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## *‘Hamptonality’ in Penn Yan*

Our lunch guests were **Jessica** and **Andy** of new “Top of the Lake” neighbors the Hampton Inn – Penn Yan. Both are locals with long histories in the hospitality business. Penn Yan’s Hampton Inn opened just this past August 3. It has an indoor pool, hot tub, two meeting rooms, Penn Yan’s only hot breakfast at a hotel, and a patio and fire pit on the lake. There are 72 rooms, including some suites and some rooms with private patios. The hotel employs about thirty local residents, all of whom have received You’re Welcome customer service training through the Yates Community Center. The Inn is working with the local wine trails and the Chamber of Commerce to put together packages for tourists, and since they don’t have a full kitchen they work with local restaurants to cater events. Jessica and Andy mentioned that their guests mainly come from within a 4-to-5-hour radius of Penn Yan and want to have hands-on experiences in our area. Due to the shallowness of the lake in that particular area and the low water this year, use by boaters has been tricky. Hampton Inn is part of Hilton, with the hotel itself owned by local developer Chris Iversen and franchise fees paid to use the name Hampton Inn.



*Some may remember the old Ice House that used to be near the site of the present Hampton Inn.*



## News and Notes of Interest

**Sona** and her fellow exchange students went to a meeting in Caledonia. They visited the newsroom of Channel 13 and a living history museum, and gave presentations about their home countries to young schoolchildren. It appears that pizza was in abundance during the festivities.

Weather permitting, road cleanup will be this Saturday, October 1. **Jorgen** says to meet at the water plant at 9am and dress for the weather. If it's raining bad, we'll refrain.

The StoryWalk was a success. **Sarah** reported a big crew of smiling Rotarians who helped out, including **Sandi, Sandie, Jeff, Diane, Mary Ellen, Tom**, and honorary Rotarian **Anders**.

President **Tom** expressed the club's thanks to the **Jeff** and **Diane** for another wonderful picnic at the state park. The weather was perfect and the company couldn't have been finer.

**Bob S.** reports that Interact had a fine meeting and the club has doubled in size! Interact needs lots of support this year so let's all do our part. They meet the third Sunday of every month.

## What's Next:

10/1 Road cleanup – meet at 9am at the water plant  
10/22 Grant Management Seminar  
10/29 Rotary Leadership Institute  
12/6 **\*NEW DATE\*** Eastern Cities Dinner with John Germ

## Giving Thanks

Our theme as the sergeant went around was *giving thanks*. Lots of people mentioned friends, family, and fellowship as things they are thankful for. The November 2015 issue of *The Rotarian* has an interesting article on gratitude, written by Steve Almond, that is excerpted below. The complete article can be viewed online at <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/saying-thanks>

*I've been thinking a lot about gratitude recently, and struggling to understand why the people who have the most to be thankful for often are the least grateful. Some of this has to do with basic human nature:*

*Plenitude can have the paradoxical effect of breeding entitlement. We forget just how lucky we are to be living in this era, and amid such abundance.*

*But in America especially, we also have some powerful enablers. Our mass media, for instance, tend to focus obsessively on scandal and mayhem, on things gone wrong. The basic message is that our world is going to hell in a handbasket. And thus what we consent to view as "news" – especially when delivered by for-profit demagogues – isn't news at all, but a series of complaints. Lurking within these rants is a monstrous arrogance that has infiltrated our entire civic discourse: Never mind what we already have, it roars, we deserve more.*



## 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 Diane Krans for proper credit.