



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

- **A Special Announcement from our District Governor**

If you can get all your club members to click on this email address, up to 5 million free Campbell's Chunky Soups will be sent to hunger relief charities around the world. A nice free way to LEND A HAND. http://www.chunky.com/click_for_cans.asp

They'll get the following note for their effort, it takes two clicks of the mouse:

“Congratulations and Thank You for helping Campbell's® Chunky™ soup and the NFL™ in their Tackling Hunger™ effort!

Our Tackling Hunger™ campaign will result in donations of up to a total of 5 million cans of a variety of Campbell's® soups on behalf of all 32 NFL™ teams. Click for Cans™ donations are made over the course of the year to a variety of hunger relief charities across the country, in NFL™ cities and in many other communities.”

- **Two important meeting reminders!**

There will be no meeting on December 24, but there will be a meeting on December 31! Mark your calendars now so that you won't be there on the 24th and that you will be there on the 31st.

- **Trumansburg Rotary Club Fundraiser**

The Trumansburg Rotary Club is selling Dine-A-Mate coupon books again this year as a fundraiser for the club. There will be a representative from the club at next week's meeting and the books can be purchased for \$21.00. These coupon books contain discounts for all sorts of restaurants, services, and travel accommodations and are well worth the small investment, especially when it helps out a fellow Rotary club. You can also contact any member of the Trumansburg Rotary club if you wish to purchase a copy.

- **Ithaca Rotary Pancake Day Update**

A nearly final report on Pancake Day from Siu-ling: As of her announcement at this meeting, proceeds were at \$8,995.00 and there were still a few members who had not paid for their tickets. Please get your payment to Siu-ling as soon as you can so that we can put the wrap on this year's event. Congratulations to everyone who helped make this year's Pancake Day another great success.

- **Rotary Foundation Month**

Nancy Potter reminded us that November is Rotary Foundation Month and that we would soon be receiving information about our club's Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Campaign. She also reminded us to check out the latest issue of the Rotarian magazine which contains a fantastic article about all the great works of the Rotary Foundation. If you have not read that issue yet, please do and please support the Rotary Foundation.

- **Share the Warmth**

The award-winning Share the Warmth Program is almost done for the year. Sorting will take place on December 11 and distribution will be on December 12 and 13. Help is still needed for the sorting and distribution, so please sign up at next week's meeting to help out or contact Dick Page to find out where your help is most needed. Thank you for "Lending a Hand!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS <i>(continued)</i>

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Rotary Meeting Make-up Opportunities**

For a complete list of local club meetings where you can make up a meeting, please click on the following link and you will be taken to a comprehensive list. If you are traveling out of the area and would like to attend a Rotary meeting, please see Scott Russell and ask to see the Official Directory. <http://www.ithacarotary.org/ithaca/makeups.html>

FEATURED ROTARIANS

- **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Past President Jean McPheeters reported the slate of officers recommended to the club for election at the annual meeting in December. Voting will take place on December 17 at the regular meeting. The slate presented is as follows:

President: Beverly Baker

President Elect: Brian Wilbur

Vice President: Heidi Goldstein

Treasurer: Simonetta Antenucci

Secretary: Scott Russell

- **December Birthdays**

John Hays presenting

12/1: Rich Gallagher

12/4: Joanne Lamoreaux

12/5: John Bailey

12/9: Roger Sibley

12/12: Dave Barr

12/18: Dave Singley

12/21: John Seeley

12/23: Paul Steiger

12/25: Noel Desch

12/29: Bob Baker, Bob Langhans

12/30: Barry Rothfeld

12/31: David Cook

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Frank Zgola and Ben Curtis (Trumansburg, New York)

Barry Downing (Endwell, New York)

- **Rotary Ambassadors**

11/20: Tom Sanford (Ithaca Sunrise)

11/26: Jesse Ripple (Branson, MO)

- **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

Happy Birthday to all of our December celebrants!

PROGRAM NOTES “ Pride of Ownership Awards ”
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Today's program was our annual Pride of Ownership Awards Presentation. Susan Blumenthal spoke for the committee in presenting these awards to this year's winners. Each of the winners in the three main categories: Residential - Owner Occupied; Residential – Rental; and Commercial. Each receives a hand-drawn picture of their property done by architect John Barradas and framed by MasterCraft frame shop. There are also several awards each year given as Special Recognition when nominees do not fit into either of the standard categories yet still deserve some reward for their efforts.

Basically, the Pride of Ownership Awards - a joint program of the Ithaca Rotary Club and the City of Ithaca – is designed to recognize residents in the city who have done exceptional work maintaining or improving their property, thereby improving the quality of their neighborhood and the city as a whole. The committee consists of Susan Blumenthal, John Barradas, Jagat Sharma, Scott Whitham, Peggy Haine, and Margaret Hobbie. There are actually two presentations made each year as the awards are first given out at a Rotary meeting and then presented at an Ithaca Common Council meeting.

This year's winners are:

Residential - Owner Occupied:

1. David and Kelly Moreland for restoration work done on their home at 114 Auburn Street
2. Josh Adams for his work at 511 Cliff Street

Residential - Rental:

1. Brian Grout for work on his property at 601 W. Green Street
2. Johnson Apartments - Theron Johnson, Gay Johnson, Larry Beck for work on their properties downtown and on East Hill, including one that includes their rental office

Commercial:

1. Robbie Dein for the restoration of the American Crafts building at 158 The Commons
2. Mack and Carol Travis for the renovation of the Dean of Ithaca building into the Gateway Center

Special Recognition:

1. First Church of Christ Scientist for upgrades and improvements to the front of their church at 101 University Ave.
2. Tompkins County Community Beautification Program and the Ithaca Downtown Partnership for their collaborative effort at maintaining the plantings on and around the Commons
3. Adirondack Chapter of the North American Society of Rock Gardeners for the Al Wurster Memorial Rock Garden behind the Cooperative Extension offices at 312 Dey Street
4. Artist Mariann Loveland for her mural "Looking out from History" which is painted on the windows of the Tompkins County Museum in the Gateway Center on East State Street
5. The City of Ithaca Planning Board for their professional and successful implementation of site plan review for projects throughout the city

Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you for taking pride in your properties and in your community!

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 7: *Meeting* “Emerson and Local Economic Development” Gene Yarussi

January 14: *Meeting* “Indian Land Claims” Robert Venables

January 21: *Meeting* “The Health Index of our Ithaca Rotary Club & Tompkins County” Donna Rider

January 28: *Meeting* TBA

February 14-22: Rotary International Assembly (Anaheim, CA)

March 19-21: President-Elects Training Seminar, PETS (Syracuse, NY)

March 27: Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1-3 (Binghamton, NY)

April 1 – 3: District 9100 District Conference, Bamako, Mali, Africa. Our GSE team will be there!

April 17: District Assembly (Sidney High School)

May 23-26: Rotary International Convention (Osaka, Japan)

June 11-13: District 7170 Conference: Celebrating the Family of Rotary (Binghamton, NY)

June 20: Ithaca Rotary Chicken BBQ at Stewart Park

June 25: District Pass the Gavel Celebration

June 27 – July 2: RYLA 2004

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