



## THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

February 4, 2004

The official bulletin of the Rotary Club of Ithaca, NY  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New Member Propsoal**

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 February 13, 2004.

*Name:* Teresa Nix

*Position:* Director of Operations and Development

*Company:* Bridges Cornell Heights

*Sponsor:* Jean McPheeters

- **Our Ithaca Rotary History**

Past President Fred Antil has taken on the project of researching and updating the history of our Rotary club. As part of this project, Fred is trying to create an oral history. We have many written and recorded artifacts that pertain to the history of our club stored in the archives at Cornell University and Fred is also arranging for assistance in organizing and cataloguing our collection. In order to create the oral history, Fred will be interviewing members of our club and recording their memories and stories. One thing that we are missing is a digital video camera to record these interviews. If anyone in the club has or knows anyone else who has such a camera that Fred could borrow to complete this project, please contact him. Our thanks to Fred for taking on this tremendous project and look forward to seeing the results of his efforts.

- **Membership Month!**

February is Membership Month and we will be focusing our efforts on bringing in new members. Along with a variety of membership-based programs and events, all members will have the opportunity to bring potential new members to lunch at the club's expense. Any member who has a serious prospect for membership can bring that guest to lunch and the club will pay for the guest's meal. One guest per member, per week please. Look around your neighborhood - at home, where you work, where you shop, etc. - and talk to people about Rotary. If you have any questions about sponsoring new members or the process of bringing in new members, see Scott Russell or Heidi Goldstein.

- **Call for Meeting Setup Volunteers**

Dave Flinn, John Hays and Mike Billings have been sharing the meeting setup chores on a monthly rotation basis for the past three years and have done an admirable job. Dave and John have announced their need to participate in other ways and will be phasing out of service this year. So, this is a call for any interested Rotarian to serve the club in this necessary and important activity. It requires that the individual be available from approximately 11:45 to 12:15. (Earlier is acceptable) The tasks include preparing the podium and sound system, putting up flags and banners and assisting the President and program speaker as required. Service will continue to be rotated based upon the number of volunteers, i.e. three volunteers equals one month of service out of three. It is desirable but not required that the setup person be available for the entire meeting. Please see Scott Russell if interested. For further, first hand information, talk with Dave, John or Mike.

- **Member Contact Info Update**

Matthew Braun's telephone numbers are reversed in the directory. Please correct you directories accordingly. Home Ph - 272-5249, Business Ph. - 273-8284 ext. 5.

- **A Rotarian Valentine**

Looking for something new, different, and special for your loved one on Valentine's day? How about a gift that will keep on giving for generations to come? Our Rotary club will be donating a total of 190 trees to the City of Ithaca (one for each year since Rotary was founded and one for each year since our club was founded - 100 and 90 respectively) over the next year and a half as our Rotary Centennial Tree Project. For those of you who participated in last year's PT Cruiser Raffle, our club received a mini grant from our district from the funds raised in that raffle to support this Centennial project. In cooperation with the City Forester, a map showing the location of all the future plantings and describing the types of trees to be planted has been created and Rotarians can purchase a tree as a gift and choose where it will be planted. Trees are only \$79.00 each! Please contact Beverly Baker if you would like to purchase a tree and help support this wonderful project.

FEATURED ROTARIANS
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- **February Birthdays**

*(Tom Hunter presenting)*

2/2: Tom Sanford  
 2/3: Bridgid Hubberman  
 2/4: David Flinn  
 2/7: Jessie Ripple  
 2/9: Becky Bilderback  
 2/10: Jim Johnston, Nancy Pringle, Barbara Romano, Bob Young  
 2/13: Cal Walker  
 2/16: Percy Browning  
 2/17: Larry Thayer  
 2/18: Scott Russell  
 2/22: Raj Rao, Jeff True, Nancy Massicci  
 2/24: Steve Magacs  
 2/25: Gary Stewart

*Congratulations and Happy Birthday to our February birthday Rotarians!*

- **Rotarian Ambassadors**

1/22: Barbara Romano (Ithaca Sunrise)

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Eric Lindstrom, Kevin Hicks (Ithaca Sunrise)

- **Visiting Exchange Students**

Esteban Campos-Hernandez (Costa Rica)

Michal Sykora (Slovakia)

Jose Salcedo-Martin "Pepe" (Mexico)

- **Meet our Exchange Students**

All club members are invited and encouraged to spend time with our exchange students while they are here. If you would like to invite them to dinner at your home, offer to drive them to an event, share a family event with them, or just get to know them better, please feel free to contact them and make a date!

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

*Esteban Campos-Hernandez (Costa Rica)*

Host family John and Ann Costello

8 Winthrop Place, Ithaca, 257-0919

*Michal Sykora (Slovakia)*

Host family Mike and Joyce Billing

6 Pheasant Lane, Ithaca, 272-9208

*Jose Salcedo-Martin "Pepe" (Mexico)*

Host family Mary and Arnie Schwartz

9 Laura Lane, Ithaca 257-4774

HAPPY DOLLARS
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**Tom Sanford** (host) ten for the upcoming 10th Annual Pride of Workmanship Awards presentation coming up next week, ten more for the record number of nominations received last year, and ten more (\$30 altogether) for the 30 nominations that were received this year - a new record! One left, so one dollar to grow on.

**Barbara Thuesen** one for the upcoming National Dance Week. An account has been opened with the Community Foundation that will allow the annual celebration to continue.

**Ralph Jones** two to settle a bet with a prominent fellow Rotarian since the Colgate hockey team beat Cornell twice last weekend.

**Laurie Linn** one to recognize the winners of the Chamber of Commerce's annual awards given out last week: Kevin Kaibak from Gimme Coffee for New Business of the Year; David Long of David Long Appraisal Service the David Strong Business of the Year; and the Discovery Trail as Key "Persons" of the Year.

HAPPY DOLLARS <i>(continued...)</i>
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**Scott Russell** one to correct his mistake in writing "Pride of Ownership" on the list of upcoming programs rather than "Pride of Workmanship." Only Mike Brown noticed the error!

**Cathy Hauptert** one for a renewed belief in humanity after her car broke down on the bypass around Scranton, PA. A number of people helped her out from pushing her car off the road to getting it towed and to finding a usable part to help get her back on the road home.

**Warren Allmon** one to recognize the efforts of the Light in Winter organizers as more than 1,000 people attended two performances at PRI last weekend as part of the celebration, one because he will be giving a presentation to the Geneva Rotary club next Wednesday and won't be with us, and one to let us know that Feb. 12, 1809 is not only Abraham Lincoln's birthday, but also Charles Darwin's birthday.

**Scott Whitham** one for Rob MacKenzie who agreed to fill in for Scott recently when he could not be here to do the Thought for the Day - Scott found him at his desk at the hospital at 6:30 in the morning and was able to coopt him, and one for Mike McGreevey for cancelling a meeting that day, one for Doug McDonald for agreeing to cancel a meeting that day, one for Barry Rothfeld for agreeing to chair a meeting in his stead that day, one for Raj Rao for his intelligent, kind, centered patience with his wife and his new daughter, and one for the 5+ pound bundle that is his new daughter Phoebe Jennings Whitham.

**Susan Murphy** one to welcome back Jim Knowles, Cornell class of 1987, as the new head coach of the varsity football team at Cornell.

**John Butler** a few dollars for this being such a great community to live in. Casey Stevens reminded him that today was Dave Flinn's birthday which reminded him that it was a great man's birthday as well - his father Karl - which reminded him of how happy he is that he made the decision to come back to this area to live after finishing his educational forays, all of which led back to realizing what a wonderful area this is and how fortunate and happy he is to be living here!

**Bob Gravani** 25 dollars to celebrate his 25th anniversary as a member of this Rotary club, and one for his daughter who was accepted early decision to Cornell's CALS.

**Loralyn Light** one for Jay and Jeff True who helped her with an important insurance claim for several rings that she inadvertently threw away while in Colorado last year, one for former Rotarian David Abdulky at Monsour Jewelers who was able to create a wonderful new replacement ring, and one to announce an Igor Stravinsky music festival that is coming up at Cornell starting Feb. 19 and ending on Feb. 28. There will be more information on the series of concerts and lectures available soon or visit the music department's web site.

<b>PROGRAM NOTES "Cayuga Lake Wine Trail - Road Trip"</b>
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<i>Laurie Linn, Communiqué Design and Marketing</i>
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Our guest speaker today was our own Laurie Linn. Laurie shared with us a shortened version of a new DVD that was created here in Ithaca called "Cayuga Lake Wine Trail - Road Trip." Much of the production of this DVD was undertaken by Rotarians - Larry Baum is the Executive Producer, Eric Lindstrom (Sunrise) is the Producer, and Kevin Hicks (Sunrise) created the soundtrack and did the video editing - and has already garnered some serious attention. It is the first such DVD ever produced in New York State and will be used at the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and trade shows as a promotional tool to help bring tourists to the Fingerlakes area. The DVD follows a trio of friends as they travel along Cayuga Lake visiting the wineries along the way. Interviews with the wine makers and winery owners as well as many beautiful scenes in the vineyards and of the lake as well make this a wonderful advertising tool for our area. Although the DVD is being used and made available to tourism agencies around the area, it is also for sale to the general public at many local businesses. Now that the group, organized as ELK Productions, has one DVD under their belt, they are looking to produce more DVD's of both Seneca and Keuka lakes. Not wanting to be in the business of producing these DVD's, Laurie let us know that negotiations are under way to secure funding for future productions from the state and other sources. Discussions are going well and we may be seeing more DVD's soon. Our thanks to Laurie for showing us the DVD and to everyone involved in its creation for helping to show the world what a treasure we have here in the Fingerlakes.

Visit their website to learn more and to purchase your copy of the DVD at <http://www.cayugalakewinecountry.com>

CALENDAR
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February 11: *Meeting*- Pride Of Workmanship Awards Presentation

February 17: Ithaca Rotary Board meeting - Chamber of Commerce building, 5:00 p.m.

February 18: *Meeting* Warren Allmon, PRI - The New Face Of Natural History Museums

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

February 25: *Meeting* Michael Stamm, TCAD - Job Creation And Economic Development Strategies In Tompkins County

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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