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## The Salvation Army reports changes



**Luiz Martinez and his wife Nydia**, came to us full of warmth and enthusiasm for their work as the leaders of the Salvation Army in Geneva. Last summer after a few months on the job, they learned that they were being given responsibility for SA activities in Yates County. The Army had already been involved here in a big way in May '14 as they helped people recover from the flood. They provided \$25,000, 4,700 meals, 423 clean up kits and spiritual and emotional support for over 600 persons. Typically, their support in the area flows through the Living well.

The Martinez's are newly "commissioned" lieutenants in the Army, operating from their Citadel in Geneva. They are both administrators and pastors who provide "soup, soap and salvation" to their flock, and both had careers before answering the call to serve humanity more directly. They have a daughter, age 16, and a son, age 11. After five years they will be promoted to Captains and then after 15 years to Majors. Luiz and Nydia are responsible for the needs of people in eastern Ontario County and all of Yates.

Their Citadel provides about \$9,000 annually in Yates County for emergency purchases of food and essential family supplies, and if the recipient can get there, furnishes vouchers for clothing and household items at the nearest family store (routes 5/20 at Bean Hill, Canandaigua). The Family Store accepts donations of clothing and usable items which they refurbish clean and resell. The profits from the stores do not flow to the Army's Citadels that are supported by the Red Kettle drive at Christmas. The stores support rehab centers across the nation, where an individual with an addiction who has been sober for 24 hours can go for free and receive rehab services. Most of their work is done through the Living Well and Sandi sits on their board. The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 (150th anniversary) by William and Kathryn Booth in England to help relieve problems in urban slums, and is best known for its Family Stores and Red Kettles. The SA operates in over 120 countries, provides shelters, schools hospitals, and summer camps for kids from 7-18. Their mission is to enhance skills/morals through various programs for men or women, distribute emergency food, provide financial assistance (rents, utilities, prescriptions), clothing and furniture from the Family Stores.

Luiz is a Rotarian in Geneva and praises his club's efforts on the last day of the Kettle Campaign to occupy the main 4-corners in the city and offer drivers and pedestrians a chance to make contributions. Every year, it is the largest Red Kettle day of the campaign.

## *News and Notes of interest*

**Jack C** reminded the members that there was once a Salvation Army Citadel in Penn Yan...in the building that was later the Owl's Nest Teen Center and was demolished during the flood last year.

**Carol W** reported that the Club was officially notified by the Chamber of the Tourism Grant for the May '16 Wine Tasting event.

**Elias** reported that his soccer team lost by one point in the Section 5 quarter finals. He talks about basketball as his next sport.

**Diane K**, as sergeant, was both firm and funny. It takes us back in years when fining was a "fine art." The Sergeant had to have a really good wit and poke at members enough for a good laugh but not too hard to draw blood.

There was a very lively Q/A for the **Martinez's**. Luiz reported that people who have to perform community service can be used at the Citadel. He is always looking for volunteers to help with their many projects.

**President Bob** started his new 50/50 game with a fresh deck of cards...52 cards...and it is the 6 of Diamonds that we are looking to draw if we want to win the whole pot. The first 50/50 draw was by the today's lucky winner, President Bob. He lost by drawing the 9 of Diamonds.

**Diane K**, according to husband **Jeff**, has a new gizmo, a Kindling Cracker. She swings the maul and he picks up the scattered kindling.

**Leon F** celebrated his return to Penn Yan with a gratitude donation... he attended his daughter's wedding in Hawaii, and he now has a shower to bathe under.

**Jackie S** was honored by her grand-daughter, who asked her to be her sponsor at her confirmation.

**Tom H** is back in circulation again...the harvest is finished. The crop was pretty good, not too much or too little for most varieties. Some viniferous varieties were a little short.

**Dean** and **Mary Ellen** were suited up and ready for Halloween with matching black sweatshirts with scary logo.

**Don O** donated a few gratitude dollars for having survived the first case of the flu this fall. Sgt. Diane was ready to "fine" him for having asked the guest too many questions.

**Sarah C** was glowing from a recent conference trip to Lake Placid. "Great place for a conference."

**Stacy W** reminded us of **Charlotte Wytias** who was being honored. Congratulations to her were flying around Facebook this week.

**Mary Ellen** complimented **Elias** for doing a great job with the Mustang sportswear fundraiser. Our shirts were in and being handed out.

When asked the reason for his contribution this week attorney **Carl S.** pled the fifth.

## *Projects needing our attention*

**Sue A** – Halloween for Penn Yan kids at the First Baptist Church, Saturday, October 31st – stay tuned for details of our jobs – decorating, guiding kids through games, clean up.

**Sue A** – Helpers needed for the YATES BUDLE UP coat distribution at First Presbyterian Church – Saturday morning, October 30<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 11 AM. This project is in memory of our Stephanie Bates.

**Dean M** – bell ringing for Christmas for the Needy is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Pairs of ringers at Tops and Byrne Dairy

## *Birthdays coming up*

Dyke Smith 11/18

## *Fun and Fellowship this week*

A particularly congenial and raucous crowd dine on Chicken Marsala, potato mash, and a medley of steamed summer vegetables. The room was full again with 31, including our two guest speakers. Pleasant weather, light breeze, temperature in the fifties.



## What's Happening Next

- 11/3 Election Day – Go vote!
- 11/3 Yates County Office of the Aging
- 11/10 Club Assembly and Student of the Month
- 11/17 Sandi Perl's Biographic Sketch (finally!)
- 11/24 Yates Community Center

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

Set up	Amy Hoffman
Attendance	Bob Smith
Pledge Song	Patrick Tolbert
Rotary Minute	Don Oakleaf
Prayer	Sarah Creveling
Sergeant	Leon Frontier

## Autumn district events wind down in November

Of course those of us who can will plan on spending November 7<sup>th</sup> in Canandaigua for the **Rotary Leadership Institute**, a great program and meals. **Register as soon as possible.**

<http://rlinea.org/Event/e20e89cd-7f62-4e27-b316-484603712527>

What do you know about the **Foundation Breakfast** besides being scheduled for 11/15 at FLCC (12:00-3:00 pm) . . . NEW PLACE AND NEW TIME? It is a chance to mix with like-minded Rotarians, for whom charitable giving is part of their life and legacy. You will hear from interesting speakers (watch for news) and get information about the several (mostly painless) ways that a Rotarian can support world peace and understanding.

## Rotary in the News



In Syria, where a civil war has been raging since 2011, more than 6,000 people flee the country every

day. As of September, more than 4.1 million people have become refugees, and 7.6 million more have been internally displaced.

“The plight of Syria’s refugees is a litmus test for the world’s compassion,” says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko. “Rotary members worldwide are profoundly disheartened by the refugee crisis now unfolding in Syria and other parts of the world,” The United Nations has described this condition the worst in decades.

“Rotary is following the situation closely,” Hewko says. “We know our members have an inherent desire to act, to relieve the suffering and uncertainty that displaced individuals and families are facing. We call on you to respond as Rotarians have for more than 100 years: to use your professional skills and acumen, leverage your connections to other leaders, and mobilize your local communities to provide the necessary resources and funding to address the humanitarian crisis.”

Rotary members can donate to the disaster relief efforts of our project partner **ShelterBox**. The organization has supported the Syrian relief effort for nearly four years and is working with other agencies to continue distributing relief materials. ShelterBox is also working with communities in Greece to provide aid and supplies to displaced people passing through the region.

Rachel Harvey, a member of a ShelterBox response team that recently returned from Greece, says as many as 2,000 people arrive daily on Lesbos’ northern beaches, referring to a Greek island in the Aegean Sea off the Turkish coast. The trip from Turkey to Greece usually takes about an hour and a half. “The flimsy rubber dinghies are invariably overcrowded, and the majority of passengers can’t swim,” she says. Many will drown.

Harvey adds: “The experience is terrifying. Another trauma added to the layers that many of the displaced have accumulated through war in Syria or South Sudan, insecurity in Afghanistan or Pakistan.

Says Hewko: “We appreciate our clubs and members for their support, helping the millions of displaced people find shelter and rebuild their lives and communities. Every refugee is in our hearts and minds.” For information on ShelterBox, see:

[http://www.shelterboxusa.org/news\\_global.php?id=1372](http://www.shelterboxusa.org/news_global.php?id=1372)

## *Join in a project – Feel good*

The **ARC of Yates** is holding its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner on November 13<sup>th</sup>, \$75.

Penn Yan Public Library is hosting a **Family Reading Night** on Wednesday, November 4 from 5:30 to 7:00pm. There are several ways you can volunteer: be a “celebrity reader” and read aloud to kids and families; help serve free pizza; or donate gently-used children’s books to be given away at the event. **Sarah C** (536-6114 or [screvelling@pypl.org](mailto:screvelling@pypl.org)) to volunteer. (This is a drop-in program; you don’t need to attend for the whole 90 minutes.)

## *Penn Yan’s Friends of Rotary –*

Friendly’s Dodge Chrysler Jeep

<http://www.friendlydodgechryslerjeep.com/>

Lyons National Bank

[www.bankwithlnb.com](http://www.bankwithlnb.com)

Roto Salt & Remeecasting

<http://www.remeecasting.com/>

Eaves Family Dental

<http://www.eavesdental.com/>

## *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)

Birkett Mills

[www.thebirkettmills.com](http://www.thebirkettmills.com)

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