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## Victor Sutton lives for Service



Victor Sutton, March Academy Student of the Month, and Principal David Pullen

According to **Principal Dave Pullen**, the Academy Student of the Month, **Victor Sutton** personifies the motto of Rotary: Service Above Self. Victor is known for his many acts of service at the Academy. An emotional story by the principal has the principal asking the students of the vocational careers and technology class if they could repair this cheesy chess/checker board that he'd acquired at some book store. Victor volunteered to make a replacement one from wood. Since Victor knew that the principal had twin daughters, decided to make two exquisite boards, one for each daughter. Ovarions galore! Victor will be attending Alfred Technical College in the fall for heavy equipment ops.

## March 8<sup>th</sup>: International Day of the Woman

As many may recall, Leon's project dedication was visited by an internationally recognized Woman of Achievement. She had been recognized by Rotary and the UN for her service to humanity, and for her considerable accomplishments. Rotary has been a longtime advocate for the advancement of women around the world, and the task is not small or easy.

In many countries, women have no rights and are given status lower than a man's cattle. Some are treated in many ways like the women were here in the 1800's. Worse are the horror stories that come from lesser developed countries, especially those where tribal or civil war is waged. Young women are raped, then killed, enslaved or forced into marriage.

In many countries, a husband or teenaged sons go abroad to earn a living. Part of their income is sent home as remittances to keep the wives, mothers and younger children fed. These women often are living a life of bare survival on marginal farm land or in a slum of some kind. In parts of Asia, after a disaster, when money and food are gone, teenaged daughters are sold as domestics, though they often end up in brothels.

Turning our attention to situations in the USA, there are still horrible cases of family abuse and abandonment. Many single moms that aspire to seeing their children educated will work two or three part time minimum wage jobs to keep the family together and kids going to the better local schools. Rape and equality (glass ceilings) are still a problem. (continued)

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Worldwide, women continue to contribute to social, economic, cultural and political achievement, and there is much to celebrate. But a steady progress towards gender parity has **slowed** in many places.

The World Economic Forum predicted in 2014 that it would take until 2095 to achieve global gender parity. Then one year later in 2015, they estimated that a slowdown in the already glacial pace of progress meant the gender gap wouldn't close entirely until 2133.

To learn more about Rotary's Women of Action in 2014, see: <https://www.rotary.org/en/photo-essay-rotarys-2014-women-action>



For short biographies on these Rotary Women honored for their service by Barack and Michele Obama, see: <https://www.rotary.org/en/white-house-honors-rotary-women-their-humanitarian-service>

Women and children's health is a major focus of Rotary International Global Grants. The lives of women and girls are improved in many important ways through many different kinds of grants, ranging from hygiene and clean water, to facilities that allow schooling for girls, and for economic infrastructure that supports small micro-loans for women's industry.

There is much that can be done at home or abroad to create gender parity. In some places, it simply entails creating safety from abuse.

## **News and Notes of interest**

**AUCTION was a SUCCESS.** A big **thank you** to members, donors and bidders in helping us raise \$11,000, more or less. Be sure, please, to thank those donors, advertisers and sponsors that you cultivate. Is this the last year? Have our days on the radio run its course?

**Can Hunger Contest** is up and running. **Sandi** says there are 8 contestants in the running at this point and there might be a few more this week. We are building at 5-Star Bank. **Leon** is the artistic director of the team, and has sent out the call for 14.5 oz cans. Drop them off at the bank.

So who is getting the **two free passes to Flights of Fancy, the Wine Classic**? It is all about sharing links to the Rotary website. **Sarah** says we are up to 120 or so. The 150<sup>th</sup> person sharing gets the free passes.

**District Assembly** – Did you save the day, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, on your calendar? Service like this is loads of fun.

**Super Bob** paid \$5 for his safe return from Paris

**Dyke** pulled the 4 of diamonds...missed out on \$154.

**President Bob** invited club members, as usual, to the postponed Board meeting at Lyons National Bank at 8 AM next Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. "Never boring."

Send some positive thoughts out to **Chris B.**

**Doctor Dave** went down for a week and is back healthy and cheery.

**Carl S** is still rejoicing that son, Thorne, is doing well in his new school and daughter Lily celebrated her 14<sup>th</sup>.

Many cheers for the great weather, great auction results and the start of the sugar bush season. Yeah for Maple Syrup.

**Ryan's** son Graham turned 2 this weekend!

**Mary Ellen** was grateful for the support that she and **Evelyn** received for their losses last week. Close friend and another of Evelyn's sons passed away. Sad.

**Carol W** given a standing ovation for her Auction work

## **Events inviting your involvement**

**Mayor MacKerchar** declared March "GO BLUE" month in Penn Yan. It is to draw attention to colorectal cancer screening. This form of cancer is the #2 cancer killer in New York State. Area businesses are being asked to support screening events by the Ontario Seneca and Yates County Cancer Services Program. The Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic will do the actual screening.

**Fellowship Exchange with New Zealand** – The Kiwis will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>, more or less. That Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

The **Friends of the Outlet**, the board that is responsible for the Keuka Outlet Trail and adjacent property will be looking for directors for multi-year terms. Several directors are term limited and must be replaced by new community members. Contact Peg Thompson or Gwen Chamberlain.

## *Fun and Fellowship this week*

Mild, mid-sixties, and warm breeze. It felt like spring. Small rafts of thin ice at the outlet, but gone elsewhere. Sue and Cecil set out their famous fish fry with chips and awesome fresh slaw. Fabulous fish fry that speaks well for Friday nights at Top of the Lake. Attendance was so-so at 30, including our 4 guests:

- Victor Sutton – Academy Student of the Month
- David Pullen – Academy Principal
- Mike Linehan – Yates Co. Chamber of Commerce
- Elias – our happy, smiling, kind Exchange Student

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

Set-up/take-down:	Amy Hoffman
Attendance:	Diane Krans
Pledge/song:	Jackie Shrader
Rotary Minute:	Leon Fontier
Prayer:	Evelyn Emerson
Sergeant:	Sandi Perl

## *What's Next:*

3/15	Board Meeting, LNB 8:00 AM
3/15	Yates County Sheriff – Ron Spike
3/22	Pet Partner Connection – Michael Bennett
3/29	Rotary International – Water and Sanitation, Cornell Institute of Public Affairs

## *Our Projects this Year*

**Can Hunger**, Leon F. needs helpers and cans!!!!!!!

**Don O** says we are progressing on our District Simplified Grant for benches in the Village portion of the Outlet

Trail. Steel pipes supports, concrete bases, and Trex board seats. Great design for the trail and made at PYA'

Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup> – **District Training Assembly** is well planned by Sue, Diane, John and Stacy....and probably a great team of mini-project leaders.

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> - **District Conference in Hershey PA** Fun! Fun! Fun! Our President's Representative is one of the finest speakers on the circuit. How can we say that when there is no name shown? Well, they are always great inspirational men and women and well worth the price of admission.

Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup>- **Flights of Fancy, a Finger Lakes Wine Classic**. Project leader Carol showed the club the Internet Site for the event. She walked everyone through the links and buttons. She urged each club member to promote the event to everyone and to reach for 10 attendees by each member. Ryan bought tickets as we talked. "It took only two and a half minutes!" Club members will have duties for the day, and get free entry. Carol and Mike L. from the Chamber are going to work out local sales so that members can promote and sell entry tickets...not necessarily on the Event Bright Internet site. Entry costs \$25, plus \$2 in taxes. On the Internet, it will have a small processing fee. Admission fee on the day is \$30, plus \$2.40 tax.

## *Birthdays coming up*

Would you believe we still don't have anyone with a March birthday?

## *"Our" Camp Cory of the YMCA*

For decades, the Club has sponsored one or two camper scholarships for youth in our area that could not otherwise attend Camp Cory. If we intend to do that again this year, and in the past, we have not been able to identify a deserving recipient, we need to start looking for the ideal camper pretty soon.

Also, when we met at the camp last September, we were asked if we wanted to help host a Sunday afternoon open house at the camp this spring, perhaps in late May or early June. We would help the "Y" develop a stronger local presence, do a little donor outreach, recruit some campers and strengthen the Y and the camp. This could be a discussion at the upcoming March 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Please give us your thoughts.

## ***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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