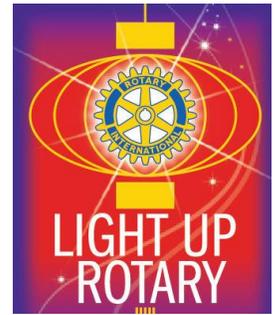


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Wood lot regeneration vs Bambi



Dr. Charles Stackhouse, assisted by his wife, Sarah, glued members to their seats with a fast paced and very informative program on forest management (Silva culture) and the problems we face with regenerating healthy forests in our area.

His tale started with his buying a site for his new home and acquiring a “wood lot” with the acreage. His woods were in horrible shape so he

invited the state forestry specialist to help him develop a woodlot management program. Eventually, he and Sarah attended workshops through Cooperative Extension and became Master Foresters (you can too). Today, as members of the NYS Forest Owners Association, they attend many symposia and give guided wood walks. They try to educate home owners, who might have a small wood lot, on how to manage their asset.

Dr. Stackhouse mentioned three major threats to our woods that are so pervasive that they will stop any attempt to regenerate a climax hardwood forest consisting of sugar maples, black cherries and oaks. Invasive species, such as ferns, honeysuckle, to name two, over time will prevent desired seedlings from taking hold when one or both of the threats are present.

1. Destructive wood harvesting practices, primarily selective harvesting of the best cash crop trees, leave behind a sick, stunted and disease prone wood lot. In the long run, selective harvesting reduces the commercial value of the woodlot by 60-73%. Clear cutting, though ugly looking is much more ecologically effective. Unfortunately there is no good market for the secondary trees, so corrective practices are not that economical.

2. Subdivision of land into non-commercial woodlots makes management of a large region of wood unsuccessful or at least difficult. The average woodlot is now 25 acres and it is owned for approximately 7 years.

3. DEER, DEER, DEER!!!! The explosion of deer herds across the region means that deer will browse down the cherry, maple and oak seedlings...gone! They do not like the taste of the invasives, so these unwanted plants take over the woods. In Yates County, hunters have to remove at least twice as many does as they do now....just to maintain the size of the herd, not to make the needed reduction. In order to get more does, hunters have to be educated; regulations and season limits changed; and residents must allow more hunting on their land. Crossbow and Longbow hunting is allowed closer to residences as a way to remove more deer from neighborhoods where they hide during hunting season.

Dr. Stackhouse encouraged us to get an updating visit for our 8 acre Rotary woodlot, which most agree is not thriving as a model woodlot. It is full of trashy trees and undergrowth. As the meeting ended, several were chatting about making our woodlot better, using the Stackhouses, if possible.

The Club was encouraged to lobby DEC for more doe removal efforts, perhaps the commercialization of deer meat. Many asked about joining the Forest Owners Association.

After Questions and Answers, Sarah and Charles received two standing ovations from a grateful club.



Thinking of visiting another club during Fellowship Month?

Carol W, Dave H, Tina and Steve M, and Rob S. went off to visit the Canandaigua Club. What other clubs should we be sending envoys to? Someone suggested that we might want to have a joint lunch (again) with the Dundee Club. Last year, it was at Rooster Hill for a pizza luncheon courtesy of the Classic Café.

Sakura is about to tour USA

Paulina and Judson announced a farewell party for Sakura this **Saturday, June 27th at noon**. Friends and Rotarians are invited to attend. She is then off on her tour of the USA. Everyone present was full of joy and appreciation for Sakura, the host families, the club members who support the program and our Youth Exchange Leadership. Thanks!



Sakura from Kanazawa East Rotary Club in Japan and our club Youth Exchange advisor/leader Stacy Wyant

News and Notes of interest

July is the start of another membership year. **Now is the perfect time to give the gift of Rotary Membership to friends.** They will get the full benefit of membership by joining in July. Any prospective member as a guest at lunch is paid for by the club. We should be looking at new hires at the County, School, ARC, other non-profits and Hospital. In our club, there are many business titles and occupations open for representation. Jackie Shrader is the team leaders for new member orientation. Talk with her.

President John took a moment to express appreciation for our newest Paul Harris Fellow, **Sarah Crevelling.**



Sarah Crevelling is pinned by an appreciative Rotary Day Auction leader, Carol Worth. Sarah performed yeoman-like services for Public Relations.

Ef expressed the appreciation from his wife, **Susan** for being honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. "She was absolutely overwhelmed and appreciative."

Susan Adnopo' quest for fishing rods and tackle was picked up by the *Dundee Observer* and more poles are expected from the expanded challenge. Poles can be dropped off at the Living Well in the Masonic Hall on East Elm Street, Penn Yan.

President John, board member of the Finger Lakes Tourism Council (in Yates County) reported on the ceremonies in Red Jacket Park. **Senator Gillibrand** was present to announce the campaign to have the Finger Lakes designated as the nation's 50th Heritage Trail. John went on to mention that the designation will greatly expand and enhance the **TERRORISM**...no ...**TOURISM** opportunities in the area. He paid a dear fine for that faux pas.

Larry L. unloaded his ProForma sales kit of Penn Yan Rotary items as tickets were drawn for the 50/50. Many won Polo Shirts, Hats, Sweats and Vests. Larry took a moment to thank his sponsors **Jeff** and **Diane K.** for their efforts in getting him involved.

Visitor **Norm Robinson** won the 50/50 of \$27. He says that he hangs out at the Eagle in Himrod and he's newly back in the area to oversee his family farm/land.

Many expressed appreciation for the **Stackhouse's** excellent presentation. Long discussion continued after the meeting. Several great ideas were expressed and members left thinking about their next step in improving our forests.

Fun and Fellowship today

33 Rotarians and guests dined on either beef tips or chef salads. The wind was gusting over 20 mph, whitecaps were rolling and the outdoor temperature was in the mid-80's. Our guests were:

- Paulina, host parent
- Saki, exchange student
- Jerry Rose, honorary PY Rotarian
- Ralph Clancy, middle school graduate
- Kaitlyn, grand-daughter of Ef.
- Norm Robinson, prospective member, retiree, friend of John S. from the Eagle.

What's Happening Next

- 6/30 Biography** by **John Socha**
- 7/7 Professional Talk** by **Sandy Minster**
- 7/14 Club Assembly**, plus a short program on the **Presidents** by **Bob Scharf**
- 7/21 Picnic** at the **Perl's**
- 7/28 Steamboats on Keuka Lake**
- 8/18 Picnic** at **Yonge's**
- 9/15 Picnic** at the Branchport State Park

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers for the last week of June, who are:

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| Set up | Sandi M. |
| Attendance | Dave G. |
| Pledge, Song | Jorgen O. |
| Prayer | Rob S. |
| Sergeant | Stacy W. |

Birthdays in July

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| Jorgen Overgaard | 7/6 |
| Mary Ellen Morgan | 7/12 |
| Larry Lehner | 7/15 |
| Bob Scharf | 7/24 |
| Bob Tones | 7/28 |

Our new Officers and Directors

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Join in a project - Feel good

Back Pack Program at Milly's Pantry -

Over 1,900 bags of food were packed in the month of April, with a cost of over \$5,000. Thank you to all our donors who make our programs possible. The children of Yates county thanks you. We are always looking for **volunteers** to help out at the Pinwheel Market or helping pack bags for our Back Pack Program and School Supplies Program. If this sounds like something you are interested in and would like to be a part of our Milly's Pantry team, stop into the market or e-mail millyspantry@millyspantry.org.

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



Seattle's Rotary Club

Seattle is about as far from here as one can get, but one is never too far to participate in Rotary. The new owners of the Wagener Bed and Breakfast are from Seattle, as are several new residents on Keuka.

Often called "Seattle Four," Seattle Rotary is the fourth oldest and is the largest Rotary club in the world, out of 32,000 Rotary clubs globally, according to Rotary statistics. (www.seattlerotary.org) Seattle Four currently has about 600 members.

For the past 100 years, the Rotary Club of Seattle has played an instrumental role in helping to develop the international organization and to meet the needs of deserving people in their community and elsewhere. For one, they pioneered the ideal of service as a core Rotary value. They also led the way in sharing Rotary locally, regionally, and across the Pacific. Above all else, Seattle #4 has always exemplified the ideals of community service. For a historical perspective on our first 100 years, see [2009 Centennial Anniversary booklet](#)....an interesting read.

Quality of membership has always been of prime importance to Seattle Rotary. They say that they have consistently sought out leaders in a wide variety of business professions throughout the Seattle area. Today, they work proactively to make sure that their membership represents the diversity of men and women in positions of leadership in the Seattle community.

They say that their club is:

- The State's most influential speaker's podium for policy and business topics.
- The State's largest regular gathering of business principals and executives.
- The most effective current and historical force for ethical business values and practices in the region.
- A significant contributor to local, regional, national, and international causes that enhance positive relationships, increase opportunities, and benefit humanity.

And this is what they say it means to their members:

- Education and perspectives, not otherwise available, on issues important to business and to a balanced, aware, business life and career.
- Valuable business networking and connections.
- A weekly perspective that instills ethical business values and practices important for one's reputation and longevity in business.
- Opportunities to express one's desire to serve the community and the region.



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