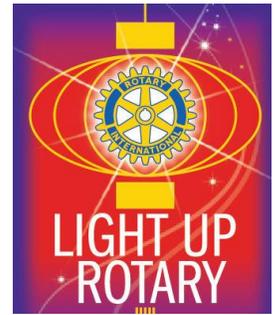


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## ONSEYAWA, Oh My

**Susan Adnopoz** brings Camp ONSEYAWA alive. It is obvious that Susan loves kids and her duties at the camp. By way of telling us about her two plus weeks of camp, she shared the camp's purpose, policies and programs. As she talks, it is hard not to be proud of the work we do for families and kids through the camp. Yes, it is about giving the young person with a handicap a

week in their life when they are "normal." But, it is also about giving the child's parents and family a time when they are free to do other things with the assurance that someone is watching out for their child as well as they can at home.

The camp admits children with a broad range of disabilities brought on by my different causes. No two children are alike, and they are between the ages of 8 and 16. Many are repeat campers. So far few are turned away, not for space or for cost. Recently, about 100 have attended camp each year, and attendance has been declining because of timing around Labor Day. Now, the camp is expecting an increase because the schedule has them ending the weekend before Labor Day.

There is a dance toward the end of camp, which is an event which may or may not resemble a dance. There is a band or a DJ, but there all similarity might end. The 8 year old boys want to race around, dodging between dancers and the 16 year olds are pretty serious about it being a dress up dance. Some campers dress up in costumes and dresses without regard to gender, and most have fun just being themselves.

There are several very strict protocols which address camper safety. Staff gets detailed briefings on being aware of sexual or physical abuse at home or camp, water safety and the special needs/behaviors of the campers. Arrivals on Monday afternoon are ushered through several "welcoming" stations. First, admin; then nurse; then water safety where they get unique wrist bands (for safety); and finally they are given the new brightly colored Camp shirt. The shirt they were wearing is when they arrived is sealed in a bag to assist with dog tracking if the camper wanders away and needs to be found.

The extent of security and assistance required means a large staff. Some campers must be assisted all the time; others are more self-sufficient and perhaps share a counselor/aid with three other campers. Generally, four counselors will be assigned to a tent with 13 campers. Overall, with the addition of support staff, nurses, special assistants and administrators, there are about as many staff as campers.

Susan challenged the club to accumulate and donate 15 fishing poles, tackle box, hooks and sinkers. **CAN WE RISE TO THE BAIT AND STRIKE?**

## News from the Congo

**Leon Fontier** is extremely proud to announce that the Rotary district 9150 at their conference held in Kigali, Rwanda has awarded my project in Bolenge as the most outstanding WASH project (Water Sanitation and Hygiene) in the District for 2014-15. To put things in perspective the District 9150 includes 10 countries: Burundi, Cameroon, Centrafrique, Congo Brazza, Gabon, Guinea, Republic Democratic of Congo, Rwanda. Sao Tome and Tchad. He is extremely proud of his team and the work they are doing. The project was funded with a mixture of Rotary grants and club contributions (\$55,000) and a contribution for Leon's 501c3 foundation to assist residents living in the village where he was born.



*Leon is second from the right in the front row standing. He is also the one with the biggest smile.*

## Fun and Fellowship today

Twenty-eight Rotarians and guests dined on salad and the thickest sausage and cheese lasagna ever seen in Yates County. Talk about comfort food! Guests were:

- Mike Kenyon, Canandaigua Club
- Paulina, host mom
- Sake, the best Japanese pianists we know.
- Sonia Socha, President John's younger sis.

## What's Happening Next

- 5/26 **Surprise!** We are to hear from Sue Andersen.
- 6/2 **Philip Rouin**, Yates County Veteran's Service
- 6/9 **Board Meeting**, 8:00 AM Lyons National Bk.
- 6/9 **Club Assembly**

6/16 **Change over dinner at Showboat**, no noon meeting, Dinner 5:00 for cocktails.

7/21 **Picnic at the Perl's**

9/? Rotary at Camp Cory

9/1 District Governor's visit and picnic at the Branchport State Park

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers, who are:

	<u>MAY</u>
Set up	Stu P
Attendance	Tina M
Pledge, Song	Carl S
Prayer	Carol W
Sergeant	Jackie S



## News and Notes

**Interact** held its last meeting of the year, and voted to donate \$350 to each of three charities...the Yates County Humane Society, Crossing Keuka (Keuka Comfort Care Home) and the Living Well. They kept enough in reserve to fund the Can-Hunger next year.

**EF A.**, in light of the first test, attests that he did nothing to make the new Carnival Game. **Stu P** did all the carpentry, **Don O** did all the painting, and all **Ef** did was buy the workers lunch.



*Proud carpenter and painter show their work*

**Sake** and host mom **Paulina** attended lunch. Other times you can reach them at 2396 State Route 364, Penn Yan. Their phone is at 585-703-8737. They are off for a visit to Canada this weekend. And, if you

have a piano at home, invite Sake to visit. She blew away the audience during the Exchange Student Talent Show with her phenomenal, exceptional, brilliant techniques at the piano. It was suggested that the club might want to take Sake to the “Open Mic” nights at the Arts Center on Thursdays where there is a pretty good piano to play.

**Ef A.** confessed that **Susan** has been his girlfriend for 55 years. His adoration of her was obvious if you watched his face as she presented on Camp ONSEYAWA.

**Extrava-CAN-za** is currently underway in Waterloo. They have 8-10 competitors and they will all build on one day and be judged the next. The Memorial Day celebrations will guarantee a large group of viewers.

No happiness dollars this week. **Paulina** won \$8 in the 50/50 drawing.

## *Awesome District Conference*

The Hyatt Buffalo was a marvelous site for our conference. It was accessible...if you knew how to dodge the construction zones and could navigate the one way streets. Parking was nearby, clean, safe and cheap. The Hyatt's Mezzanine floor was totally ours. The Friendship room was nicely done and featured lots of chocolate...a prelude to next year's conference in Hershey Pennsylvania...the sweetest place on earth. Meals were generous and well prepared. And, of course, there were many private parties up and down the 16 floors of suites and rooms.

The Clifton Springs Club, with help from a few others, held a wonderfully smooth registration process, and in the gift bag was the usual stuff, plus a \$10 discount coupon for Warfield's Restaurant. Nice touch!

The President's Dinner on Friday had the usual parade of club presidents and spouse and the wonderful presentation of national flags by the exchange students. There was a larger than normal assembly of inbound and outbound students, which meant that at table, there was at least one exchange student, and at one point we had three of the nicest young adults you would ever want to meet. The parade on Saturday night was the past governors and RI dignitaries. (We missed seeing Jeff and Diane and wished them well.)

The RI representative of President Gary Huang was John T. Capps, an energetic, bald, rotund and happy-go-lucky man with an equally outgoing and

humorous wife, Jane. Half the time he didn't need a mike and he brought to us a well-developed bag of props and jokes. Yes, he even had a Rotary Emblem tattooed on the side of his bald pate. This may be old news, but what stuck in the mind of your reporter was B.E.A.R – yes, symbolically a teddy bear. It stands for **BE ENTUSIASTIC ABOUT ROTARY**. And, my, oh my, he was certainly was enthusiastic.

A highlight of Saturday night was the Student Talent Show. It was much better than normal, displaying the extensive talent of our students. There were so many great voices that they performed an excellent rendition of “We are the World.” We voted Sake and her piano piece the best in show.

**Dave Hoffman, Tina and Steve Miller, Chris and Stacy Wyant, Carol Worth and Rob Schwarting** represented the club and retrieved all the Certificates and Awards. Seven or eight (?) in all.

For entertainment in Buffalo, we visited the several Frank Lloyd Wright homes, and toured the Darwin Martin Estate. They say it represents the best of FLW's many homes. Well, of course, there is Falling Water that is more spectacular, so this might be the best of his prairie style homes.



Breakout sessions were of mix of Rotary and non-rotary topics. Several attended the session on Malawi as well as the session “Iron Chef Competition” where they started with Scallops, Tenderloin and Black Garlic and had to make an appetizer and an entrée. We did not compete, but had we....who knows who would have won. Carol W. is convinced that she is going to Malawi to work next spring. Our Peace Corps experts, Steve and Tina, gave the Malawi projects two thumbs up. Another popular session was on imagining the future of Rotary 7120, which looked at PR, electronic media and membership. A session on RYLA attracted Tina and Steve.



## Our Sandi Perl to be honored

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes  
Annual

### *Sharing the Light*

Award Dinner to Honor

#### Sandi Pearl

...and five other exemplary individuals. It will be held on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Hobart and William Smith Colleges' Scandling Center at 5:30 PM. \$45/person and club members are organizing a group to attend. See John Socha.



## Join in a project – Feel good

**Penn Yan Public Library** is seeking helpers from our community for their July program series: "You're your Local Heroes." At these programs, kids ages 5 to 12 will be invited to meet local heroes like firefighters, police officers, veterinarians, doctors, teachers, farmers...anyone who is a hero and has a story to tell. If you are a local hero or know one who would be interested in spending an hour or so talking with kids about their work, please contact Sarah Crevelling at the library at 536-6114 or [screvelling@pypl.org](mailto:screvelling@pypl.org).

## 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.



## 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)

Did you wear your Rotary Lapel Pin today? Do you have a three minute "elevator" talk on what excites you about being a Rotarian?

## The Malawi Experience

One of the several breakout sessions at the Conference dealt with Malawi and the several Rotary initiatives developed there by the Seneca Falls and Clifton Springs Clubs. Dave and Melissa.

It all started with the Malawi Children's village where two Peace Corps doctors were caring for orphans of HIV infected parents who had passed away. See: <http://malawichildrensivillage.org/>. Seneca Falls' member Dave went to Malawi to respond to a request for Gould pumps to irrigate crops. With water, the rainy season of six months can be extended and three harvests can be made. This creates income for farmers who are among the poorest in Africa. 19 well sites support 20,000 persons.

Soon the children's orphanage expanded to an elementary school, a health clinic and a secondary school. They also started trade schools in carpentry, sewing, automotive repairs and agriculture.

Volunteers and contributions are sought by the Seneca Falls club. A current project is building book shelves, and more will come. David and Melissa are pretty clear that volunteers must leave western ideas back home, and arrive in Malawi to do what the village chiefs need. Teachers in the school come from many countries.

Visiting volunteers are put up in nicely built houses or in nearby great residential lodges, such as Makokola [www.clubmak.com](http://www.clubmak.com). Airfare from Dulles is \$1777/person roundtrip. Who wants to go and help?



*This is a luncheon at the Mount Soche Hotel of the Limbe Rotary Club in Blantyre, Malawi, not far from the Malawi Children's Village. The club has projects at the Village and in villages in the surrounding region. Teams of visitors from Alaska, Hawaii, Missouri, and points in Canada regularly attend meetings.*

## What is a ShelterBox?

Our club has sent Rotary's Shelter Boxes to various natural disaster sites; in situations like the earthquakes in Nepal. So, what are they? Here is one:



ShelterBox was founded in 2000 in the small town of Helston in Cornwall, UK. That same year the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard adopted it as its millennium project. Little did they know that it would become a **Rotary project partner**, with an ever-growing number of international affiliates.

The first consignment of 143 boxes was sent to earthquake victims in the Indian state of Gujarat in January 2001. Over the next three years the project matured and by the end of 2004 nearly 2,600 boxes had been dispatched, following 16 major disasters.

In 2005 more than 22,000 boxes were sent out, almost 10 times the number sent out in the previous three years. Not only was aid sent to survivors of the Tsunami, but to help those who had lost their homes in Hurricane Katrina in the USA and the massive earthquake that hit the Kashmir region of Pakistan.



*The first Shelterboxes to arrive in Nepal this month were used to house the patients of the damaged hospital in Katmandu, Nepal.*

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