu to meet the needs of our gluten free, low carb dieters while still providing something heartier for the rest of the club. Every week, they will put out salad greens and special toppings so that diners can make a chef salad in lieu of the carb rich comfort food....like mac and cheese, steak and potatoes, burgers with fries and the like. Sue says that everyone can make a small side salad to go with the main course meal, but asks that they please leave the special toppings for the chef salad diners. It seems to be working.

**Rob** and **Carol** were forced to take a suite again this year at the District Conference in Buffalo. Carol, who was the hostess in Lake Placid under similar

circumstances, plans to take a case of red wine for Friday and Saturday night "hospitality." Others are encouraged to bring white wine and or snacks. It seems that still others were unable to get rooms at the Hyatt and the district is trying to book other rooms. If you missed signing up for the tour of the Darwin Martin home, contact Carol and Rob. He was involved in planning for the rehabilitation of the estate. If on the other hand, a group would rather go to the Roycroft Inn Workshops and museum in East Aurora, Carol and Rob would do that too. District Conference registration by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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>

**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.

**Interact** meets this Sunday, 4/26, 7-8PM at the Living Well. The program will be **Tina** and **Steve** who will talk about their experiences abroad.

**Ef** remarked that the newsletter is good for keeping in touch with the club while they were away. "You guys were really burning up the place this winter."

**Sarah C.** reported back after a leave on the west coast....California this time? She returned just in time to start a blitz of reminders to get on the web, bid and to encourage friends to bid on line or on air.

**Tina M** and **Carol W** are talking about visiting the Canandaigua club. Anyone else interested?

## Fellowship at lunch this week

23 made it out for lunch of chef salads and Shepard's Pie. The program, a biography by Sue A. was postponed due to the club's taking time to talk through our grief of Stephany's passing. Terri Sutherland (no relation to any of the Sutherlands in Penn Yan) from Nothnagle Realty visited. Hail and tremendous downpour yesterday had many thinking of last year's inundation and flooding.



## *Who was this Paul Harris and how did Rotary begin?*

According to his biography, Paul Harris was a man of lively spirit, social and adventurous, and often out of step with society. As a boy, he had some troubled time and was once expelled from school for playing pranks. He bounced around New England as good and bad fortune affected his family. After earning his law degree in 1891, he wasn't quite ready to settle down. Instead, he worked his way around the globe for five years as a sailor, a cannery worker, an orange picker, an actor, and a cowboy.

Finally, at 28 years old, he settled into a law practice in bustling Chicago. His practice was successful, but Paul longed for closer male friendship (something he wanted in youth as well). He started meeting with friends as a mutual benefit club, and at a third meeting 15 men attended. They were trying to come up with a name for the new club...The Trade and Talk Club, or the FFF Club...Food, Fun, and Fellowship?

They were going to rotate the meeting place of the club between members, so Paul Harris suggested simply, "How about Rotary Club?"

The Rotary Club adopted only two Objectives in the bylaws in 1906:

1. The promotion of the business interests of its members.
2. The promotion of good fellowship and other desiderata ordinarily incident to social clubs.

But in April – the same month that the Great Earthquake shook in San Francisco – a patent attorney named Donald Carter shook up Rotary. Looking at the bylaws he said, "Such a club has great possibilities if it could do something of some benefit to people besides its own members. I believe it should do civic service of some kind."

In 1907 -- A third Object was added: Advancement of the best interests of Chicago and the spreading of the spirit of civic pride and loyalty among its citizens.

And thus in that year came the first service projects in Rotary history—a public comfort station in downtown Chicago and a new horse for a country preacher.

The Chicago Club rapidly expanded to 140 members and became a registered nonprofit. But Paul Harris saw that more was possible. If Rotary made such a difference in Chicago, why not replicate it in other cities? He then commissioned friends to try and develop Rotary Clubs as they travelled or moved. San Francisco and Oakland followed in '08 and '09. New York City, also in late '09 was the 6<sup>th</sup> club. Buffalo (our conference site) was the 28<sup>th</sup> club and Rochester was the 36<sup>th</sup> club in March '12.

Harris did not serve as the presiding officer of his Chicago club, but in 1910, Harris was elected to two terms as president of the newly formed Association of Rotary Clubs. His life and dreams of a world changing association of men (no women for decades) was complicated and at times difficult. None the less, today Rotary is very influential on the world stage.

Paul Harris died in 1947, age 79, proud of Rotary's role in forming the United Nations (1944-45).



## *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. An event at the Water Street Wine Bar raised \$1001.

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



## What's Happening Next

- 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. Who knows, it might be a biography of Sue

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers, who are:

|              | APRIL    | MAY      |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Set up       | Carol W  | Stu P    |
| Attendance   | Steve M  | Tina M   |
| Pledge, Song | Tom M    | Carl S   |
| Prayer       | Jackie S | Carol W  |
| Sergeant     | Tom H    | Jackie S |

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

It is the last minute, but you can remind friends, co-workers, family and strangers on the street to visit our auction website and bid:

[www.biddingforgood.com/pennyanrotary](http://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](mailto:carolworth280@gmail.com)

Drop off the big card at your donors' offices. Encourage them to look at what we did for their donation. 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. There are cards on the counters at Knapp and Schlappi, the Wagner, the Diner and Silver Bird.

***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 and interesting programs – Dundee Rocks!
- **Geneva** – Meets Wednesday 12:05 at the Belhurst Castle, Route 14. A larger club and a tradition of robust fines/confessions.
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## 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](http://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](mailto:hatzcb@yahoo.com)

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