



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 28, 2003.

Name: Robert "Buz" Boothroyd

Position: Insurance

Company: Brown & Brown

Sponsor: Barlow Ware and Roger Barnard

- **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."

- **Notes from President Jeff**

Rotarians in Action: Congratulations and many thanks to Susan Blumenthal for heading up the Pride of Ownership Awards committee and presentation last week. Great job all!

- **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.

- **Ithaca Rotary Board Meeting**

The next Ithaca Rotary board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16 at the Chamber of Commerce building on East Shore Drive. All members of the club are invited to attend board meetings and you can earn a make-up by attending. The meeting will start at 5:00 p.m.

- **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.

The Salvation Army is in desperate need of help ringing bells, especially on the Commons. If you have some time and you would like to help out, please contact Colonel Ernie Patton at 273-2400.

ANNOUNCEMENTS <i>(continued)</i>

- **Dues Notices Now Available for Pick-up**

Dues notices are out for the second half of the 2003-2004 Rotary year. Please pick up your dues notice and save the club the postage necessary to mail the notice to you later. Dues are due by December 31 and any payments received after that date must include a \$10.00 late payment fee. Please get your dues payments to secretary Scott Russell as soon as possible. Thank you.

- **Learn more about the Rotary Foundation**

Brian Wilbur announced that letters from President Jeff and the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Committee are also out on the tables and asks that everyone pick up their letter. If you are looking for something to perk up your day and don't know where to turn, look in the Rotarian magazine or on-line at www.rotary.org and you will find numerous stories about the great works of the Rotary Foundation throughout the world. Through your contributions to the Rotary Foundation, you become part of those great works, whether it is a well for a dry village or volunteers administering polio vaccine, the Rotary Foundation is helping people all over the world every day. Without your help, the Foundation could not continue its mission. Please consider this request for your help and give whatever you feel you can. Every dollar helps and no gift is too small. Thank you.

- **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.

This message was received from Sam Koury, Secretary of the Oneonta Rotary club:

"It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of Oneonta Rotary's PDG Robert White, 1979-80 on December 11, 2003. Will send more details when a full obituary is published."

- **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.

In response to last year's Community Grants, Jessie and Dick Page received a thank you letter and a t-shirt from Loaves and Fishes. Loaves and Fishes used their grant to help sponsor a logo design contest and, in thanks, sent a copy of the winning design to Jessie. Dick developed an elaborate scheme involving various historical currency in order to "raffle" off the t-shirt to one of our exchange students. Congratulations to Jose who now owns the beautiful t-shirt.

- **A New Holiday Tradition**

The Family Reading Partnership is trying to create a new holiday tradition of reading. Their hope is that every child will wake up Christmas morning with the gift of a book waiting at the foot of their bed. Not only will it be a gift of reading for your children or grandchildren, but it might actually keep them in bed a little longer! For more information you can visit the partnership's web site at www.familyreading.org and to share your holiday reading traditions you are invited to send an e-mail to katrina@familyreading.org.

- **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

- **A Rotarian Holiday Message**

This message was received by our own dear Barlow from our club's International Member Oskar Markovic. For those of you who have not met Oskar yet, he was here several years ago doing research at Cornell. As a Rotarian in Slovakia, Oskar sought out our club as his Rotary club away from home and became an honored guest. Barlow took him under his wing and eventually proposed him as our first International Member. Since those days, Oskar and Barlow have kept in touch and for those who do remember Oskar, here is his latest missive.

“Dear Brother,

We got December issue NG, many thanks. I am late with my response, but I use the computer in present time mostly on each Tuesday, when I work as Secretary of Slovak Biochemical Society and from our home computer I can not send the e-mail messages. It is fine that I have the possibility to read the Ithaca RC News, so I am informed about your actions and life... We start at home (mostly Olga and Desanka) with Christmas preparations (cakes and all we use to have in that nice time). Desanka has finished (successfully defended) her PhD dissertation on Faculty of Pharmacy, so she is now happy a free from a part of problems. Danica will end in summer the High School and she would like to study on the University things concerning Theatre (dramaturgy, history and active playing as actress), perhaps she will succeed her expectations. During Christmas holiday we would like to spend ten days in Jaraba (as usually) and we hope it will be also snow (because in present time period it looks like springtime and not like winter). We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2004, especially good health and a lot of your good mood and humor.

Best greetings from all the family!”

- **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

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Ursula Russ (Ithaca Sunrise)

- **Visiting Exchange Students**

Esteban Campos-Hernandez (Costa Rica)

Michal Sykora (Slovakia)

Jose Salcedo-Martin "Pepe" (Mexico)

- **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

PROGRAM NOTES “IC Madrigal Singers”

Jim Porterfield, Director

Once again, our club welcomed the Ithaca College Madrigal Singers under the direction of Lawrence Doeblner. This group was founded 30 years ago by Jim Porterfield and they have been entertaining the Ithaca Rotary club ever since. As always, the singing was beautiful, the voices wonderful, and the mood intoxicating. We can't thank this wonderful group of students enough for taking time out of their very, very busy holiday schedule to share the holiday spirit with all of us. Our thanks also to Larry Doeblner for bringing the group to our club again.

- **Special Guest**

President Jeff introduced Barbara Mink who in turn introduced all of us to the new Light in Winter Festival which will take place from January 23 - 25, 2004. This unique festival will bring together all manner of participants from a wide variety of sources. Town and gown, East Hill and South Hill, music and art, art and science, science and music - it will all be part of the festival. Brochures with a detailed schedule are available all over town or you can visit the festival web site at www.lightinwinter.com. Be sure to check it out!

CALENDAR

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)

April 21: 2004 Ithaca Rotary Rose Sale!

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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