

# SPOKES

FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF PENN YAN  
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## OFFICERS

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**District 7120 website:**  
<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50098>

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<https://www.rotary.org/en>



## Meetings (bold) / Events

**Oct 25** the Foundation – Jeff K  
Oct 29th Rotary Leadership Institute  
**Nov 1** Linda Fox – Book Art  
Dec 2 Star Shine – Ms. Penn Yan  
Dec 6 Eastern Cities Dinner

## Birthdays coming up

Jerry	Rose (honorary)	10/20
Carl	Schwartz	10/22
Amy	Hoffman	10/22
Dyke	Smith	11/18

## News and Notes

**Sona Dobronova** visited the club to report that “it was a pretty normal, uneventful week.” She has two more Cross Country races, and then the school sponsored sports are done for the fall. She is thinking about skiing and will swim for some local, non-school team. Her English language skills are excellent, so don’t be afraid to invite her to your home for dinner or take her on a local outing. She can be found at Mark and Alexa Gifford 1285 Elmira Rd. Penn Yan, NY 14527, just north of Dresden. 315-719-1199 (Mark) and 585-208-3677 (Alexa) [mgifford3@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mgifford3@rochester.rr.com).

Pam and Tim Donnell were sent a card following Tim’s partial leg amputation. Our thoughts are with them as he recovers.

The **INTERACT Club** had a great meeting on Sunday with Sona attending. **Patrick** and **Bob S** report that there are lots of plans, including a cookie sale this Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, noon to five, at Miles Winery. The club will be visiting offices around the area asking how executives exercise leadership in the course of doing their jobs. November 18<sup>th</sup> they will be visiting Fox Run Winery and will have a member of the State Police visit their meeting in January. Membership is growing a little bit every meeting around a core of really great officers. According to **Bob S** they are looking for more male members to balance. Fall sports will end in two or three weeks, so more people are likely to come out.

**ROTARACT** is going well also. **Mary Ellen** is filling in as interim Rotary advisor to the Club and Sonya “Sonny” from the college is fulfilling the college advisory role. The club is collecting pennies and spare change for Polio Plus until the end of the month. They will be doing their service project during the College’s “One Day of Service,” October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Clinton Crest. They meet weekly after dinner in the Corning room, Dahlgren Hall, 6-7 PM Thursdays.

**Sandi** talked about the Flights of Fancy team structure and asked for individuals to sign up to be part of one team. “There is work to do in advance and work to be done on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Don’t be shy. This is our one big event for the year.” Then **Carol** explained that a team has met with the Hampton Inn and asked them to be the major event sponsor, saving us a lot of expense for toilets, water and electric, tables and of course the big tent. At present, project finances look very good, and ticket sales likely will be our profits for charitable work.

All of the lessons learned last year at the Flights of Fancy are being written up as guides for this year...less confusion and better focus for the volunteers.

**Sue, Taryn** and **Carol** have worked out an appeal letter to potential sponsors and donors who want to support Rotary's projects in Penn Yan and will spread it around next week. Donors will be featured as part of the Flights of Fancy. Individual Club members will have a chance to share the letter with donors, many of whom were their contacts for the old Rotary Day Radio Auction.

**Carl** reports that Thorne has changed so dramatically because of his experience at ONSEYAWA. And, that he, Carl, will be in the musical "White Christmas" in December. See him for details

Fall colors, great summer is coming to an end. The Top of the Lake presented comfort food: Meat loaf, baked potatoes, peas and corn.

**Ryan** is back...catching up on all things Rotary-ish.

**John**...just happy. And won \$3....gave to treasury.

**Allie Perl** is graduated (May) and on her way into the Peace Corps and Uganda.

## *From the Board Meeting*

**CLUB SERVICE:** **Jackie** reports attending the District Training session on Membership and has a lot to share with the club. **Sandi** and the committee will work on nominating a slate of officers for next year, especially filling the President Elect slot. **Evelyn** will be the sunshine and sympathy card lady. The board discussed a conflict of interest policy and procedures for signing contracts/commitments of club funds.

**YOUTH SERVICE:** **Jeff** sent the message that Oratorical Contest information is out and we should be looking for a presenter. **Mary Ellen** and **Bob S** reported on Interact and Rotaract. Mary Ellen reported that a team from Rotaract is planning on attending Eastern Cities Dinner.

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:** **Rob** reported that he has the needed volunteers for the **Service Above Self** award luncheon planning and will present a break even budget for a February ceremony. The team anticipates three awardees, one from the Business Sector, the Nonprofit

Sector and from the municipal group, consisting of school, local government and hospital.

The **Rotary Theme for October is Vocational Service**, and it appears that our Interact Club is working hard in that direction.

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:** **Leon** mentioned that we were too late to organize a 6 person team for the 2017 Open World Program, but his team intends to visit the other clubs in area 7 and gauge the interest in pooling resources for a yet to be named International Project.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** **Mary Ellen** reported that the team, with Jorgen leading the effort, will be surveying the club to ascertain what community service projects and programs interest them. After that, they propose to reach out to the community.

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

Dave Hoffman is asking for volunteers for Oct 31st 6-8 at Elks Club – Community Halloween Party. Set up Sunday at 6:30. Last minute set up Monday at 5:30. Literacy Volunteers will pass out books instead of candy, Sue has more gently used books to add. The club sent a \$100 contribution for candy and stuff. Need workers...Rotaract and or Interact will help with games.

## *Rotary's Leadership Institute*

This is one of the greatest programs for Rotarians and we in the Northeast have the premier teaching team in the World. LET'S GO and have some FUN learning all we can to make our club GREAT. It is an all-day seminar in Canandaigua. There are three basic sessions on Rotary, and a Graduate session for life-long learning. [http://rlinea.org/event/canandaigua-inn-on-the-lake--ny-\(7120\)/](http://rlinea.org/event/canandaigua-inn-on-the-lake--ny-(7120)/) Act TODAY

## *Eastern Cities Dinner*

It's time to go to Rochester for the annual Eastern Cities Dinner with our RI President. \$45 registration fee is split 50-50 with the club. Well worth your time.

## *Avenues of Service – My Rotary*

•**Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

•**Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in *An Introduction to Vocational Service* and *the Code of Conduct*.

•**Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in *Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects* and this Community Service presentation (PPT).

•**International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

•**Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

## ***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.