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Interact – Sharing Rotary Ideals w/Youth



Interact is a Rotary sponsored service club for young people age 14-18. Interact Clubs can either be school or community based and are required to carry out at least two service projects annually – one that serves their school or community and another that furthers international understanding. Although each club is sponsored by a local Rotary Club whose members offer guidance and support, Interact Clubs are responsible for planning, financing, organizing and executing their own projects. An Interact Club must have an advisor from the

Rotary Club, at least 15 members, and meet twice each month. A service project or club event can be substituted for a meeting. Members are required to attend 60 percent of the “meetings” to be a member in good standing. The first Interact Club was formed at Melbourne High School in Florida on October 28, 1962. The club had 23 charter members. Today, there are over 6,600 Interact Clubs in 101 countries with over 152,000 Interactors worldwide.

The Penn Yan Interact Club was started during the 1989-1990 Rotary year and was officially established in April of 1990 as a community-based club with 17 charter members. Rotarian Jeffrey Krans was the first Interact advisor and other current Rotarians that have served as advisor are Jorgen Overgaard, Sue Andersen, Sandi Perl and Stacy Wyant. The first slate of officers in 1990 included President Kimberly Krans, Vice President Kristin Toasperm, Secretary Christine Reeve, and Treasurer Jennifer Pinneo. The Penn Yan Interact Club was the third club in District 7120.

Patrick T is the one local former Interactor that is a member of our Rotary Club, and there might have been others who have joined Rotary elsewhere. As one looks back through the list of Interact officers, one sees names of one or more children of club members, Overgaard, Wyant, Andersen, Krans, Perl, to name a few. For years the group’s international project adopted an Indian girl and saw that she had gifts at various times of the year. Recently, the club has been active in raising food through the Can Hunger competition.

The club president currently is a senior, Ashley Owens, daughter of Dundee Rotarian Steve Owens. The others are underclassmen, Jane Miles, Erica Jensen, and Dan Tomlinson. Several have had older brothers or sisters who were Interact members. The club meets once a month and their important focus for now is regaining membership momentum. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Living Well.

News and Notes of interest

Elias earned many Kudos for his presentation to the Interact Club. He intricately contrasted the education experience and settings in his Finnish hometown and here in Penn Yan. He was also complimented on his personal growth in English language skills and overall maturity. He is quite confident and was recently honored by his fellow inbound exchange students by being elected to be their representative speaker at District Training Assembly on April 23rd.

Jack Clancy took a great deal of good natured ribbing for his hiatus from lunch meetings. For a while he has been concentrating a great deal of his time on American Legion activities and at home. His son Ralph turns 16 this Sunday and Jack says: "It's time to check with Stork Insurance on how much the auto premium will go up. Jack is pretty proud that 9th grader Ralph will be pitching for the JV baseball squad.

Jack raised an interesting topic about being asked to drive Ralph a block down the hill from home to the gym of all places. We older folk talked about walking miles to school, riding our bikes as far as any Mennonite does today, and never thinking about having to go to the gym to get exercise. 5 to 1, the opinion was to not let Ralph use a car to visit the gym. **Tough crowd!**

Guest, **Jason Cook**, candidate for Yates County Court Judge was asked to introduce himself and say a few words. He will be running in the Republican Primary later this year when state and local office primaries are contested.

A few members who were otherwise engaged last week confessed their loyalty and appreciation to the SU basketball teams this year. Happy Dollars galore! Thanks for the donation!

Rob's 1 Minute Talk: The objective of Rotary is *"to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise."* How it is fostered is: *"through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service; the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; through service in one's personal, business and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace."*

Super Bob rose to speak on the Rotary commitment for service to the community; it means getting out there and selling for our current fund raiser. And if one

cannot sell that well, then to team up with someone who can. **Tickets for Flights of Fancy were handed out.**

There was talk of resurrecting sunshine cards. "It will be done," says Diane, Mary Ellen and Sue.

You are My Sunshine started soft but finished strong 😊

Pres Bob: "Don't blame the printer" **Don O** agreed as he explained that Flights of Fancy tickets don't have a price on them, but will cost \$25 and \$2 sales tax. And \$30 on 5/14.

Sandy, wife of **Super Bob**, appreciates our support and comments, and reports that one by one all the really bad things have been ruled out. She is getting better...throat and respiratory stuff will take time to correct itself.

Deb F-C agrees with many that the weather this year has been a circus. She opened the cabin on the West Canada River (yes, in Ohio, NY...near Speculator in the Adirondacks) on Easter Weekend. It rained, then temps went into the sixties and the next day it snowed. "Four seasons in one weekend," she says.

Tina and **Steve** are back from a three week grand car tour through Michigan, Missouri, Colorado and points in between on their way to and from the Grand Canyon where they spent their 40th wedding anniversary. The plan was to hike a lot and to enjoy the outdoors. Both caught colds and spent a while being a tad miserable.

Pres Bob expressed appreciation to **Super Bob** and **Patrick T** for their keeping the club involved with our youth through Interact. He reported that three of the four members at recent meetings will be returning in the fall and are committed to recruiting members again.

Carl S is still ecstatic over the adjustments and progress that Thorne is making in his new school setting.

Primary Day is IMPORTANT this year. Your vote in both Democratic and Republican primaries can count...no one candidate has locked in their party's nomination. **Jack** says; "GO AND VOTE!!!!"

Amy H has her golf clubs out and ready for play this weekend. The former club champion says: "Over sixty degrees and I'll be there." Also, If you are thinking about becoming an active golfer, **Lakeside Country Club**, this year has reduced pricing structure for new

members, special course times for them and a 9 hole, new timers' league on Mondays.

"I'm thankful for still being able to do the things I do," says **Evelyn E.** And as usual, she presented a heartfelt invocation.

Patrick T was happy to announce that his kid brother turned 18 last Sunday....and all is good. Suddenly he's not a kid any more.

"She's just gone into labor," exclaimed **Chris B** at the closing bell. It seems that one more thing that is keeping Chris busy has been her daughter's pregnancy.

Events inviting your involvement

Week of the Young Child is this week, and to honor the memory of **Stephanie Bates**, Pro-Action is holding a drive to collect NEW books for children that have none. Books or cash donations can be left through April 30th at the Pro-Action office in the County Office building. As we all knew, Stephanie was an avid proponent for meeting the needs of every child, not just those that came from better circumstances.

ECO FILM FEST at PYPL - Screenings begin at 5:30pm on the following dates:

APRIL 14: Up The Yangtze
APRIL 20: Libby, Montana
APRIL 29: The City Dark

Library Budget Vote News

The budget vote has been rescheduled to April 26 from 9am to 8pm, and the budget hearing will be on April 19th from 6:30 to 7:30pm. A copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget can be found on our website, www.pypl.org.

The library events calendar can be found online at http://www.pypl.org/?page_id=16942.

Penn Yan Community Garden – Sowing seeds, Growing Friendships. Is this the fifth or sixth year the garden has been a community institution? THINK SPRING!

The garden opens April 30th. There will be 2 gardener's orientations on April 16th at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM at the Pinwheel Market on Main Street. At the sessions there will be free seeds and information on starting plants from seeds provided by Cornell Garden-Based

Learning. Members and volunteers are needed. Call: 315-719-2390.

Fun and Fellowship this week

Our menu today was roasted pork in a sweet and sour sauce, Chinese vegetables and wild rice. As a special treat, there were slices of a spice cake. Attendance was 27 including three guests:

- **Elias** – Our model Exchange Student
- **Bob Greene** – Flights of Fancy's Graphic Designer (ProForma), Rotarian from Rochester Deaf Club
- **Jason Cook** – Candidate for Yates County Court Judge in the Republican Primary

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers for April.

Set-up/take-down:	Amy Hoffman
Attendance:	Carol Worth
Pledge/song:	Jorgen Overgaard
Rotary Minute:	Rob Schwarting
Prayer:	Evelyn Emerson
Sergeant:	Don Oakleaf

What's Next:

4/19 Primary Day and last meeting before DTA
4/23 District Assembly – All hands on deck
4/26 Whose Biography will it be?

Our Projects this Year

Sat. April 23rd – **District Training Assembly** is well planned by Sue, Diane, John and Stacy....all is going smoothly. **Volunteer, serve and feel good.**

Friday April 29th – Sunday May 1st - **District Conference in Hershey PA** Fun! Fun! Fun! There is a lot to see in the Hershey area. Auto museum is high on the list...well, after the Chocolate Factory.

Sat. May 14th- **Flights of Fancy; Finger Lakes Wine Classic.** Project leader Carol says: Look at the website: <http://fingerlakeswineclassic.com/> Carol announced cooking classes at Milly's pantry with Chef Jeff from the NY Wine and Culinary Center in Canandaigua-thanks Marie. There will be three sessions with 12 students for \$50/person. Go to the website to register.

Birthdays coming up

Barb Elias	4/15
Carol Worth	4/26
Warren Kinsey	4/28

Important Rotarians

The title of most important Rotarian could possibly go to the newest member, the most recent donor to the Foundation, or perhaps simply the one person who has little but gives it all through Service above Self. Surely there are many powerful and successful men and women who lead our international organization; but are they really that important? Many of our leaders would say that the Rotary club and every member in it is what is important...not those of us who sit on the Foundation Board.

We do have many famous members though. At the close of WW II, two famous Rotarians **Winston Churchill** and **Franklin Delano Roosevelt** allowed Rotary to play a major role in creating one major arm of the United Nations. **John F. Kennedy**, **Gerald Ford** were two of the many Rotarians who occupied the White House in our times. Aviator **Wilber Wright**, inventors **Thomas Edison**, and **Guglielmo Marconi**, and Doctor **Charles Mayo** were members at some point in their careers, as was **Walt Disney**.

Stephan L's founder of Walgreens, retail druggist **Charles, Jr** was a member, as were other retail giants **Sam Walton** and **Colonel Harland Sanders**.

Not surprisingly, a list of famous Rotarians made two decades ago had only two women, US Senator **Nancy Feinstein** of California and **Joyce Hall**, founder of Hallmark Cards. The error has been addressed through the efforts of Rotary and the UN to recognize a group of twenty influential women annually.

The question we might ask ourselves is: "Will one of the young men and women we mentor and teach a bit of leadership become a world famous and important Rotarian?"



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
- 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

Learning more about the Outlet –

Since 1790, the Keuka Lake Outlet was a great asset in our community's social and economic development. 19 mills located along the water course between the Main Street bridge in Penn Yan to the outlet in Dresden processed our local produce or provided goods for use in New York City and abroad. We milled flour, made straw paper, limestone dust, special chemicals and electricity with water power. The first and largest community in the 1700's was Hopeton and later Penn Yan grew up around its own mill.

Over time, much of the outlet ravine was owned by the mill operators, the Crooked Lake Canal and the railroad that was built on the old canal towpath or in the canal bed. In 1972, the big flood of Hurricane Agnes and a week of rain washed out many of the mill sites and parts of the towpath. The formation of Friends of the Outlet in 1990 meant that someone was formally taking an active role in caring for the Outlet. Many, including the Lions Club and Bruce Hanson, became engaged in repairing the towpath/railroad bed as a dedicated walking trail. Again in 2015, parts of the trail were eroded by heavy flooding from Jacobs Brook and Keuka Lake. Now, the Soil and Water Conservation District staff is helping manage a repair and erosion prevention project to protect the trail.

Today, Friends of the Outlet are adopting new bylaws, enlarging the board and preparing to raise funds for development of the outlet as a major tourist attraction. New signs are on the drawing board as are plans to use the many mill sites and cascades as scenic and educational stops along the trail.