

NEWS AND NOTES:

Interact will host a post-holiday can drive. Bag your party returnable cans and bottles and bring them to Lyons National Bank (**Sue A.**) or to Two Can Dan's, where you ask for the refund to be credited to the **Interact** Club. If all else fails, contact Sue A and she will arrange a pickup at your home. Two Can Dan will accept cans/bottles starting now.

Inductees on January 27th:

- David Graham
- Christine Miller
- Steven Miller
- Stephanie Bates
- Stephanie Zehr

Amy Hoffman, co-owner of Rooster Hill Winery and wife to our David H. has submitted her request for membership and will be seeking club approval next month. The next class of members will be inducted in the Spring....in time for the Annual Conference in Buffalo!

FELLOWSHIP OVER LUNCH:

We were scattered to the 4 winds, yet thoughts are of each other: A blessing for this week and New Year:

May the Blessings of God be upon you
May his Peace Abide with you
May his Presence Illuminate your heart
Now and forever more

WHAT IF?

What if we knew what our individual differences were...what differentiated us from the other members of the club, or workers on a team? If we knew what we were really good at or terribly afraid of doing, could we speak up and choose which jobs we would be the most comfortable at doing? If everyone knew at a glance what we were best at doing, would they respect our needs and not assign us to a job that we were not the best suited to do? Could the club get more done if everyone was in the job that suited them the very best...that utilized their really great strengths?

The newest approach to teamwork in business is "leveraging differences." Obviously, not all people are the same. Each has one of 23,000 different

combinations skills used in relating to each other, accepting risk, making decisions quickly or slowly, or depending on facts or feelings when a decision has to be made.

Are we leveraging you and your strengths for the greatest advantage to you and to club projects? If not, speak up. Tell us where you would be the best used.

JOIN IN A PROJECT:

Safe Harbors is considering a Golf Tournament with which to raise needed funds. Anyone with tournament planning experience or soliciting donors to sponsor holes, etc. is needed.

OUR NEXT MEETING:

We will meet, next Tuesday, January 6th, at the regular time and place. The program is expected to be a report from the **Chamber of Commerce** by Mike Linehan.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

- 1/3 Interact Can Drive – call Sue A or deliver to Two Can Dan.
- 1/6 Mike Linehan, Chamber of Commerce
- 1/11 Visiting Governors' Receptions:
Rooster Hill Winery (3:00 PM)
Schwartings' Home for dinner (4:30 PM)
Spouses and children welcomed
- 1/13 Board Meeting (8:00 AM)
- 1/13 Club Assembly (noon), presentation by visiting DGEs, and presentation of the 2015 Conference
- 1/27 (tentative) New Member Induction

Birthdays in January:

- Pam Donnell 1/9

A LITTLE RETROSPECTIVE:

A few personal comments by members --

Stacy: Rotary in 2014 was another year of allowing me to feel important for my small part in Rotary which serves my community and the world. I especially enjoyed the memorable youth exchange year. In 2014 we welcomed home an outbound

student after a year in Japan (aka Courtney), said goodbye to a new friend from the Netherlands (aka Daan) after spending a year with us and welcomed a new friend from Japan whom is as sweet as her name - Cherry Blossom (aka Sakura).

Ef: The spirit of the *brotherhood in our Club, selfness and giving*, continues to define Rotary for me.

Sarah: 2014 was memorable because of the generous welcome given to me by the Penn Yan Rotary Club. It has been a pleasure to meet and work with everyone.

Jeff: For me, as District Rotary Foundation Chair, the year 2014 has meant travelling a steep learning curve to get ten Global Grants approved and help the district reach a record amount of Annual Program Fund donations to support those grants! Gaining approval for a grant to support our own Rotarian, Leon Fontier, and his work in the Congo was particularly rewarding. The support of our own club and Corning Rotary began a journey that culminated in receiving a \$54,999 grant.

John Watson: (A Rotarian in our district) since my elevation into "management" of our club as President Elect. I have become much more active and involved in the day to day operations. It's been a great year so far, and looking forward to 2015-2016.

Diane K.: Since the heavy rains hit Penn Yan, Yates County, Branchport and the Town of Jerusalem on May 14th our community has worked together toward a solitary mission of helping restore people's lives but also do positive good. Penn Yan Rotary thanks all those who helped make our effort much bigger than our small club could have accomplished alone. Rotary's motto *Service Above Self* has been a universal operational motto since May 14th.

We saw the best of our youth: virtually every Penn Yan Academy student volunteered, the young Mennonite men came, as did the vans full of Keuka College students and Dundee varsity athletes. Each day you saw the volunteers arrive clean, smiling and ready to tackle any job assigned to them. As they emerged later in the day they were muddy, sweating and thirsty, but still the smile was there. Each volunteer provided Service above Self and many continue in that role.

Recipients included: The Living Well, an outgrowth of Yates County Methodist churches to fill the gap when the Red Cross closed its office in Penn Yan last October. Milly's Pantry's mission is to prevent

childhood hunger in our community by coordinating Food for the Needy program and the backpack program. kidCare provides diapers and underwear to children throughout the year but especially at Christmas and in the fall when school starts. The need for underwear and diapers was huge following the storm. The ARC of Yates lost its home which housed the day treatment and programming was conducted. The print shop was also lost. Given that every club in District 7120 supports handicapped children's summer camps this was for many a priority. Camp Good Days and Special Times was ravaged by water on both the 14th and then again two days later making it impossible for the camp to open on time. This camp has been operating for thirty five years and campers had to be told it was not going to open as early as usual. Free & Accepted Masons of New York building on Elm Street was ravaged by flood waters. It rents space to The Living Well and Yates-Ontario Literacy Volunteers. The Haven Church provided much manpower and a location for the donations to be sorted and distributed. Individual family needs were addressed as ProAction sent the need forward. Christmas for the Needy addresses the needs of families in need each holiday season. Safe Harbors provides respite to families in crisis.

Penn Yan Rotary Club Flood Donations	
Arc of Yates	\$8,650.00
Food for the Needy	\$5,491.00
Camp Good Days & Special Times	\$5,000.00
kidCARE	\$4,000.00
Milly's Pantry	\$4,000.00
The Living Well	\$4,000.00
Christmas for the Needy	\$2,700.00
Safe Harbors	\$2,000.00
Individual family needs	\$1,345.93
Masonic Lodge of Penn Yan	\$1,000.00
The Haven Church	\$1,000.00
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED	\$39,186.93

Carol: Now that I am back from DC and Rochester, Rotary has been a fabulous way for me to re-join the social and civic heartbeat of Penn Yan. The high-light of this year was taking the Leadership Institute's first course. I now understand so much more about Rotary's Foundation, the International work, and how we as a club are a BIG part in a great institution.

Rob: Being editor/reporter of this newsletter has been my memory-maker of 2014. Frankly, this job is a blast! It is fun digging up stuff for club members to read and reporting on our "happy moments." It seems to be a great outlet for my interests and gives me the opportunity to sit back, see the "whole

picture” of our club’s hundred activities and serve the members, the club and community.

SPEAKING OF PICTURES:



Sorry, but we have no pictures of bell ringing for Christmas for the Needy, Road Clean-up, Interact meetings, Rotaract meetings, Radio Auction events at Milly’s Pantry, packing Knapsacks, 2014 Assembly or Conference, kidCARE deliveries, pancake breakfasts for kids who were on vacation and without school breakfasts, the Carnival at Camp ONSEYAWA, sessions at Rotary Leadership Instituted, the Literacy Spelling Bee, our autumn picnic at Branchport, the family picnic at Sandi’s and more.



- **Dundee** – Meets Wednesday noon at the Youth Center on Main Street. Great Buffet!
- **Geneva** – Meets Wednesday 12:05 at the Belhurst Castle, Route 14. A larger club.

MISSED A 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



VISITATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Do you want some variety in your life? Well, then visit a neighboring club. It is fun. Let others know when you plan on going, and you might be surprised by how many might join you.

- **Canandaigua** – Meets Thursday 12:15 at the NYS Wine and Culinary Center. Awesome venue! **John Socha** finds the meeting place most agreeable.

What a year it has been!

Thanks to everyone!

