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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Notes from President Jeff**

Rotarians in Action - Jim Vorp recently played Juror #12 in a very successful production of "Twelve Angry Men" out in Trumansburg. The show played to packed houses, was a great success, and Jim's performance was great as well. Proceeds from the production benefited the Ulysses Philmathic Library. Congratulations, Jim! Rob McKenzie will be making a presentation on "Healthcare Economics 101 - Going for Broke" at the First Presbyterian church tonight.

President Jeff received a postcard from Team Social Security thanking us for their Pride of Workmanship Award and their special "Lend A Hand" award. The card was signed by the five members of the team. Also, thanks to Paul Steiger for the programs in February - a great job!

- **Rotary Leadership Institute**

There will be a Rotary Leadership Institute in Binghamton on Saturday, March 27. All three levels will be available and any member of the club who would be interested in learning more about Rotary in general and about the many aspects of club operations is encouraged to sign up. The club will pay the registration fee for this very useful and interesting program. Please contact President Jeff if you would like to sign up. You can also visit the Institute's web site www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org for more information.

- **District Group Study Exchange Team UPDATE**

The District 7170 Group Study Exchange Team arrived safe and sound in Accra, Ghana on Tuesday. They actually arrived a little early and only one bag (fortunately it only contained some gifts) did not arrive with them. If you would like to follow the team on their journey, they have created a web site where you can find photos and bios of the team. Assuming that they are able to provide updates along the way, you will be able to get updates and photos of their experience. If you want to check it out, the web address is <http://gseto9100.tripod.com>. You will also be able to get their complete report by attending our district conference June 10 - 12 in Binghamton.

- **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.

- **Applications for Ambassadorial Scholarships**

Each year our district offers one Ambassadorial Scholarship and the opportunity to be sponsored for a Rotary World Peace Scholarship. Incoming District Governor Peter Brellochs reminds us that applications for these scholarships for 2005-2006 and 2005 - 2007 are due by June 30, 2004. Candidates must be sponsored by a Rotary club in the district. SUNY Oneonta, Hartwick College, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Cortland, Ithaca College, and Cornell University Scholarship Centers or Guidance Offices will all be receiving applications and information. Interested applicants can also acquire the necessary forms and information about the programs by visiting the Rotary International web site at www.rotary.org.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program is the largest program of its kind in the world and offers scholars anywhere from \$13,000 - \$25,000 to study abroad. The World Peace Scholarship is a two-year, \$50,000 scholarship that allows graduate-level or higher students to add to their Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution skills at one of seven select institutions around the world. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating in one of these programs, please pass this information along. Completed applications along with all necessary attachments should be mailed to:

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FEATURED ROTARIANS

- **New Member Introduction**

John Butler introduced our newest member, Andrew Zepp. Andrew is the Executive Director of the Fingerlakes Land Trust. Andy has degrees from Cornell University in ILR and Natural Resources Management. He started his career by working in Sibley's Department store.

Please welcome Andy to our club and make sure to introduce yourself. We look forward to getting to know Andy!

- **New Member Nomination**

Jeff True, for Jean McPheeters, placed the name of Teresa Nix in nomination for membership in our club. The motion was seconded and approved by the members present. We look forward to meeting Teresa and welcoming her to our club soon.



Our newest Rotarian, Andrew Zepp

- **Happy Birthday!**

Don Hinman presenting

3/3: Robin Korherr

3/4: George Schneider, Phil Snyder

3/6: Larry Robinson

3/8: Tom Schickel, Mary Yaple

3/9: Mary Kane Trochim

3/11: Jack Burns

3/12: Nelson Ripley

3/13: Larry Baum, Dalene Covert

3/14: Andrew Zepp

3/17: Mary Berens, Scott Heyman

3/18: Bill Highland

3/20: Don Rakow; Rich Spingarn

3/22: Peggy Haine, Joan Portzline

3/26: Mike McGreevey.

Happy Birthday to all of our March babies!

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Barry Downing (Endwell, NY)

HAPPY DOLLARS

Perri LoPinto (host) one for sitting next to Bridgid Hubberman who loaned her a happy dollar since she thought he was doing introductions today, not happy dollars.

Dale Flinn one for the safe arrival of the GSE team in Accra, Ghana.

Nancy Potter one for closing in on 100 Paul Harris Fellows in our club, an impressive milestone. In honor of this achievement, there will be a special recognition of Paul Harris Fellows on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Members are invited to wear their pins and medals and to dress up for the occasion.

Bill Cowdery one for his daughter who came in first in her high school in a Shakespeare monologue contest and then went on to finish third in the regional competition. Only the first-place winner goes to the nationals, but she is only a junior this year, so she will have another chance to compete next year.

HAPPY DOLLARS (*continued...*)

George Gull a phantom dollar (Nancy stole his last one) to share two very large, panoramic photos taken by the Spirit rover on Mars. One note to keep in mind - despite the involvement of so many people at Cornell in the Mars project, NASA embargoes all information until it is released to the press. Folks like George end up only finding out details at the same time that we all do as those who have the information ahead of time have to keep it tight.

PROGRAM NOTES **“IBCA: 10 Years in our Community”**

Chris Sanchirico & Anne McLaughlin, IBCA

Chris Sanchirico from the Ithaca Breast Care Alliance spoke to us today, along with one of the founders of the Alliance, Anne McLaughlin. Chris shared with us a very powerful video about IBCA that was produced by one of the office volunteers, Basema Banoo and her husband Ward Krkaska. The video talked about the services that IBCA provides and the history of the organization. Much of the video centers around interviews with women who have used the services of the Alliance and two of the group facilitators for the Alliance. The video has just won the 2004 Pegasus Video award and is now being presented for a national award.



Ann McLaughlin, co-founder of IBCA

After the video, Chris introduced Anne McLaughlin, one of the founders of the Alliance. Anne talked some more about how she and eight other women founded the organization 10 years ago, shortly after she was diagnosed with breast cancer and found that there were no support resources available in this community. Ten years later, the Alliance sponsors support groups, maintains a library of materials and information, and has a 24 hour hot line that is staffed by trained crisis counselors to provide whatever assistance they can in a timely and caring manner.

The mission of IBCA is to support all those who are affected by breast cancer and, to that effect, their services are available to family members as well as to the cancer victims themselves - more than 260 people were served in 2003 alone. IBCA is survivor run and survivor driven, providing answers and services based upon the needs of the local community. They serve without advocating any one type of treatment, but they have the experience and the resources to help each person find their own, personal treatment plan and service solutions. Working with Cayuga Medical Center and the local health-care community, IBCA has helped to implement a number of important improvements to the care and support of breast cancer victims including prompt notification of negative results from a mammogram (formerly no news was considered good news) and the provision of actual photographs of post-surgical results rather than the old way of using pen and ink drawings to show some of the possible outcomes from surgical procedures.

Thanks to IBCA and the support of this community, nobody needs to face the fears of breast cancer alone. Our sincere thanks to Chris and to Anne for sharing their great video with us and for telling us more about one of our community's finest resources.

CALENDAR

March 10: *Meeting* "IC Theatre Arts Department: What's happening here and out there!", Lee Byron, Director of Theater Arts
 March 16: Ithaca Rotary Board Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Building, 5:00 p.m.
 March 17: *Meeting* "IC Gerontology Institute & Longview Partnership", John Krout
 March 19-21: President-Elects Training Seminar, PETS (Syracuse, NY)
 March 24: *Meeting* "IC Environmental Studies Program & EcoVillage", Susan Allen-Gill
 March 27: Rotary Leadership Institute, Parts 1-3 (Binghamton, NY)
 March 31: *Meeting* Club Assembly

April 1 – 3: District 9100 District Conference, Bamako, Mali, Africa. Our GSE team will be there!
 April 5: District GSE Team returns from West Africa
 April 17: District Assembly (Sidney High School)
 April 21: 2004 Ithaca Rotary Rose Sale!
 April 27: Ithaca Area Rotary Clubs Spring Gathering at Taughannock Farms Inn

May 12: *Meeting* Ithaca Rotary Community Grants Presentation
 May 23-26: Rotary International Convention (Osaka, Japan)

June 11-13: District Conference, Binghamton, NY Celebrating the Family of Rotary
 June 20: Ithaca Rotary Chicken & Ribs BBQ at Stewart Park
 June 25: District Pass the Gavel Celebration
 June 27 - July 2: RYLA 2004

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