



## THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PHF Recognition Day**

Next week is Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Day. All Paul Harris Fellows will be recognized with a special flower and are invited to come wearing their pins, medals, necklaces, etc. for the event. The Annual Fund Committee is taking this opportunity to thank all of the members in our club who have made a commitment to the Rotary Foundation at a level of at least \$1,000, earning them the special recognition known as a Paul Harris Fellowship.

- **Exchange Student Volunteer Request**

Tim Ainslie is looking for a volunteer or two to help with our exchange students. Two of our students need a ride to Delhi on Thursday, April 1 - to arrive there by 6:30 p.m. - and then need a ride home from Delhi on Saturday, April 3 - ready to leave by 12:30 p.m. If you would be willing to spend some time with these students, please contact Tim as soon as possible.

- **Rotary Roses are Growing Again!**

President Jeff announced that Rotary Roses is fast approaching. The date for this year's delivery will be Wednesday, April 21. Member sales packets will be distributed at the meeting next week. We are growing Rotary Roses again this year. President Jeff encourages all members to invite the community to support our fundraiser by reaching out to a business, organization, board of directors, or church group to help us make this year's sale our best ever. For more information, or if you are interested in becoming a Rose Captain to help us grow Rotary Roses in a significant way, contact the Rose Queen, Bettsie Park, at 272-4902 or 15steps@clarityconnect.com.

- **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](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org) for more information.

- **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](http://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



**Rotarian Dossym Bespayev, Kazakhstan**

- **Special Rotary Guest**

Former Mayor Alan Cohen introduced his guest, Dossym Bespayev from Kazakhstan. Dossym is visiting our area as part of a State Department exchange program sponsored in our area by Tompkins Cortland Community College and Broome Community College. Dossym also happens to be a Rotarian and he took a moment to speak to us about his club and to present President Jeff with a banner. Dossym's club is the only one in Kazakhstan and currently has about 30 members. He is the vice president of an investment fund. Welcome to Dossym and we hope he enjoys his stay here in New York.

- **Special Paul Harris Presentation**

Janet Steiner made a very special presentation at our club today. Each time a Paul Harris Fellow contributes an additional \$1,000 or more to the Foundation, they are recognized with a new Paul Harris pin which has one stone for each new level. There are many members in our club who, over time, have become multiple Paul Harris fellows, but there are only a few who have achieved the five-stone level.

Today, we honor and congratulate Mary Berens for reaching this important milestone. Because of her continued support of the Rotary Foundation, programs aimed at promoting world peace and understanding such as the Group Study Exchange program, the Ambassadorial Scholars program, Rotary World Peace Scholarships, and many others are made possible. As Mary says, giving to the Foundation is a "no-brainer" and, quoting a motto from Cornell's Development Office, "Give until it feels good." Thank you, Mary!



**Mary Berens, Paul Harris Fellow**

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Susan Goksu (Seneca Falls, NY)

David Penepent, Peter Brellochs (Ithaca Sunrise, NY)

Paul Nelson (Moravia, NY)

Dossym Bespayev (Kazakhstan\_

- **Visiting Exchange Student**

Jose Salcedo-Martin "Pepe" (Mexico)

## HAPPY DOLLARS

**Jack Burns** (host) one for a birthday tomorrow - number 80! Happy Birthday, Jack!

**Alan Cohen** one (borrowed from Larry Baum, no less!) for not having a job! {Perhaps if he had a job, he wouldn't have to borrow Happy Dollars! ;-) }

**Gene Erickson** one to thank everyone for their contributions to the kettle today. Thanks to your generosity, the Rotary Foundation will receive 1/10,000 of the amount needed to fund the \$60 million in Rotary Foundation Programs each year!

**Dave Flinn** one for Rotarians in action - in response to the request for help doing set-up each week, he actually had someone volunteer last week - Catherine Stulir! They still need more help. Three more for three Rotarians - Siu-ling, Bill Cowdery, and Don Hinman - who all participated in providing exceptional musical accompaniment at a fundraising afternoon tea at Dave's house last Sunday.

HAPPY DOLLARS (*continued...*)

**Jim Vorp** one for no longer be one of the 12 Angry Men and to let us know that the production up in Trumansburg raised close to 9,000 for the Ulysses Philomathic Library. Congratulations, Jim *et al.*!

**Harriet Peters** one to introduce Holly Zoba, the new Director of Marketing for the Aurora Foundation in Aurora, whom she signed in on the wrong list. Holly is new to the area and may be interested in joining our club as well as telling us what is happening in Aurora these days.

**Jagat Sharma** 21 dollars to celebrate his family's return from a three-week visit to India. While there, they visited family and celebrated his 44th wedding anniversary. It took a while to remember why they live in Ithaca after their return, but everyone has readjusted to life here again and all is well.

**Steve Froehlich** one for his son Christopher who, although currently serving in the military in Iraq, has just had his first book published, "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Russian." Steve donated one of the first copies to the County Library.

**George Gull** and **Dave Dunlop** one to celebrate the success of Cornell wrestling as the team placed 8 members into the National Championships in St. Louis next week. Also to share the story of the tournament in Philadelphia this past weekend where the Big Red finished in third, only two points behind Penn - although it was only because of byes that Cornell was unable to surpass Penn, so Dave felt it was a true second-place performance by the team.

**Jack Carpenter** ten - one for each of the ten wrestlers who competed for Cornell in Philadelphia last weekend.

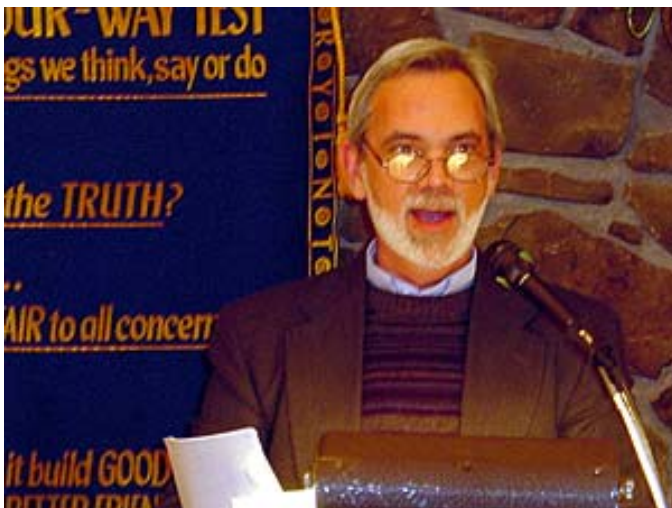
**Don Rakow** one for the return of spring with flowers starting to bloom, one his son who just found out he will be spending a semester abroad in New Zealand and his wife who will also celebrate her birthday tomorrow, and one for the catering service at the Holiday Inn which has improved tremendously in the past few months.

**Dave Cooke** one to let us know that at next week's meeting, you will have a choice when making your contribution to the kettle - one if you do not want to hear Dave swing a dead cat and the other if you do want to hear Dave play the bagpipes at the meeting.

**Dave Singley** three for the three gold medals that his grandchildren won last week at a swim meet in Texas! Well worth the trip!

PROGRAM NOTES "IC Theatre Arts Department: What's happening here and out there!"

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Mike McGreevey introduced our guest speaker this week, Lee Byron, who is the Chairperson and Director for the Department of Theater Arts at Ithaca College. Lee has had an extended career in the theater industry and brought a tremendous amount of experience and enthusiasm to his position. Ithaca's theater program is one of the finest and most successful in the country thanks in part to the tremendous alumni network that the school has developed and worked hard to maintain. Almost any production you can find on Broadway has some connection to Ithaca College, whether it is on stage, behind the scenes, or in the management of the production.

Lee just came back from the school's annual Field Week where the seniors in the department spend a week in New York City performing for directors, agents, and production people; attending performances, and learning a great deal about life and living in New York.

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PROGRAM NOTES ( <i>continued...</i> )
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Although the department offers six degree programs, it is a very competitive school. This year they will receive more than 960 applications for only 60 openings. Faculty, alumni, and friends of the school will hear more than 500 auditions nationwide in helping to select the class of 2008! These students all come together to present 12 major productions each year - 6 main productions which always includes one opera, and 6 No Bucks productions where the students are required to put together their productions with no budget and perform them for free. For anyone who has not been on South Hill to see one of the school's productions, Lee issued a special invitation to join these incredibly talented students for a great theatrical experience. Those of us who have been up on the hill already know what a fantastic job these students do no matter what the production. Our thanks to Lee for speaking to us about one of Ithaca's great treasures!

CALENDAR
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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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