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## Christmas Cheer Comes to Rotary



*Anna Detar, Natalie Colon, Megan Guerri, Jon McKay, Nick Kinsey, Patrick Reagan, Zack Blauvelt, Noah Detar, Kailee McCormick, Morgan Kingsley-Hunt, Jessica Kinsey - Director (at the piano)*

The Select Choir, “Blue Notes” sang: *Carols Around, White Winter Hymnal, and That’s Christmas to Me*. They will perform at Starshine and the Windmill as they raise money for a NYC trip to see Finding Neverland. They sing next at the Holiday concert Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at PYA. The chorus is led by Jessica Kinsey, no relation to our Warren ([jmkinsey@pccsd.org](mailto:jmkinsey@pccsd.org))

## Holiday Party at Carl and Kerri’s

**Fun and Food = Rotary Fellowship.** At this time of the year, calendars are crowded with an endless list of holiday parties. Regrettably, for some, these events become an obligation... a chore to discharge. However, experience is that a trip to Carl and Kerri’s home, singing and chatting with the spouses that we see only at Rotary events, and digging into a heaping buffet of special dishes is full of fun and good cheer. It hardly sounds like a chore. Usually there is snow on the ground. The drive up to the large porch and “family” door into the classical old home is usually a little slippery under the snow. There is the rush of warm, moist air, loaded with holiday aromas, as one enters the Schwartz’s kitchen/great room. Slowly, as people arrive, the buffet grows and wine bottles are opened. Conversation around the kitchen’s breakfast bar is animated and cheery. At some point, the parties spill into the several parlors around the piano and Christmas tree and singing begins.

In one room stands the Angel Tree for the Foundation. In a way it marks the event as Rotarian and makes an important statement. Our quest to raise enough that would earn the club the right to name another Paul Harris Fellow helps us share the wealth and well-being that each of us has grown over the year. It gives us a chance to serve the humanitarian needs of others through the worldwide network of Rotarians.

For many old curmudgeons (like your editor) our Holiday Party is a great place to get into the spirit of the season, share some happiness and make the season truly blessed. **See you there! December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, 2926 Coates Road.**

## News and Notes of interest

**President Bob** offered the deck of cards to this week's winner, visiting **Bob Green**, who drew a card that didn't win the \$76. A couple of weeks ago, President Bob drew the winning card, declared the drawings still alive and returned the money he would have won. Last week, Ryan cut the deck and drew the Ace of Spades, which has now become the winning card. Your reporter was in error last week...trying better this week.

**Elias** had made the basketball team and won their first game last Monday. See schedules online.

The word is that the district grants \$30K per year to help a Master's Candidate to study here or abroad. **Ken Steadman** has been longtime chair.

**Elias'** Basketball Team is selling tickets for a Spaghetti Dinner at Moose, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

**Bob and Jackie** survived 16 souls in residence for the holiday. Like many, it was great to have the family gather around.

**Rob and Carol** brought back some warmer weather from the south (Virginia)...safely transited routes 81 and 15.

**Tom H** wants to know why the gasoline price in Penn Yan has been \$2.29 in spite of two weeks of price drops at the national level that amount to over a dime.



## Projects asking for our attention

**Stacy** is still looking for host families. Please consider opening your home to a student this year or next.

**Starshine is coming** and Tom May would love help at Community Bank welcoming and entertaining children during Starshine. He wants an email of interest and he will give more details. **Diane K** is recruiting Santa's Elves to hand out Santa Coupons for hot dogs at the Elks during Star Shine.

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.

**Rob S** is looking for a few dedicated helpers to set up and serve during the District Governor Elect Exchange Reception on Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Birthdays coming up

<b>Bob</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>11/30</b>
<b>Sandi</b>	<b>Perl</b>	<b>12/2</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>Socha</b>	<b>12/2</b>
<b>Elias</b>		<b>12/15</b>
<b>Stacy</b>	<b>Wyant</b>	<b>12/20</b>
<b>Stu</b>	<b>Porter</b>	<b>12/30</b>

## Fun and Fellowship this week

Top of the Lake presented us with a wonderful buffet of Corn Soup and giant cold cut sandwiches. The choir helped us start the meeting with a rousing "Jingle Bells" and brought a great deal of enthusiasm and good cheer to conversations around the room. The weather was seasonable...grey and damp...temps in the fifties by noon. 23 at table, including three guests:

- Ken Steadman, Geneva Rotary and district scholarship committee chair.
- Chris Wyant, adorable wife of Stacy
- Bob Greene, Rochester Deaf Rotary
- Elias, our exchange student from Finland

## What's Happening Next

- 12/4** Star Shine
- 12/8** Board Meeting, LNB conference room 8AM
- 12/8** Club Assembly and Student Achievement
- 12/15** Tom May's biography
- 12/18** Holiday Party and annual Paul Harris Giving tree at the Schwartz's home, 5:30 PM
- 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 December:

Set up	Amy Hoffman
Attendance	Bob Smith
Pledge Song	John Socha
Rotary Minute	Don Oakleaf
Prayer	Sarah Crevelling
Sergeant	Leon Frontier

## *World Peace Scholars*

As we award our Keuka Scholarship, we should note that each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of Rotary's peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 900 fellows for careers in peace building. Many of them go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and World Bank.

For most it leads to a Master's degree following study at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution. Programs last 15 to 24 months and require a practical internship of two to three months during the academic break. Each year, we award up to 50 master's degree fellowships at these institutions:

- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- International Christian University, Japan
- University of Bradford, England
- University of Queensland, Australia
- Uppsala University, Sweden

## *Geneva Rotary's Santa Train*

Guest **Ken Steadman** says that Geneva Rotary is running the Rotary Santa Train Express again...a unique holiday experience for children and families. This year, five trains will run on Saturday, December 12.

This year Rotary is collecting hats and mittens on the day of the trains, and if you bring a pair of mittens or a hat you will receive a free cup of hot chocolate. Rotary will donate all of the hats and mittens to Gloves of Love.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be aboard and will meet the children individually. Each child will receive a coloring book, a box of crayons and a candy cane. A holiday sing-along will be held during each trip. There will be food available for purchase the day of the event.

The trains will board in downtown Geneva adjacent to the Public Safety Building on Railroad Place, just off Exchange Street. Trains will depart promptly at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and a special Pajama Train at 4 p.m. The actual boarding time will be 15 minutes before the scheduled departure time for any train. Refreshments will be available at the boarding area, but not on the train.

Tickets cost \$18 per person with lap sitters riding free. All tickets this year will be sold through the Smith Center for the Arts and can be purchased; on line at [tickets@thesmith.org](mailto:tickets@thesmith.org), at the Smith box office, 82 Seneca Street, Geneva or by calling the Smith at 315-781-5483. Box Office hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You must bring your email confirmation to the event. This confirmation is your boarding pass.

For more information about the Geneva Rotary Santa Train Express, call Lisa Petronio at 315-781-7203.

## *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)

## *Penn Yan's Friends of Rotary –*

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