

# SPOKES

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## *Dark fiber – Oh my... Sounds ominous*



But, really, **Dark Fiber** is a glass fiber cable that is the backbone of digital and voice services. Presenter, **Ed Menninger of Open Access Fiber** says it is called dark because its owner/operator just has a cable with 144 glass strands in it. The light impulses that make it “light up” is provided by users like Verizon to connect to a cellular tower, some local business wanting to connect its many satellite offices “just like they were next door,” or a service provider that connects hospitals and doctors securely and swiftly with Medicare bill paying offices.

Yates County started working to bring this greatly enhanced electronic access to our rural area several years ago, working first with Access Ontario. Access Ontario was a county economic development project that in 15 years has generated over a Billion dollars in new projects in Ontario County. Corning Glass provided a grant of 9 Million dollars to bring this high speed access to the Southern Tier West (Chemung, Steuben and Schuyler Counties). Yates was not as wealthy or as entrepreneurial as these other counties and is undertaking this risk with a state grant and local matching funds. Dark fiber today is like the locally built highways of the past. It is essential infrastructure.

The initial plan for Yates County was for a ring that ran from Rushville to Steuben and from Schuyler up 14 to Penn Yan and then on to Geneva. Recent development has allowed an additional line from Naples to Branchport. Modifications are occurring.

The major users of the rural dark fiber are colleges and universities, hospitals, government agencies, cellular phone providers and start-up high tech companies. Here, we could anticipate Keuka College and the hospital as early users.

Members questioned Ed about the likelihood that other connectivity would replace glass fiber. Satellites can download quickly, but high upload speed is a technical problem that is unlikely to be solved. Cellular and Wi-Fi services are already on glass fiber. Data transmission volumes have gone from 3-G (gigabits) to 4-G and now experimentally, tetra-bits per second. It is all travelling at the speed of light.

We are likely to see community based Wi-Fi serving users over the air and connecting to a high speed glass fiber. The dark fiber is likely to be a great economic development tool.

## News and Notes of interest

**Sander Diamond**, Rotarian of many years, mostly in the '80s, is being honored next week at the Keuka Green and Gold celebration for his 40 year tenure on the faculty and his extensive connections with alumnae.



*Rumor has it that **Jeff K** polished the club's gong!*

**President Bob** checked in and reminds us that new member induction is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup>. Photo Opportunities! And he mentioned that **Jackie** will be undergoing cataract surgery that morning as well.

**Dean M** announced that our bell ringing for Christmas for the Needy is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sue** and **Stacy** ran the meeting without a hitch. A bit of fun too!

**Dave H** and **Steve M** represented the club... successfully they think...at the County Tourism Council meeting where we asked for funds to help us get the May 13-14 wine festival off the ground. **Mayor MacKerchar** reminded us that the date we chose is the second anniversary of the "great" Jacobs Creek flood.

Bad news continues to plague **Stu P**. While he was incapacitated and visiting the hospital, his daughter in law passed away. Stu is still recovering slowly at his daughter's home. Email [sporter32@gmail.com](mailto:sporter32@gmail.com)

Due to our leadership shortfall with Interact, the club has not been meeting and no one is planning on

attending the Eastern Cities Dinner. Rotaract has been invited by their Rotary advisors, **Tina** and **Steve M**.

**Stacy W** and wife **Chris** report that they now have a fifth son-in-law. Pictures show a fabulous celebration of marriage.

**Tom H**, a little bedraggled looking, expressed joy for a safe trip to North Fork, Long Island and back with a load of grapes. He didn't mention it, but we expect he and his harvester are really busy this year. Call Tom if you want to ride along for a few rows.

**Taryn Windheim**, Canandaigua Rotarian, mentioned that the ARC of Yates' Rally around Keuka Lake has 100 registrants and a really great batch of sponsors.

**Dave**, husband of **Sue A** took an unplanned slide down the cellar stairs and sprained his knee, but worse, he broke his ankle. It's not clear who's worse off...the caretaker or the patient. Best wishes for a quick recovery to them both.

**Sarah Purdy**, former club member, and Yates County Administrator announced that she will be celebrating 21 years at Yates County this Saturday. Lots of smiles and congratulations were shared.

**Pat T**, soon to be member, and wife, **Rachel**, are celebrating one year married.

**Carol W** and **Rob S** asked for a Yankee win in the Wild Card Game tonight. (Yankees lost 0-3). The problem might not have been with the Yankee batters, but with the adequacy of Carol's and Rob's contribution to the kitty.

**Tina M** expressed happiness to be back and to be rid of Poison Ivy rash. To which **Diane K** shared her wisdom about poison ivy and relieving oneself in the woods. We definitely have a sense of humor found in a small rural village club!

The \$6 50/50 pot went to John S *again!*



## Birthdays coming up

Diane Krans 10/15  
Deb Fabris-Coon 10/18

## Fun and Fellowship this week

The buffet was a hardy beef luncheon, gravy and all. 21 Rotarians assembled with 8 guests.

- Ed Hemminger – ECC “Open Access Fiber”
- Mike – Canandaigua Rotary and ECC
- Taryn Windheim – Canandaigua Rotary
- Andrew Lukasiewicz – ECC
- Sarah Purdy – Yates County Administrator
- Patrick Tolbert - prospective member
- Bob Smith - prospective member
- Elias – our exchange student



## What's Happening Next

- 10/13** Induction Ceremony for new members and Student Scholar  
**10/18** Eastern Cities Dinner  
**10/20** Board Meeting, 8AM Lyons National Bank  
**10/20** The Glenn H. Curtiss Museum  
**10/29** Lt. Martinez, Salvation Army

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

Set up	Carol W
Attendance	Ef A
Pledge Song	Carl S
Rotary Minute	Rob S
Prayer	Evelyn E
Sergeant	Diane K



## Autumn in Rotary means training and seminars

President Bob has shared the list of events that might be of some interest to club members. If anything interests you, contact Bob.

10/18 Eastern Cities Dinner in Rochester  
11/7 Rotary Leadership Institute in Canandaigua  
11/15 Foundation Breakfast at FLCC (12:00-3:00 pm) . . . NEW PLACE AND NEW TIME

## Rotary Minute –

**Don O** reminded everyone of Polio Plus and our drive locally to contribute a respectable amount to the Polio Plus Committee Chair when he speaks at the Eastern Cities Dinner.

## Join in a project – Feel good

The ARC of Yates is hosting a **Relay Race around the Lake** on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Checkpoints are at wineries... oh yeah. Teams can be 4 to 8 individuals. Finish will be at the Branchport State Park. Sponsors and teams are being recruited. What if we recruited a Keuka College team...a bunch of ringers to run for us and we get to go to the party at the end of the race. Hmmm?

## Interact needs an advisor

The Rotary presence at the Academy is fading. Do you want that to happen after all the great years that we have had an Interact Chapter there?

For the want of a responsible adult leader, a great institution for youth leadership development will be lost. The leader need not be a Rotarian, though that would be nice. It can be a retiree or a parent of a high school student who would be an Interactor.

Please canvas your friends for a volunteer or consider if this is something that you could do.

The club would meet periodically at the Living Well, normally on a Sunday afternoon. Sandi Perl will continue to be a co-leader, but this needed leader will have some organizational and motivational skills. He or she would keep some records and make sure that notices of meetings were distributed.

## *What is Rotary doing in Nepal?*

From April 25<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup> of 2015, a series of earthquakes and aftershocks measuring 7.8 to 6.9 Richter killed over 9,000 and injured another 23,000 persons in Nepal, between the capital city of Kathmandu and Mt. Everest to the east. The devastation called for an international response to which Rotary Clubs worldwide donated money and sent shelter boxes.

Rotary in Nepal started organizing in 1957, the first club started meeting in Kathmandu in 1958, and was formally recognized by Rotary International in 1959. Today, Nepal and Bhutan form district 3292 and is governed by DG Keshav Kunwar. There are 89 Rotary Clubs with 3026 Rotarians, 92 Rotaract Clubs and 91 Interact Clubs, mostly in Nepal.

The Clubs in the District are involved in various community and vocational service projects to serve the needy people of Nepal and Bhutan and in the past five years have contributed over \$800,000 of their own funds.. In support of this work, the Rotary Foundation has funded 231 grant projects (such as water and sanitation projects, medical and dental missions, adopt-a-school programs and reforestation plantings) involving US \$6.1 million in the same five years. This was before the earthquakes struck.

The day after the quake, a message went out from RI urging us to donate to ShelterBox, an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth, and dignity to people made homeless by disasters worldwide. It was founded by Rotarians in England and their agreement with Rotary broadens the charity's volunteer base, enhancing its capacity to respond instantly to

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disasters while keeping costs low. An assessment team was on the ground immediately, and response with kits was immediate as many shelter box kits are pre-stationed in disaster prone areas.

Almost six months later, the crisis endures. Monsoons have come with mudslides and floods where there was once none. 1.7 million children and their families live in the open as rubble is cleared away. \$200 Million in relief was passed Nepal and the affected region, but total recovery will cost in the neighborhood of \$9 Billion over ten years.

Hospitals and schools will need rebuilding. Rotary Clubs from outside of Nepal that have sponsored eye and heart clinics have repurposed their projects and are just helping get people housed and getting simple health support. The need is still great. A Cornell faculty member has a project in several rural villages and recently has proposed a model reconstruction project that might be of some interest to Rotary. As the project evolves, more information will be shared.

## *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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