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Glenn Curtiss Museum and Trail



Trafford Doherty, came to us with a 5-star rating as a luncheon speaker, and he lived up to the reputation. “Traf” is the executive director at the highly successful Glenn Curtiss Museum at the other end of the lake...the village that beat us in the “best little village” competition. (Oh well.) The program was quick paced and very informative. The museum’s extensive aviation and local history collection provides for a very good program, but can hardly be covered in fifteen minutes.

Some of the highlights follow:

The museum used to be housed in a second floor classroom of the old school before it was moved to its current location in a repurposed warehouse. The museum rates very highly on Trip Advisor and is experiencing a fabulous year. Traf spent some time describing the new Curtiss Heritage trail – a visit to all of the local buildings and sites that were connect to building early planes, flying boats, engines and bicycles. From its early beginnings as a bicycle and gasoline engine manufacturing operation, Curtiss provided his light engines to power the California Arrow, a lighter than air dirigible. Soon afterwards he developed a plane that had significant improvements over the competing Wright planes. As the firm grew with its flying boats and bi-planes it outgrew its Hammondsport sites and was moved to Buffalo in 1916. During WWI Curtiss employed 15,000 in Buffalo and Toronto. At that time it was the premier aviation company in the world, producing airplanes and engines.

By far one of aviation’s greatest early planes was the June Bug. It was manufactured in great numbers for WWI and after the war the aircraft was the barnstormer’s money maker. Many early pilots, including your editor’s father learned to fly in a June Bug.

In 1918, the war ended and with it the demand for airplanes took a nosedive. The operation in Hammondsport was shuttered and all the many ram shackled buildings where the school athletic fields are today were razed. For a decade or more, the village reviled his name because the negative economic impact was so devastating.

In order to sell airplanes to the Navy, Curtiss had to develop a flight school that started in 1910. He taught many others, most notably the first female American pilot, Blanche Stuart Scott. Learning to fly was a series of progressively longer hops in a straight line. In 1911 a Curtiss aircraft landed on a naval boat. Flying on and off a boat had a one in five chance of failure, yet early pilots took on this and other phenomenal risks.



President Bob with Marco Espana, middle school student of the month, and his Mom Rebecca.

Marco was nominated by his teachers because she shows many of the personal traits important to Rotarians. He is looked up to by other Latinos in the school and has become their advisor. He has come alive academically and socially in the past year as he finds more self-confidence.

From the Board Meeting

The Treasurer's report, as circulated to the members was accepted by the Board. **Treasurer Diane** also presented a breakdown of how our dues are spent on RI dues and mandated RI and District events. Including President Elect Training, RI Insurance, Camp ONSEYAWA, etc. it amounts to \$148.89. That pretty much exhausts our dues of \$160.

Diane K reported that our donation presented to the Eastern Cities speaker for the Polio Plus campaign was \$180. Thanks to the many club members who slipped bills into their donation envelopes at the sign-in/welcome table.

Program chair Sandie M asked for help in keeping the meetings on track. "Our speakers deserve to be the priority for the meeting, and not crowded by last minute additional presentations." She welcomes all suggestions for programs and will track them down for you. All you have to do is complete a suggestion card at the Sign-in/welcome table. Given her business schedule, the best way to reach Sandie is at meetings and through these suggestion cards.

Membership chair Jackie S reported that Canandaigua member Taryn Windheim has requested a transfer to our club, which the board approved. She announced that an adult with special needs, Morgan, would like to join the club. The board noted that such membership has been approved in the district and supported the action.

Rotaract advisor Tina M reported that Rotaract is starting slowly this year. College requires clubs to do community service, which at present is a little disorganized. She requested that the costs of Rotaractors' dinners at Eastern Cities be paid by the club...approved.

Literacy chair Ryan H reported that as a result of our little morning work stint, all books are labeled and going to Literacy Vol (storage) and doctor's offices. Our "Read to your Baby" initiative has been rolled into the Literacy Volunteer's **Kindergarten Readiness Initiative**, called: **K Train**. It is just getting up and running. They have a branding logo, and we pushed the envelope with our donation. Watch for announcements later this year.

Also, Judy and Sabastian at **Building Minds for South Sudan** have asked us if we would contribute \$500 to their program when he comes back to the middle school for an assembly on the Lost Boys... There are concerns at the district and national level for how \$ is spent in South Sudan and the stability of S. Sudan. The board elected to send Judy and Sebastian an honorarium of \$500 (unbudgeted)

Requests for Funds:

- \$1000 for perishable food at the **Living Well** was approved. This was unbudgeted and will be drawn from reserves/year-end balance.
- \$500 to pay for lunches for the workers at the **Christmas for the Needy** distribution was denied as unbudgeted. A contribution last year was residual money from the flood relief fund.

Club Service – Directors discussed the 50/50 and President Bob suggested that we raise interest in it (and attendance) by instituting a card draw for the pot. He will share with club and implement. Also, it was noted that the club members are closest to each other when they work on small, quick, service projects like an occasional pancake breakfast or tree bagging. It also depends on the beneficiaries of the project and how it resonates with the members. Unlike pancake flipping, road clean-up or the Milt

Matthew's DGE exchange reception have had fewer participants.

Youth – Stacy W reported on **Elias'** successes. He asked for and the board approved our participation in Youth Exchange in 16-17.

Also, the club has selected **Brittany Norris** (cousin of the Owens family) as our participant in Miss Penn Yan competition to be held during Star Shine, the first Friday of December.

Sue A will announce the **Oratorical Contest** at the Academy.

News and Notes of interest

President Bob thanked the troika of past presidents for filling in while he was away.

Carol W asked members to start generating ideas for children and family friendly activities at or near the Wine Classic next May. The Arts Council intends to be involved somehow...either a show and/or kids' art events. Village trustees approved the event and will close lower Main Street so that the event can be staged.

Elias soccer playoff is Saturday at the Academy fields 6 PM.

The club gave its traditional standing ovation for our speaker. Well deserved. He commented: "Wow, such a polite club. I never get a standing greeting and a second standing ovation at the end of my talk."

Carl S turns 50 this weekend, so the club sang in its usual form. It shocked some of our guests...oh well.

Ryan H was honored as a community leader and is honored with the Rochester Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award.

Jorgen O returned from Denmark where he visited his grandchildren. He casually mentioned a side trip to Italy.

Ed B. was smiling a lot and happy to be back with his friends. He and wife, Linda, spent day in Penn Yan, then to Geneva for dinner with cousins. They are celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary. "I intend to return in two years to celebrate our 50th."

Whit Y just returned from out west...a very cold Pikes Peak. Soon to be heading to the warmer south!

Remember the RI president's Initiative to Plant a Million trees in Indonesia? Well, the **Million Trees NYC** campaign in New York City has succeeded two years ahead of schedule, despite the postponement of a ceremony to mark the planting of the 1 millionth tree. The initiative is part of PlaNYC, an effort to improve the city's sustainability. Hmmm...what is our goal in Penn Yan?

Projects needing our attention

Dean M – bell ringing for Christmas for the Needy is December 1st. Pairs of ringers at Tops and Byrne Dairy

Sue A – Halloween for Penn Yan kids at the First Baptist Church, Saturday, October 30th – stay tuned for details of our jobs – decorating, guiding kids through games, clean up.

Sue A – Helpers needed for the YATES BUDLE UP coat distribution at First Presbyterian Church – Saturday morning, October 30th 9AM to 11 AM. This project is in memory of our Stephanie Bates.

Birthdays coming up

Dyke Smith 11/18

Fun and Fellowship this week

Cecil and Sue put on the Ritz with steaks as big as your plate and twice baked potatoes. Lively conversations were held at every table. 22 Rotarians assembled with 8 guests.

- Ed Balsley, one of our honorary members;
- Trafford Doherty, Curtiss Museum, speaker;
- Rebecca Espana (mom of Marco),
- Jack Corey, Marco's and Rebecca's guest;
- Marco Espana, student of the month
- Megan Trombley, middle school counselor;
- Theran Chinn, middle school counselor;
- Elias – our exchange student



What's Happening Next

- 10/29 Lt. Martinez, Salvation Army
- 11/3 Election Day – Go vote!
- 11/3 Yates County Office of the Aging
- 11/10 Club Assembly and Student of the Month
- 11/17 Sandi Perl's Biographic Sketch (finally!)
- 11/24 Yates Community Center

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers for the month of October:

Set up	Carol W
Attendance	Ef A
Pledge Song	Carl S
Rotary Minute	Rob S
Prayer	Evelyn E
Sergeant	Diane K



Autumn district events wind down in November

Of course those of us who can will plan on spending November 7th in Canandaigua for the **Rotary Leadership Institute**, a great program and meals. **Register as soon as possible.**

<http://rlinea.org/Event/e20e89cd-7f62-4e27-b316-484603712527>

Topics on the first three levels are:

- A Look Outside the Club
 - Membership Orientation and Activation
 - Introduction to Leadership
 - Creating Service Projects
 - Problem Solving Workshops
 - Vocational Service
 - Effective Committees
 - Membership Development
 - The Rotary Foundation
 - Analyzing a Rotary Club
 - The Object of Rotary
 - The District
 - International Service
 - Problems of Leadership
 - Creative Service
 - Written Communications
 - Motivating Rotarians and Effecting Change
- 4th level - Graduate Study:

- Motivating Rotarians
- Why people volunteer
- Council of Legislation

What do you know about the **Foundation Breakfast** besides being scheduled for 11/15 at FLCC (12:00-3:00 pm) . . . NEW PLACE AND NEW TIME? It is a chance to mix with like-minded Rotarians, for whom charitable giving is part of their life and legacy. You will hear from interesting speakers (watch for news) and get information about the several (mostly painless) ways that a Rotarian can support world peace and understanding.

Rotary Minute –

Rob S reminded everyone that club projects are a result of an individual member's passion for service to some cause. If you have something that you want to do, develop an outline and tell the board. We all are looking for little, quick, fun projects to do. Don O is looking for ideas for projects that might be a little bigger.

Join in a project – Feel good

The **ARC of Yates** is holding its 40th anniversary dinner on November 13th, \$75.

The **Penn Yan Public Library** is dedicating its newly made handicapped accessibility entrance and refurbishments on Friday October 20th at 4PM.

Penn Yan Public Library is hosting a **Family Reading Night** on Wednesday, November 4 from 5:30 to 7:00pm. There are several ways you can volunteer: be a "celebrity reader" and read aloud to kids and families; help serve free pizza; or donate gently-used children's books to be given away at the event. **Sarah C** (536-6114 or screvelling@pypl.org) to volunteer. (This is a drop-in program; you don't need to attend for the whole 90 minutes.)

Changing times for Rotary and Rotaract –

Copied from a blog by Doris Grimm, Rotaractor from Germany

In Germany, International Women's Day plays a rather subordinate role, even though two German women proposed the first women's day in 1910. Nevertheless, I personally think that having an

International Women's Day, where we specifically look into gender equality and women's rights, is an important observation we should not miss." In her speech at the UN headquarters in New York in September 2014, Emma Watson, ambassador of the UN-campaign "He for She" declared that up till now there is not a single country in the world which has achieved gender equality.

Grimm: "For me personally, I grew up in a world where it was never a question that I could achieve as much as my male counterparts. I was never limited in my education just because I was a girl. However, even in a country like Germany, you can find inequality when it comes to questions of payment, leadership roles on company boards, and so on....

That is why I am all the happier to find a different reality at work in Rotaract. Nearly 50 percent of all Rotaract members in Germany are female and women are free to advance to leadership roles at every level including club, district, and regional.

Becoming my district's Rotaract representative allowed me to combine forces with around 250 Rotaractors to motivate them to do good in the world. We have started a very successful project collecting bottle caps to provide health insurance for children in Ghana.

While I served as vice president of the European Rotaract Information Centre, I was asked by a Rotary member how it was possible so many women were serving in leadership roles in Rotaract. I came to two conclusions. First, for Rotaract members, it does not make a difference what gender you are as long as whoever is leading is doing a good job. And second, no one is afraid, male or female, to take responsibility and accept the challenge to lead.

The challenges we face - saving mothers and children, supporting education, promoting peace - are huge. However, I believe that together we can achieve more. I would like to encourage everyone, male and female, to take action and make it happen!



Ed Balsley Comes "Home" for a Day of Fellowship

Ed, one of three honorary members of the club, now lives in Connecticut to be closer to one of his children. He and Linda moved out of their Geneva home in '14, much to the club's dismay. Ed was a grad of RIT in Electrical Engineering and graduated with a MBA in '76. He worked years for Rochester Gas and Electric before coming here as Director of Public Works in '95. Ed is a Past President, representative from the club to Camp ONSEYAWA, and for years was the "ad-voice" on Rotary Radio Day.



Back in June of '96, Ed Balsley, on the right joined the Penn Yan club, shown here with Dean Morgan who joined a year later (7/97).

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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