



THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New Member Proposal**

The Ithaca Rotary Club Board of Directors will be considering the membership application(s) from the person(s) listed below. Any concerns about these membership proposals should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Club by December 10, 2003.

Name: Andrew Zepp

Position: Executive Director

Company: Finger Lakes Land Trust

Classification: Land Conservation

Sponsor: John Butler

- **Notes from President Jeff**

Welcome back to members and former members we haven't seen in a while... Ray Van Houtte, Carm Hill, Martha Eller, and Dale Corson.

- **Pancake Day Initial Results!**

President Jeff gave us a report on the results of our 30th Annual Pancake Day. Receipts so far total a little over \$8,300. With expenses up a little from last year, overall profit is still expected to meet our goals. There are still a few members who have not paid for their tickets, so please get those checks to Siu-ling as soon as possible. PJ also presented Pancake Day Chairs Karl Kayser and Barbara Romano with special Dynamic Patterns Rotary mugs as thanks for their hard work and dedication in bringing off another very successful event. There is also a special mug for Dick Charsky who was not at the meeting. Thanks to Karl, Barbara, and Dick for a great job!

- **Share the Warmth**

The award-winning Share the Warmth Program is getting under way for this year. Dick Page and crew have already made arrangements for collection boxes to be placed at Borg-Warner, Center Ithaca, P&C Markets at East Hill and in Trumansburg, NYSEG (new this year), Pyramid Mall, Tops Market at Triphammer, Wegmans, and Shur-Save in Trumansburg as well as locations on the Ithaca College and Cornell University campuses. The Samaritan Center of Catholic Charities will oversee the distribution and the Southside Community Center has agreed to store the clothes and host the sorting and distribution. Trumansburg Rotary is joining us this year as a co-sponsor of this wonderful event and they are responsible for arranging the two Trumansburg collection sites.

The program will begin collecting clothes on November 19 and end December 7. Sorting will take place on December 11 and distribution will be on December 12 and 13. Of course, in order for this program to truly be successful, your participation is required. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meetings and you are encouraged to sign up to help empty the collection bins, sort the clothes, or staff the distribution tables. Without your help, this program would not be possible. If you have any questions, please contact Dick Page.

If you have signed up to pick up clothes from the collection boxes, Dick reminds you that he will be at the Southside Community Center daily from 4 - 6 p.m. to help you unload. For those of you who would like to participate in the Share the Warmth program in a different way, there will be a collection box outside the meeting room at the Holiday Inn next week. Please feel free to bring along any warm clothing that you may wish to contribute to the cause and your contribution will be happily added to the collections. Thank you for "Lending a Hand!"

- **Ringling for the Salvation Army**

Once again the Ithaca Rotary Club will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army's annual kettle drive. Following are the dates and locations for our days, please check your calendars and be ready to sign up for a time slot when you are asked. Believe it or not, those dates will be here sooner than you think! Mark your calendars now so you have the time set aside.

INSIDE at KMart on Route 13 in Ithaca:

December 1: 9 am - 8 pm

December 16: 9 am - 9 pm

December 17 - The kettle will be at our meeting for members who would like to make a donation. **The Salvation Army Brass Band** will also be in attendance at the meeting. The 4-5 piece group will be playing until 12:30 for your entertainment. Come early and enjoy this special musical presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

- **New Member Orientation Meeting Schedule Update**

From Don Kompf comes a revised schedule of Orientation Meetings for new members for the remainder of this Rotary year. These meetings are scheduled to take place between 11:00 am and noon, just prior to our regular Club meeting, on the following dates: January 28, February 25, March 24, April 28, May 26 and June 23. Meetings are subject to change or cancellation, depending on the schedules of proposed members and their sponsors. If you plan to sponsor a new member, please try to get the application to Secretary Scott Russell in time for the Board to act on it the week prior to a scheduled Orientation meeting. Thank you from the Orientation Committee.

- **Sunshine News!**

There are now Shut-in cards on the tables each week along with the comment cards. If you know of a fellow Rotarian who is unable to make it to the meeting and would appreciate a visit from a friend, please fill out one of these cards and give it to PJ or Scott Russell.

Along those lines, Carm Hill has recently underwent open-heart surgery and was out for a while. Carm was back with us this week and offered the following note to his fellow Rotarians: "Thanks to all of you who sent cards, letters, and made phone calls to wish me well! Here I am!"

Former member Barny Cole was involved in a serious car accident recently and is now at home waiting for clearance to return to work. A deer jumped onto the hood of his car and came through the windshield, ending up in his lap. Barny didn't even have a scratch externally, but did have some internal concerns. He is doing well and would surely not mind hearing from any of his Rotary friends.

Jack Burns reports that member Frank Saul and his wife Betty are spending most of their time at home these days where they are getting good care. They would, however, appreciate phone calls and perhaps even a visit from any Rotary friends. Frank and Betty live at 519 Cayuga Heights Road and you may call them at 257-6560.

- **Ithaca Rotary Community Grants**

Once again the Ithaca Rotary club will be presenting worthwhile organizations in the community with small grants to help them achieve their goals. Requests for Rotary Grants are now being accepted and any organization with a need can apply simply by making a request to the Community Grants Committee. A letter detailing the request should be sent to either President Jeff True or Secretary Scott Russell care of the Ithaca Rotary Club, P.O. Box 306, Ithaca, N.Y. 14851. Letters may also be addressed directly to the committee via chair Jessie Ripple, 57 Highgate Circle, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. If you have any questions about the Small Grants Program you may also call Jessie at 257-6454 or 254-2372. Deadline for requests will be January 31, 2004.

FEATURED ROTARIANS

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Barry Downing (Endwell, NY)
Susan Goksu (Seneca Falls, NY)

- **Rotary Ambassadors**

10/28: Dick Charsky (Owego, NY)
11/10: Dave Flinn (Toronto Leaside, Ontario Canada)
11/11: Perri LoPinto (Cortland, Noon NY)

- **Contact Information for our Youth Exchange Students**

Esteban Campos-Hernandez (Costa Rica)
Host family Mike and Joyce Billing
6 Pheasant Lane, Ithaca, 272-9208

Michal Sykora (Slovakia)
Host family John and Ann Costello
8 Winthrop Place, Ithaca, 257-0919

Jose Salcedo-Martin "Pepe" (Mexico)
Host family Amdrea Parrot & Steve Allen
8 Legrand Court, Ithaca, 277-1695



The Savage Clubs sings Cornell songs at Ithaca Rotary!

HAPPY DOLLARS

Jagat Sharma (*host*) three for himself and his two brothers who all attended Cornell, more for other happy events this summer - six weddings, two trips to the West coast, visiting with four pairs of grand nephews and nieces, and lots of stories to tell.

Beverly Baker one very belated birthday dollar for BJ Jacobson who recently became the father of a beautiful, bouncing, baby Schauzer! Beverly is already signed up as the official back-up baby sitter. Thirty more to thank President Jeff for mentioning the 30th anniversary of Baker Travel last week and to thank everyone who has helped her to reach that milestone.

Heidi Goldstein one for her daughter getting married next spring, though it means that she will not be available to help out with the annual BBQ.

George Gull five grateful dollars for CU wrestling coach Rob Koll - glad that he is a better wrestling coach than he is a squash player!

Larry Robinson one for the successful recovery of son Eli's RC airplane after landing in a tree on a Rochester golf course last week, and two to ask for help ringing bells for the Salvation Army coming up in a little over a week!

Perri LoPinto five for the National Philanthropy Day celebration last week where our own Dave Dunlop was honored as Professional Fund Raiser of the Year. Brad and Mary Grainger were honored as Volunteer Fund Raisers of the Year, Margaret Gibson was honored as Philanthropist of the Year, Jean McPheeters was the emcee, and Cal Walker was the keynote speaker.

Barbara Eckstrom one for a trip to Long Island to watch her daughter in the state swimming championships, and one for a trip to hear her other daughter's first college chorus concert at American University.

Ross Lynch five to thank us for singing him along on life's journey on his 91st birthday and his 52nd wedding anniversary, and to share a secret fishing spot with us where he has been going for years in Oakland, New York. If you like to fly fish, talk to Ross and he can give you directions.

Mike McGreevey one for the IC Bomber football team earining an NCAA tournament bid despite losing the Cortaca Jug game ("The biggest little game in the country" - Sports Illustrated) last weekend. IC will face Brockport at noon on Saturday.

Bridgid Hubberman five to celebrate this past weekend's Children's Book Fest.

Matt Braun ten dollars - the reason he has not been around much lately, the birth of a new daughter about 7 weeks ago, for the Children's Book Fest as well as it was a great event, and for hosting the grand opening of the Gateway Plaza at the museum last night.

Dale Flinn one sad dollar for the passing of a dear friend, Bruce Myers, who was the Maintenance Director for the Statler at Cornell. He was one of a kind. One to present past president Don Kompf with an article from Wired magazine describing an engineering race wherein the winner finishes in the middle! Mediocrity reigns, though whether Don's regime or this race came first is up for debate.



Barlow Ware keeps close time on Jagat Sharma!

PROGRAM NOTES "Perspectives of Cornell's New President"

Jeffrey Lehman, President of Cornell University

Our guest speaker today was newly-inducted president of Cornell University, Jeffrey Lehman. President Lehman shared with us a very interesting comparison between Rotary and Cornell and there were quite a few. Cornell is little older than Rotary, but the two organizations have many things in common. Both have a focus on service to community and the world, and both are committed to providing opportunity to everyone regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, etc.

He then went on to talk to us about three main themes and how they pertain to Cornell in the context of the relationship between Cornell and the local community. Those three themes are: a perspective on the human condition - a perspective that transcends nationalism without insisting on a unitary global substitute; the importance of stimulating scientific inquiry into the unifying forces of nature through interdisciplinary, intellectual collaborations; and the importance of fostering the healthy and collaborative coexistence of people with one another and with the environment. One way on which all three of those themes comes together is in relation to the foreign student population at Cornell. There are nearly 3,200 foreign students at Cornell plus their families, down from numbers a couple of years ago. All of these people are a part of the larger community as well, contributing to the local economy, and

participating in the community. Because of recent security concerns and the Patriot Act, however, it is becoming increasingly difficult for many foreign students to come to Cornell - or come back to Cornell as in one case he shared with us - which makes it more difficult to successfully pursue the goals of transcending transnationalism and fostering coexistence. Of course, there has to be a balance when it comes to security and safety, but it is a delicate one that needs constant vigilance.



Past Cornell President Dale Corson and Current Cornell President Jeffrey Lehman, Honorary Ithaca Rotary Club Members

Cornell will also continue to seek out partners who can help the university increase its collaborative abilities around the world, but with an emphasis on working locally as well. The Cornell Business and Technology Park is the most prominent example of this new approach of partnering to bring new technology to the market in a timely and efficient manner. It also clearly benefits the local community by providing jobs and opportunities. Another collaboration which will help the world at large is a recent effort that has resulted in the discovery of microbes that eat toxic wastes associated with former coal tar processing facilities. Once they manage to figure out how to feed these microbes - they consume mass quantities of vitamin B 12 - they may have a key to solving a serious environmental problem.

Our sincere thanks to President Lehman for taking time from his busy schedule to share his thoughts with us and to answer a few questions. His talk was very informative and interesting.

• Special Guest

Tom Sanford introduced Steve Donohue, head coach of the Cornell Men's Basketball team. Steve let us know that the team has high hopes and great prospects this year. Over the past four years they have grown and matured significantly and, with the addition of a team psychologist, he believes that they will have a great season.

Two important events are coming up for the program that Steve wanted us to know about. First will be the season opener where the Big Red will face Georgia Tech on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m. The game will be televised nationally, giving the Big Red a chance to perform in front of a national audience. The second event will be on Tuesday, December 2 when the Red will host Ithaca College in a Coaches for Cancer game at Newman Arena. This is another great opportunity to see the team in action and to help raise money for cancer research. Don't miss it!

Thanks to Steve for taking a few minutes out of his busy schedule and to Tom for inviting him to our club.

CALENDAR

November 26: *Meeting* tba

December 3: *Meeting* Pride of Ownership Day

December 10: *Meeting* The Ithaca College Madrigal Singers

December 17: *Meeting* "Boots on the Ground: A Month with the 82nd Airborne in the Battle for Iraq", Karl Zinsmeister

December 24: **no meeting**

December 31: *Meeting* tba

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January 14: *Meeting* "Indian Land Claims" Robert Venables

January 21: *Meeting* "Remodeling the William Henry Miller Inn" Lynette Scofield

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