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Board Meeting and Assembly



'15-'16 Officers, Chris Bergman, secretary; Bob Shrader, President; Tom May '16-'17 President Elect; Carol Worth, Vice President; Not present, Diane Krans, Treasurer

New Member Inductions were one of very few topics to be discussed this month. **Amy Hoffman's** and **Paulina Reed's** applications were previously approved and the required two week club member consideration period has passed without any comments. Four more applications are outstanding and will be considered by the board at their regular meeting of September 8th. If you have plans on inviting someone into Rotary, now is the best time to do it. The Induction is planned for the OCTOBER 13th. The Board hopes to have a nice formal ceremony for this new class.

The Board discussed the need for an updated "strategy" for dealing with requests for donations. In the past, there have been guidelines that assisted the board in considering these requests from individuals (scout projects) and organizations (the Sheriff's Office or the Living Well), to name but a few. The **president, president elect** and **vice president** will meet with **Ef A.** and **Don O.** to develop guidance for board consideration. This policy will affect only those unbudgeted donations and not affect the planned contributions to Boy's State, Girl's State, Interact, Rotaract, etc. The typical amount given each year to these unplanned contributions is generally budgeted for about \$1,000.

Interact is in sore need of an adult leader who will spend a few hours a week guiding the youth leaders, making reports to the Rotary District, and keeping members/parents...

Board continued:

...connected by email. Sandi P will continue as the co-leader at meetings and can provide some historical perspective and support to the new primary leader. The leader can be either a parent or other non-Rotarian, so long as Sandi P. is the secondary leader.

Tom M asked that every member make a point of **paying dues by August 15th**.

Ef A reported that his wife, Susan, will be collecting thirty fishing poles from the Canandaigua Rotary Club this week. It has been a remarkably successful campaign. (She must have inherited genes from a Sorcerer's Apprentice.)

Tom M., Carol W., President Bob, Ef A. Steve M. Dave H. John S. and Rob S. are looking at the fundraising options for '16-'17 (and further), assuming the 50th Auction will be our last. The growing club consensus appears to be that we have grown tired of asking for the donation of auction items. **Send your ideas to one of these people.** One idea being pursued is a micro-brewery festival. Another is a community day celebration, similar to the Firemen's Carnival. Everyone is looking for a way to raise \$10-15,000 but doesn't burn out the club.

Chris B., when the discussion turned to fundraising, asked the board to consider an activity that is more family-oriented and did not involve alcohol. **Diane K.** suggested we consider partnering with some other agency that has a strong pull in the community. Polio eradication and Camp ONSEYAWA don't have big community recognition.

Tom H., Sarah C. and Carol W. have signed on to lead the 50th Rotary Day Auction on March 5th, 2016. **President Bob** was visibly relieved to have leadership in place for his term's critical fundraiser.



News and Notes of interest

It is your LAST CHANCE (Monday): **Whit Y.** was circulating sign-ups for his Squaw Point picnic. Be sure to get on the list so he can order your NY Strip steaks. If your name is not on the list, contact Whit...he says there are 28 or more already signed up. Bring chairs, dish to pass, beverages (if you want something special), table setting (makes it easier on Gail) and about \$10 or so to pay Whit for the NY Strip

Steak. Throw yours on the fire grate when you get there.

ONSEYAWA Carnival is August 23rd. **Sue and Kayla Andersen, Steve M., Jackie S. and her granddaughter,** and **Rob S.** have signed up to help with the photo booth and ring toss. **Ef** can use a few more helping hands. The more the merrier.

Trip to the camp: Tentatively, we will help in the kitchen/dining room on Tuesday, August 25th. For those who go, it will be in lieu of the Club meeting the same day. Listen/watch for more details.

President Bob and **Jackie** are taking off for a whirlwind tour of 50th anniversary holiday and 50th college reunion. And, to think they really do look like spring chickens, and in no way old enough for all this.

On the matter of **ring toss jar rings**...we have enough! **Don O.** says "Thanks for all the donations." Also, thanks to Chuck Mitchell and the Oliver House, we have 80 stuffed animals for awards of the ring toss game. **We still need 30-40 more give away items.** They should be worth about \$1.00.

The Rotary Theme for the Month of August is MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION! There have been many great visitors in July. WOW! We seem to have five prospective members in process of joining the club. There's room for more!!! Applications must be submitted to the Secretary by the Board meeting on September 8th if they are to be part of the October 13th Class of Inductees.

Ryan H won a small 50/50 which he donated back to the Club because of his several weeks of absence... vacation, then making up for being away from work.

News from the Congo

Leon's project has been wonderfully successful. He will be returning briefly in September for his daughter's wedding, and most of the work he planned on doing will be finished. It has been a very successful venture for him and for Rotary. There is some political unrest in the DRC (Congo), but so far it has avoided his project area.

Leon has been very active posting on Facebook, and for those who are not followers of this media option, here are some of his pictures...successes. Starting with a picture of his dinner...grubs in a palm nut oil sauce. "Yummy, and very good!" says Leon.



A little crunchy too! The taste is all in the sauce!



Following the success of Leon's first month of work on the latrines and rainwater catchment tanks, the project was amended to include several wells in lieu of the sand filters in the classrooms. Here the first well is issuing fresh clean water.



Here is Leon and his "kids." An immersion experience and project, like the one Leon has undertaken, spreads understanding and good will wide and far. Often it is the kids that experience the greatest attachment and change.

Fun and Fellowship this week

It was a really joyful event with Chicken Parm, Zitti and a huge salad for lunch for 16 members and 2 guests. President Bob got several good laughs. There was lots of rain overnight and a grey day with high humidity and temperatures in the upper seventies. Guests were:

- **Bob Smith**, Friend of **Stacy W**
- **Bob Bennett** retired from BOCES, looking to join and work with KCCH.

What's Happening Next

- 8/18 Picnic at Yonge's
- 8/23 Camp **ONSEYAWA** Carnival Setup around 10AM, Contests begin at 11AM
- 8/29 Camp tear down
- 9/1 Lunch at Camp **CORY**
- 9/15 Picnic at the Branchport State Park

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers for the month of August:

Set up	Sue A and Rob S
Attendance	Witt Y
Pledge Song	John S.
Rotary Minute	Stacy W
Prayer	Evelyn E
Sergeant	Ef A

Birthdays in July

Sue Andersen	8/19
Dean Morgan	8/21
Evelyn Emerson	8/23
Dave Hoffman	8/27
Stephen Miller	8/28
Jeff Krans	8/30

Rotary at home in the Land of the Midnight Sun

Rotary came to Finland in 1926. The 1920s in Finland were marked by the building up of the newly established Republic of Finland that had torn itself away from the position as a Grand Duchy under a Governor General of the Russian empire. Finland's moment came in 1917 during the Russian revolution and in the aftermath of WWI. When WWII broke out there were eight clubs in Finland and 270 rotarians.

Cooperation with Germany during the actual fighting of the war and the uneasy peace concluded with the Soviet Union after the war left little leeway. Neither of the two totalitarian countries looked too kindly upon the Anglo-American influenced Rotary. The general trend in the post-war years, when the country sought a closer orientation towards the Western world, brought about a boom in the establishment of Rotary Clubs in all parts of the country. A social order for rotary had emerged. Similar trends in the other Nordic countries took all to the top ten league in Rotary density per capita in the world. Today Finland has a good 300 Rotary clubs and 10.900 Rotarians in a population of 5,4 million.

Finnish Rotary clubs are divided into six Districts, with District 1420 being responsible for the administration of the Rotary clubs in Estonia.

Also, from the Rochester Rotary Club: We hope everyone enjoyed watching the construction of our fully accessible wooden treehouse Tuesday on the DIY Network's series "The Treehouse Guys". If you missed it, not to worry. Below is a list of dates and times of when the show will run again.

Congratulations to all the Rotarians and volunteers that were featured on the show.

Air Dates

Tuesday, August 18th - 8:00 pm/7:00c
Wednesday, August 19th - 3:00 am/2:00c
Friday, August 21st - 6:00 pm/5:00c
Tuesday, August 25th - 7:00 pm/6:00c
Monday, September 7th - 3:00 pm/2:00c
Tuesday, September 8th - 9:00 pm/8:00c

Rotary Minute –

Stacy W gave us a little bit of history: The first Rotary Club was formed when attorney [Paul P. Harris](#) called together a meeting of three business acquaintances in downtown Chicago at Harris's friend Gustave E. Loehr's office in the [Unity Building](#) on Dearborn Street on February 23, 1905.^[5] In addition to Harris and Loehr (a mining engineer and Freemason), Silvester Schiele (a coal merchant), and Hiram E. Shorey (a tailor) were the other two who attended this first meeting. The members chose the name Rotary because initially they rotated subsequent weekly club meetings to each other's offices, although within a year, the Chicago club became so large it became necessary to adopt the now-common practice of a regular meeting place.

Join in a project – Feel good

The **Penn Yan Community Garden** is seeking volunteers for leadership positions, particularly a secretary to take notes and use email to send member updates. If you would like to learn more about the Community Garden, the Annual Meeting of Membership will be held **this Saturday**, August 15 at Milly's Pantry from noon until 2pm. It will be a fun, potluck meeting featuring ingredients grown at the Community Garden. (People are welcome to ask any questions they may have, too.) – Sarah C

Millie's Pantry is looking for help. Contact Carolyn Schaeffer at the Pinwheel Market, 315-694-7350.

Volunteers, who are interested in helping pack boxes of food for our Piloted Home Pack Program, are needed. Packing will take place at the Pinwheel Market's basement level on Wednesday, August 26th at 10am. With a few volunteers the pack should only take about an hour. If you are interested in helping out please e-mail millyspantry@millyspantry.org or leave a message at the Pinwheel Market.

Lastly, school supplies are in and ready to be distributed. Distribution week starts Monday, August 17th through Friday, August 21st. If you are interested in volunteering we could always use a helping hand. Any time given is truly appreciated!



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

News from the Library

Contact: Alex Andrasik, Adult Services Librarian (aandrasik@pypl.org). All events will be held in the Hicks-Kimball Room unless otherwise noted

Why Read Graphic Novels? Tuesday, August 18, 6:00-7:30 pm

Not just for graphic novel fans! Learn why this art form is of significant educational, literary and artistic value, and leave with a list of must-reads. Featuring an educator, a creator, and a retailer, this event will examine graphic novels from all angles!

PY Writes—And Reads! Wednesday, August 19, 5:30-7:30 pm

PY Writes - and reads! You are cordially invited to celebrate the conclusion of our first workshop by joining us for a reading of the diverse stories created by our avid writers and instructors. This event will feature the debut of a new story by local author Bethany Snyder. Be there!

Classic Film Night, Friday, August 21, 5:30-8:00 pm

This month's classic film is a wartime thriller about "a hillbilly sharpshooter drafted in WWI despite his claim to be a pacifist, who ends up becoming a war hero" (IMDb). Starring Gary Cooper. 134 minutes; not rated, but expect some 1941-era combat action. Free and open to the public!



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“Love is like a boomerang...when you send it out, it comes right back to you.” (Evie Worth)
Good message, but when I send off a boomerang, it usually comes back and hits me in the head. Ouch, I must be doing something wrong (Ed.)