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Bad weather causes a small meeting



Rain, then snow and finally more freezing rain made for miserable, treacherous roads. Our program cancelled and others found it difficult to get out of their homes. Instead of a program, we shared a few stories of old days, a few jokes and chatted about projects.

News and Notes of interest

This is positively, absolutely the last minute to get in auction items. You can still ask for advertisements for another week. If you are still trying to get an item, don't give up. You can ask them to donate as a Friend of Rotary...and we will mention them with the sponsors.

Sandi P and the Can Hunger team are doing an awesome job again. **Look on the website for candid shots from last year.** They are pounding the streets and beating the bushes for competitors and 3,500 food items...let your friends know that Interact and Rotaract can use donations. **Leon F** will be leading our club team. Anyone interested can donate either cash, or cans, or plastic bags or boxes full of non-perishable food to the three teams.

Progress on **Flights of Fancy Wine Classic** is steady. 17 wineries are on board, and **Carol W** and **Mike Linehan** are out there trying to bring in the last few key wineries. The idea that we are going to be helping the Outlet Trail has brought out a lot of support for the Wine Classic. Volunteers, from the Lions Club, current and retired Academy teachers and Friends of the Outlet have been pledging their help for Rotary. It might be a chance to name them "Friends of Rotary." Taryn W has volunteered to manage the food vendors and demonstrations; and Jodi at the Chamber is going to work on scheduling musicians. Jeff, the chef at the NYSWCC (Culinary Center in Canandaigua), has asked to be included as a demonstration on wine and food pairing, and will be also doing more instruction inside Milly's Pantry. Climbing Keuka, a fun run in Branchport the same day will cross promote with us.



Last year, the Penn Yan Club's Can-Hunger entry was a six layer wedding cake. No one knew it was well hidden at Milly's Pantry and we got no votes. But it was fun making it.

No drawing this week. (Darn, I was feeling lucky!)

Please, if there is anyone who can clip Rotary articles about the Wine Classic or the Auction from the *Dundee Observer* and the *Finger Lakes Times*, **Carol W** would like their help.

Tom M urges us to “like” and “share” the PY Rotary Facebook page. Spread the word. Can-Hunger, the Auction, and the Wine Classic need to be put out there far and wide. Social Media messaging and advertising is the way that the new generations do it! **The 150th share will get two free passes to Flights of Fancy, the Wine Classic.**

Mov'n on up...**Patrick T** has started as a line chef trainee at Belhurst Castle. He is no longer at the Penn Yan Diner, and works a pretty arduous schedule now.

District Assembly – Not much new – Chairs are working, teams have met, and tasks are starting to be sent around to club members. The content of the day is planned by the District Trainer, PDG John Hall. We get to direct traffic in the Academy's halls parking lot and auditorium. There will be loads of meeting, greeting and helping to do. Service like this is loads of fun.

Super Bob hasn't a shy bone in his body and has been leading us in songs...on key and a good upbeat tempo. They say a song leader can make or break meetings!

25 Days until the Auction goes live! Tell you friends:

- Tickets to Bristol Valley Playhouse, GEVA, Shaw Festival and The Merry Go Round Theater in Auburn.
- Tickets to three days of racing IMSA at the Glen
- An awesome handmade wooden hors d'oeuvres lazy susan made by Stu P.
- Buffalo Bills #14 Watkins autographed jersey
- Car maintenance stuff! Lots of it!
- Cases and bottles of wine – Oh my, some really great wines
- Two of Leon F's fabulous pewter vases and a gorgeous glass vase from the Arts Council
- A Sam Castner metal sculpture
- Bulk chicken and beef
- Grill gas refills and new cylinders
- Art Center Britto silk scarf (very colorful), umbrella and cute salt and pepper shakers.
- Shopping coupons from many merchants
- A tow-behind tube from Morgans
- A YETI cooler from Knapp and Schlappi

The club was asked to chair a break out session at the Conference on **Ryan H's K-Train – Read to your Baby** project. The club will also submit several club programs for recognition at the conference...the newsletter and literacy program to start.

John S was showing off his left elbow...fifteen staples to close a two inch incision. It seems that after losing a fight with a patch of ice he grew a bubble in the bursa of his elbow. Surgery, ouch, but bubble is gone.

Tina and **Steve**, in their new house on the hill are learning about water running here and there and that some might run into the house.

Erik Hobbs, Eagle Scout, sent us a thank you note and pictures of the improvements he made at the Potter Cemetery. Taking an overrun cemetery, he cleared brush and trees, prepared the soil for a new ground cover, erected a sign: “Crafts Family Cemetery” and put up a flag pole lit by a solar powered spotlight. What he found so interesting is that one man interred there was Edward Crafts, a colonial era patriot. Edward was a brother to COL Thomas Crafts who participated in the Boston Team Party; and Edward was a Major of the Cannon Artillery Regiment and fought at Bunker Hill. Edward was also friends with Paul Revere, Sam Adams

and John Hancock. He witnessed the Boston Massacre and testified at the hearings in 1770.

John S reminded us that it was this time of the month 25 years ago when the great, devastating ice storm struck this area. Some trees fell gracefully, while others broke and fell with the sound of a rifle shot. Power was out for days throughout the region.

Our Area Assistant Governor, **Jerry Macaluso** sent warm thoughts and the reminder that the **Early Bird** price for the Conference ends this Sunday. It is time to sign up and make plans for a hoot'n good time in chocolate town.

Elias and his host family went to Quebec, Canada while school was out. They went for the Winter Carnival in the old city and along the Rideau Canal. Somehow, he got in sledding and tubing before they headed off to Montreal. He also reported that his Basketball team is seeded 6th and will play its first game against the #2 seed Hornell. This weekend, it will be skiing at Bristol with Exchange Students...a Rotex sponsored event.

A general conversation was held about changing our future fundraising policy. It was proposed that we ask only once a year to sponsor future Wine Classics and other programs such as the Service Above Self luncheon, free breakfasts for kids over school holidays, etc. One check and many mentions.

Events inviting your involvement

Penn Yan Public Library would like your to be a celebrity guest reader (all Rotarians are eligible!) for **Family Reading Night** at Penn Yan Public Library on Wednesday, March 9 at 6pm. Model healthy reading behaviors for families and get some free pizza, too!

Fellowship Exchange with New Zealand – The Kiwis will be May 23rd – May 29th, more or less. That Monday, the 23rd, host families and guest will meet for lunch and hand off between hosts at the Schwarting/Worth home. If you are interested in mixing it up with them, contact **Rob S** at 536-9850.

Fun and Fellowship this week

Ice, slush, sleet and snow covered the area. A foot of snow fell in Buffalo and Rochester and an inch and a half of rain fell in Ithaca. It was a great day for towing companies and the first day for plowing companies to

make any money this year. Even more elbow room this week...13 with Elias in attendance. Sue and Cecil put out a great Mexican day fajita feast. It was so good that those in attendance asked for an encore next week.

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers for the month of February.

Set-up/take-down:	Tina & Steve Miller
Attendance:	Taryn Windheim
Pledge/song:	Jeff Krans
Rotary Minute:	Leon Fontier
Prayer:	Mary Ellen Morgan
Sergeant:	Patrick Tolbert/Sandi Perl

What's Next:

Feb 23 rd	Evelyn Watkins – Drug Court
To be reset	Laurie Martin – Work Force

Our Projects this Year

Can Hunger, Sandi Perl leader, starts February 26th.

Rotary Day's Radio Auction, Sat March 5th at the Living Well 8:30 to 5:00 on air. **Get those ads and donations in ASAP – See Tom H.** It benefits all our charities, especially Camp ONSEYAWA.

Sat. April 23rd – **District Training Assembly** Interact is picking up the job of selling Raffle Tickets, and we will support them with some income. We will need raffle items. Great food is planned for breakfast and lunch. There will be lots of time to make friends and help them find their way to the right parking spot or the right break out session.

Friday April 29th – Sunday May 1st - **District Conference in Hershey PA** Fun! Fun! Fun! Take a break from our busy project schedule to enjoy some CHOCOLATE! The RI President's Representative is usually one of the most entertaining and inspiring you will ever meet. One session will feature Ryan H's "**K-Train: Read to your baby**".

Sat. May 14th- **Flights of Fancy, a Finger Lakes Wine Classic**. There is a BUZZ about this. Big talk around the community about Rotary's taking this step to extend the Tourist Season and to benefit the Outlet Trail. Wow!!!! Starting with this new event, we hope to help develop interpretive signs that show the history of the Outlet Trail. The Lions have offered their help too.

Birthdays coming up

Chris Bergman 2/16
Teresa Vivier 2/25

New Rotary Monthly Themes

For decades, Rotary's Directors have adopted a calendar of themes that might organize a well-rounded year of programs. It would also assist in developing projects and public relations campaigns organized around special occasions. The most recent set of themes reflecting today's issues and concerns was adopted in 2014 with an implementation date of July 2015. There is a decidedly stronger tie with the Foundation's six areas of focus for humanitarian assistance.

JULY – Fellowship, Change over, New Year Kick-off

AUGUST – Membership and New Club Development Month

SEPTEMBER – Basic Education and Literacy Month

OCTOBER – Economic and Community Development Month

NOVEMBER – Rotary Foundation Month

2-8 November — **World Interact Week**

DECEMBER – Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

JANUARY – Vocational Service Month

FEBRUARY – Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

MARCH – Water and Sanitation Month

7-13 March — **World Rotaract Week**

APRIL – Maternal and Child Health Month

MAY – Youth Service Month

JUNE – Rotary Fellowships Month

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

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