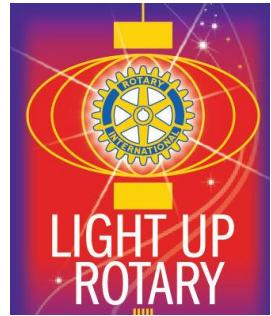


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In Rotary, when asked, you say: "YES!!!"

Years ago, in an effort to build commitment and enthusiasm for club projects, the message to members was to say, without any hesitation, a resounding "YES!!!" Today, our speaker in her personal biography shared that advice given her when Lloyd Emerson presented her with her first of three Paul Harris Fellowships, was that sometimes, she *should* consider saying "NO!!" She admits that saying No is very hard for her.

Sue Andersen began and ended her biographical talk with loving words about her daughters, Kristin, Heather, Kayla, and Morgan, aged 22 to 10. "When I die, I want to be remembered not for my jobs, or as the perfect Mom, but as a really good Mom." She also shared an enduring, but conditional love for Dave, her husband of 25 years....she's there for him, unless he decides to bring dairy cows back to the farm. And for her fellow Rotarians, she earns accolades for being there for each of us when we needed friends the most. Sue's life has been a committed life of service to her and Dave's parents, the kids, the farm, the bank and all her other jobs, to Milo Center UM Church and people who need help. She has served on or is serving in some capacity to 4-H and Cooperative Extension, our Interact Club, the Chamber, the Living Well, and the Yates County Endowment. She credits her parents and their commitment to their community with setting the example of how she should live her life...and by any measure we use, her life so far is exemplary.

Her year as Club President was filled with a lot of joy, fellowship and communication. Sue is a consummate card writer. When asked how she finds the time, she replies: "The day is 24 hours long and I write notes to others at 1 AM." She successfully partnered presidency with Stacy W. for two years of great leadership, which they repeated a few years later when the club hosted the District Conference for Governor Jeff K. and Diane.

As a high school student, Sue started work at the Main Street Bakery (scrubbing floors) and at the Homestead (care-giving aid). Before that, and of course for years afterwards, she worked on the farm. During college years, she also was a clerk at Ames. A love of math sent her to FLCC for a degree in accounting, Geneva National Bank and the Penn Yan Branch of Lyons National Bank, where she is now the manager.

Recently, her supervisor asked her: "When will it be good enough?" For Sue the answer is not about being perfect, but of being of value to others every day. It is about making a difference. Therefore, she is a continuous learner, an avid reader and collector of quotes. She loves the feeling of soil in her garden. She easily shares her genuine inner feelings.

The club rose with applause in appreciation of a great mom-woman-leader-Rotarian.

News and Notes

Whit Yonge and **Gail** are back! Look forward to the Cookout with Grilled Steaks on his Seneca Lake beach. John Socha arrives with his crew and a dish to pass on his pontoon boat, while the rest sample wine, beer other beverages and the dishes we bring to pass. Great fellowship Tuesday, August 18th.

Dave Graham says that he is pretty much back to normal after hip surgery. "I cannot leap high buildings; and I'm never as fast as a speeding bullet. But, I am almost as strong as a locomotive." Chat with Dave about your Rotary Passion as he might be looking for a place to put his efforts. There is great untapped potential with him and with many other club members who tend to stay on the periphery.

Why was ONSEYAWA founded? History says that the camp was an inspiration of a father who had twin daughters, one who could attend camps and one with disabilities that could not. It broke his heart to see one unable to experience nature, waterfront sports, living in a tent with a "gang" of other campers, etc.

Camp ONSEYAWA's Sunday Carnival. For some reason, the club can muster only a few to visit the camp, meet the campers and other Rotarians in service to these kids, and help with our carnival game. Perhaps it is hard because Sunday is our own personal family day, but it would be great, according to our Camp Directors, if more of us would make this service project a personal priority. **Dyke S.** says that it was a truly memorable experience for him.

Carl S. was overheard cheering the end of the semester. His two classes that he teaches are done! Also, Carl is finishing his first year as a seminary student at Northeastern Seminary (Robert Wesleyan)

OK, so what do we do at the **Change-over Dinner**, aka Officers' Night? Well, first it is a regular Tuesday meeting, only at night. Second, it is all about fun and fellowship. We get to poke a little good natured fun at the outgoing president (this year the Troika of **Sue, Stacy** and **John**...lots of material for the MC to work on). We ceremonially pass the gavel of leadership from the Troika to **Bob Shrader** and his President Elect, **Tom May**. Other highlights of the evening are recognizing the club's **Rotarian of the Year**, some attendance milestones and recognizing several club members as **Paul Harris Fellows**. June 16th, 5:45 PM, at the Showboat Inn and Restaurant, Seneca Lake. Sign up at lunch – 28 on board already.

John's sister **Sonia** spent some quality time with the Auction Team Leaders for their wrap up session. She is/was a pro at raising money for non-profits and made several great suggestions or nodded in agreement as we described lessons learned this year. As has been the custom for these meetings, Clams Casino and Chardonnay assisted the conversations.

The recommendation of the team leaders is to hold the 50th, and perhaps last, Online/On-Air Auction next year on March 5th. The online auction is likely to be reduced to one week and there might be a party in conjunction with the On-Air Auction. It seems like the four team structure might be kept, and the donation solicitation effort will be assigned to a smaller "ask" team rather than putting it on all club members. Tentative plans are to involve the Rotaract Club a bit more and to select a local non-profit or agency to benefit from the fundraising, once our minimum is met.

Carol W. stepped down as auction project leader after three years and agreed to mentor whoever steps into her shoes. **Stacy W, Sarah C, John S,** and **Rob S.** agreed to stay on, and **Tina M** stepped up to lead one team. Much of the project leader's effort has been recorded electronically, so succession should be easier.



The old winery Cupola is on the move...visionaries see it as a wedding picture destination...watch at 10AM this Friday.

Red Book Shelves – Our club sponsors "take a book, leave a book" red book shelves in six or so locations in the northern half of the county while the Dundee Club does the same in the south. **Sue A.** is the primary elf that replenishes the shelves when empty. If you have gently used pre-school and elementary school age books, give them to Sue.

The club donated 100 heavy canvas ROTARY tote bags to Operation Graduation...final purpose unknown. Watch for details.

FYI -- How we raise and spend our \$\$\$\$

At the club meeting of the 19th, we adopted our budget for next year. It is pretty straight forward. All the money we spend on our "administrative" things, like secretary and treasurer expenses, dues to RI and the district, officer and new member training, guest lunches, memorials and our own contribution to a Paul Harris Fellowship amounts to \$9,700, and is raised entirely by our dues, 50/50 contributions and Happy Dollars.

Here is how we are going to pay for all the programs that we do. Unique to this Rotary year is a one-time income of \$2,500 from hosting the 2016 District Assembly on April 23rd. It means a little extra work for us that weekend. We have the annual projects of Concert in the Park (\$50.00) and Dime-o-lish Polio (\$350.00). The banks chip in to support our Student of the Month program (\$450). Our major fundraising effort is Rotary Day Auction (\$10,000.00+). Usually, we will also have minor income, such as selling cookies at the Concert in the Park, or a sponsor for the Service Above Self Luncheon.

This is where our program dollars go:

Youth Service:

Arbor Day	300.00
Boys State	350.00
Camp Cory	685.00
Eagle Scout Project Sponsor	50.00
Miss Penn Yan	100.00
ONSEYAWA Assessment	1,800.00
ONSEYAWA Hole Sponsor	100.00
Oratorical Contest	75.00
PYA Scholarships	1,000.00
Youth Exchange	1,800.00
Rotaract	500.00
Student of the Month	450.00
Interact	500.00

Vocational Service:

SAS Luncheon	400.00
Literacy	1,000.00

Community Service:

Can Hunger	425.00
Concert in the Park	50.00
District Simplified Grant	2,000.00
Eames Award	15.00

International Service:

Dime-o-lish Polio	350.00
Unspecified contribution	400.00
Global Grant	1,000.00
Total Programs	\$13,350.00

Thinking strategically, we are only able to support these worthy projects to the extent of our income, which of late that has been the Online and On-air Auctions of Rotary Day. Fortunately, the income from the auctions has exceeded the conservative budget forecasts, and leadership has tended to spend some of it, and to roll most of it into fund balance or reserves. Such reserves can be used for a "rainy day fund" to protect us in years when our fundraising is diminished, or can be accumulated for some major project.

Recent boards have decided to raise funds in one large event (Rotary Day Auction) and to concentrate all the effort in one part of the year, rather than having a continuous drumbeat of fundraising throughout the year. As it is now, the club also supports fundraising through Can Hunger and the Paul Harris Auction. Contributions to the Foundation are softly solicited all year long.

If members are burned out with the Auction, as some have suggested, a new major fund raising effort is needed. And, while it ramps up to its full potential, the club might have to either reduce its charitable work or have more small projects, like raffles for paddle boards or selling Hot Chocolate at Starshine.



An appreciative Jorgen O. inspects the new safety vests made by Bob S. and Larry L.

Happy Dollars

Many expressed appreciation for Sue's great talk and a few (editor included) expressed thanks for other club members who, from time to time, filled in for each other's club service assignments.

Dean is back with his driver, **Mary Ellen**, after a few surgeries and recuperation.

Ef survived a weekend with the grandchildren on the lake, and **Jorgen** is being the dutiful grandparent with trip to Vancouver and a planned one to Denver.

Bob Shrader appreciated being motivated to write thank you notes at 1 AM.

Bob Scharf was grateful that each of his three kids along the flooded Route 35 corridor in Texas is high and dry.

Ef wanted to remind everyone that he is the designated fishing pole collector, and that he has raffle tickets for the ONSEYAWA Golf Outing at Silver Creek in Waterloo, June 20th. (\$5, or 3 for \$12). Shall we field a team?

"Allie is home, and there is peace for now," Says **Sandi P.** Sibling rivalries?

Who was grinning from ear to ear, and was it a true sign or relief? Finally, **Larry L.** has got good contracts on both the house selling and buying ends.

Jackie S. congratulated **Sue** particularly well when she acclaimed Sue as **the Model for Womanhood**.

Everyone has about 5 weeks left before **Sake** goes on the USA tour and then home to Japan. If you have not yet invited to your home for an evening, do it now!

Birthdays in May and June

(Slipped up for the whole month of May and didn't mention the birthdays. Sorry!)

May 2	Whit Yonge
May 8	Don Oakleaf
May 15	Dave Graham
May 27	Rob Schwarting

June 7	Leon Fontier
June 26	Stephanie Willson

What's Happening Next

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 5:45 for cocktails; Dinner and program 6:45.
7/21	Picnic at the Perl's
8/18	Picnic at Yonge's
9/15	Picnic at the Branchport State Park

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers, who are:

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
Set up	Stu P	Sandi M.
Attendance	Tina M	Dave G.
Pledge, Song	Carl S	Jorgen O.
Prayer	Carol W	Rob S.
Sergeant	Jackie S	Stacy W.



Building Minds in South Sudan:



Last year we had the good fortune to have Sebastian come to the Middle School and talk about his experience in coming to the USA as one of the Lost Boys of Sudan. He went on to talk about his mission, the non-profit *Building Minds in South Sudan: BMISS*. In that talk, he mentioned the need to expand the educational opportunity to women...young ladies who would grow up better educated than his mother. According to the spring edition of the *Village News for BMISS*, school attendance has increased from 340 to 817, including 304 women. Building more classrooms, now eight, helped, but the factor that

Fun and Fellowship today

Twenty-one Rotarians and guests dined on broccoli salad, roasted potatoes and roast beef in a mushroom and onion gravy. Our guest was:

- Phil Rouin, Yates County Veterans Services.

made educating girls really possible, was the building of three latrines with privacy walls.

His inspirational talk to students here, told the story of Angelina, a polio victim, who crawled three miles on her knees to school every day. Opportunities for education that our students have and often resist are highly, HIGHLY valued to Sebastian and the youth from his village in South Sudan. Thanks to the agency, Polio Children (www.poliochildren.org), Angelina was given a hand cranked tricycle so that she can "bike" to school every day. For more about BMISS, visit: www.bmiss.org or call Judy at (585) 442-5111.

For those that want to become involved, there is the 4th Annual BMISS Celebration Dinner at Carey Lake Victorian Party Hall, 959 Benfield Rd, Macedon, NY on June 28th. Cost is \$35 for this 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM event. Check with Judy for specifics.

News just in... September grilled burgers and sausage picnic at the State Park is scheduled for September 15th. Our hosts, **Diane** and **Jeff Krans** tell us that they will furnish the meat and paper products. Everyone else brings their favorite dish to pass. Several bring their favorite wine or brew too. It is at the upper pavilion; and because it is fall and after 5:00 PM, there is no entrance fee. Rotaract and Interact are usually there in good numbers. A grand event!!!



Our Sandi Perl to be honored

Award Dinner to Honor

Sandi Pearl

...and five other exemplary individuals. It will be held on Wednesday, June 17th 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.

Foundation donations will close out in three weeks!



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.

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
- 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

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

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