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## The one and only Sandi Perl



*Sandi's formal picture as a UM pastor. Now, urging us to attend "Charlie Brown's Christmas"*

**Sandi Perl** comes to us from Cooperstown, NY, with two degrees, first a BS in Social Work and Management from Keuka College '90; then a Master's degree in Education from Alfred University '95. With this training, she has been engaged in a thirty year career in social services. Many of us knew her as the executive operating the local office of the American Red Cross. She graduated from seminary and was called as a minister in the United Methodist Church. She asserts: "You don't decide to enter the ministry, you experience a calling." While serving as pastor Perl, she is also leading the volunteers of the Living Well, a non-profit outreach community for the several United Methodist Churches in the area. In this the capacity she has returned to her roots of serving the needy in our community, just as she did in the Am. Red Cross. In fact, she finds herself back in the same digs...the Masonic Hall on East Elm Street, opposite the Wagener Restaurant.

"I think I have the skills to teach people how to love each other." Recently, she left ministering at Milo Center UM Church (one of her two churches) and is now spending her time (outside the Living Well) at Bluff Point UM Church.

Sandi has been married to the same guy, Dave for 23 years and has two children Alle and Andrew. Her daughter is graduating this spring from Texas A & M. She joined Rotary in 2001 and has been active in organizing breakfasts for kids that would miss free breakfasts on school holidays and the Can Sculpture contest that supports the local food pantry. She was club president in '09-'10; three time host parent; Interact advisor; and Rotarian of the Year in '06. Recently, outside of Rotary, she received the "Shine the Light" award.

## News and Notes of interest

Congratulations to **Stacy W** and **Mary Ellen M** for receiving recognition from Rotary International as membership recruiters.



Jackie presents Stacy and Mary Ellen with recognition pins.

**Leon F** was surprised at the Foundation Lunch in Canandaigua on Sunday 11/15 when he was made a Paul Harris Fellow.

**Carolyn Clausen** tells us that every penny collected in those wooden Christmas houses stay in Yates County and goes to making Christmas brighter for OUR needy.

## Projects needing our attention

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

**Starshine is coming** and we normally do something. Friday evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Santa at Community Bank. Handing out Santa Dollars too.

The second family **reading night at the Library** is on December 9<sup>th</sup> at PYPL. 23 came out for the one in November....a success.

## Fun and Fellowship this week

Top of the Lake presented us with a hearty, rib-tickling Spanish Rice. The weather was seasonable. Rain was banished but there was wind. Temps in the lower-fifties. 28 at table, including one guest:

- Carolyn Clausen, spokesperson for Yates Christmas for the Needy

## What's Happening Next

- 11/24 Yates Cultural and Recreation Resources
- 12/1 Regular Meeting
- 12/4 Star Shine
- 12/8 Board Meeting, LNB conference room 8AM
- 12/8 Club Assembly and Student Achievement
- 12/15 Regular Meeting
- 12/22 NO MEETING
- 12/29 NO MEETING
- 1/5 Welcome back – regular meeting
- 1/10 Milt Matthews District Governor Elect Exchange reception at Schwarting/Worth and Rooster Hill Winery
- 1/12 Board Meeting, LNB conference room 8AM
- 1/12 Argentinian DGE presentation and Assembly

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

## Rotary in the News

The Rotary Theme for November is our Foundation. **Don O** and **Jeff K** keep us well informed of the local foundation activities, so here is a big picture view by **Rotarian Ray Klingsmith**:

“It is well-established that The Rotary Foundation is the focus of attention in the month of November, and we try our best to publicize our Foundation programs and to raise money to fund the programs during the entire month! But why November?”

The idea started in May 1956 when the RI Board designated the week of 15 November as Rotary Foundation Week. The designation was firmly in place by 1961 when I was a Rotary scholar in South Africa, and most of the southern African clubs featured programs about the Foundation that week. I also observed the same focus when I returned home and joined the Rotary club in my hometown of Unionville, Mo.

Many of our clubs at that time scheduled low-cost meals at their meetings during Rotary Foundation Week

and donated the savings to the Foundation. (The Baldwinsville Club in district 7150 would have a bean and franks dinner.) It was a good way to produce Foundation funds at a time when most contributions were still made by clubs, not by individual Rotarians. But why did the RI Board select the week of 15 November in 1956 and then expand it in 1982 to the whole month of November, starting in 1983-84?



*Ray Klingsmith, Chairman of the Trustees of the Foundation was our Eastern Cities speaker earlier this year*

My speculation is that the initial decision in 1956 was based on the realization that many clubs in the Northern Hemisphere, particularly the large clubs, were not fully active during their summer months of June, July, and August. Therefore, it was best to wait and give time for the clubs to educate their members each year about the Foundation. And since the Foundation contributions were coming from the clubs, it gave the clubs time to raise the money, but still send it to the Foundation in the first half of the Rotary year for investment purposes. It was a win-win situation for both the clubs and the Foundation!

Regardless of whether my speculation has merit, Rotary Foundation Month has been, and will continue to be, a critical factor in the success of our Foundation. It is the month that our clubs and districts continue the

tradition of educating our Rotarians about the amazing quality of our Foundation programs and seeking the needed contributions to make the world a better place.

Our Foundation is a premier organization, and it owes its success to the support of Rotarians, many of whom have gained their appreciation of Foundation programs during the traditional emphasis on such programs in November. The importance of Rotary Foundation Month should not be discounted, and I hope that all of our clubs will feature the Foundation during the month of November. It is a significant and productive tradition, and I encourage all Rotarians to take the time to attend their club and district Foundation events this month. Embrace the tradition! Celebrate the Foundation!



## *Join in a project – Feel good*

**John & Paula Kenny** (Waterloo Club and sparkplugs for Camp ONSEYAWA) are asking us to attend and assist in the Christmas Party for the ONSEYAWA campers. The party will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 2 to 4 at the Serven Fire Hall (near Waterloo). It would be greatly appreciated if each club could bring cookies or a snack for the party.

## *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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