



THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rotary Roses are Growing Again!**

Rotary Roses is fast approaching! The date for this year's delivery will be Wednesday, April 21, deadline for orders will be Wednesday, April 14. Member sales packets are out - order forms, a poster, and Rose Sale fact sheet are included. Our club's goal this year is to sell more than 800 dozen roses! As of today, 20 members have turned in orders for 116 dozen roses. As an incentive, any member selling at least 36 dozen roses will become a Knight of the Rose! Three of our members, Karen Macier, Joan Farbman, and Ted Hendricks, all shared some of their tips and goals for selling roses. Whether it is using e-mail to contact your co-workers or "downloading" the job to one of your employees, there are any number of ways to successfully grow your sales of roses. Remember, the proceeds from this event support our Community Grants program and the more money we raise, the more we can give away. This year's motto: "Sell more, Make more, Do more!" For more information, contact the Rose Queen, Bettsie Park, at 272-4902 or 15steps@clarityconnect.com.

- **Rotary in the News**

The District PR committee has made arrangements for FOX 40 TV to air a 30-minute Rotary video on SUNDAY, APRIL 11 (Easter Sunday), at 6:30 p.m. The title of the video is "Rotary In Your Community and The World." Jake Leet, local General Manager of FOX 40 and a Binghamton Rotarian, has made these arrangements for us.

- **News from the Endwell Rotary Club**

The annual Inter City meeting, co-hosted this year by Endicott & Endwell, will be held on Tuesday, April 20th at the Binghamton Regency. As in the past, clubs are asked to replace regularly scheduled weekly club meetings with this one. Our guest speaker will be Jay McNamara from EIT. The meeting will run from 12:00-1:30pm. Tickets are \$12.00 each. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Quick, Endwell Rotary President at the YMCA at 770-9622X104 during the day or 760-7937 in the evening.

- **Exchange Student's for Hire**

Bettsie Park announced that Esteban and Michal, two of our exchange students, are looking for odd jobs to help them raise some money. Each year, exchange students are offered the opportunity to participate in a month-long trip around the United States. The trip is at their own expense and Esteban and Michal's parents have been able to provide some of the money they need, but have challenged them with coming up with the remainder on their own. If you have any odd jobs that need doing, call Esteban or Michal (numbers listed below) and sign them up. Bonus: You will get to know them better as well!

- **Ithaca High School Career Day 2004**

IHS Career Day 2004 at Ithaca High School is coming up soon. Students at IHS are given the opportunity to meet with and listen to people from around the community who share details of their careers. The program has a web site you can visit to find out more about the program, what type of speakers they are looking for, and fill out an information form if you would like to participate. IHS Career Day is Wednesday, April 21 from 8:00 - 9:35 am and if you are interested in finding out more, visit their web site at: www.icsd.k12.ny.us/highschool or call Ithaca High School Student Services at 274-2157.

- **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.

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- **District 7170 to Offer a Rotary Foundation Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship**

For the first time, in the Rotary year 2005-2006, Rotary International District 7170 will offer a 3-month Rotary Foundation Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship, in addition to an academic year scholarship. The Cultural Scholarship is for 3 months of intensive language training and cultural immersion abroad while living with a home-stay family and has a maximum of \$12,000 including transportation. The language training can take place in fifteen languages in more than twenty countries. The three-month scholarship, as well as the academic year scholarship, will be awarded for the Rotary year 2005-06, but the applications are due to the District Rotary Foundation Scholarship Sub-committee Chair by June 30, 2004. Applications should be sent to Peter Brellocks, DGE, 1405 Ellis Hollow Road, Ithaca, 14850. Information and application forms are available on the web by using the following links:

<http://www.rotary.org> >> click on 'downloads' >> 'The Rotary Foundation' >> 'Educational programs' >> 'Ambassadorial Scholarships'

Use the Ambassadorial Scholarship Application Form (the information on the Cultural Scholarships begins on page 13; to apply it is easiest to print all twenty pages, although some of them refer only to the academic year scholarship) or you may contact either PDG Clayton Alcorn, at 607-753-8187 calcorn@twcny.rr.com, or DGE Peter Brellocks at 607-272-3848 or peterbrellocks@aol.com.

- **A Special Report from our District GSE Team**

This report from our GSE Team Leader Mike Jerome was recently received:

"This morning we attend the opening ceremonies for the District Assembly. Most of the presentations were in French, but there is simultaneous translation into English so we followed the program. The incoming DG spoke about the new theme, Celebrate Rotary.

"We left at the break for a visit with the US Ambassador, Vicki Huddleston. It was a terrific visit. Early in the conversation she mentions that she will be in the United States next month visiting friends in Roseboom. For those of you not familiar with this small hamlet, it's close to Cooperstown. Turns out she has stayed at The Inn at Cooperstown (my former hotel) about tens years ago! Small world or what?

"Yesterday afternoon we visited the S. O. S. village near here. It's an orphanage based upon a system set up in the 40's by an Austrian after WWII. There are family units with ten children and one mother and some "aunties" who help. The Director is the father figure. For Shari this was the best vocational visit. The rest of us were equally impressed by this exceptional facility, particularly its cleanliness and the happiness of the children. One latched onto Debbie and wanted to leave with her.

"It is so nice to see all our old "new" friends at the conference. Tonight is the DG's Welcoming cocktail party and we will be there. We will then attend the wedding of Boubacar Keita's wife's cousin. This gives you an example of what they mean when one refers to "extend family" here. It's a fascinating concept and fits perfectly with the idea of Rotary as one family.

"This district has made each one of us feel as if we are part of the family. They have been so generous. Any need is met, question answered, concern addressed or desire fulfilled.

"The five weeks have flown by quickly. The topic of coming home creeps into our conversations more and more as our Sunday departure date approaches. All look forward to seeing loved ones and sharing our adventures. I think I can speak for the others when I say that this truly has been an experience of a lifetime. I know I will come back a different person having been on this exchange.

"Maurice Eдорh, the GSE team leader from here just walked into the room. He wishes everyone well and says hello to all. I and the rest of the team do the same.

"This is no April Fool's joke!"

Michael Jerome
GSE Team Leader

- **Dave Cook needs your help!**

Under the heading of Help, the Social Security Office will be moving to a new location early in May and as such we have some excess modular furniture that we are looking to donate to charities and or not for profits. The furniture is only 2-3 years old and is in excellent shape. Contact Dave Cook 607-256-3859 (work).

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- **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:

Peter Brellochs
1405 Ellis Hollow Road
Ithaca, New York 14850
ph. 607-272-3848 ; e-mail: peterbrellochs@aol.com

FEATURED ROTARIANS

- **New Member Nominations**

Mike Brown nominated Loretta Goss and Roger Barnard nominated Bob Boothroyd for membership in our club. After being duly seconded, both nominations were approved by the majority of members present. Congratulations to Loretta and Bob and we will all be looking forward to meeting our newest members soon.

- **Rotarian Ambassadors**

3/23: Guy Tabacchi (Osage Beach, MO)

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Kevin Gross (Cortland Noon)
John Spence (Cortland)
Barry Downing (Endwell)

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

Our students will be moving to new homes for the spring, here are their new contact numbers:

Esteban: Holly & Michael Kazarinoff, 111 Randolph Rd., 257-4026
Michal: Mary & Arnie Schwartz, 9 Laura Lane, ph. 257 - 4774
Jose: Joyce & Mike Billing, 6 Pheasant Lane, 272-9208

HAPPY DOLLARS

Barbara Thuesen (host) five for the upcoming celebration of National Dance Week here in Ithaca. It is both a collaboration of many dancers from around the state and a number of local printers and businesses. Tickets and buttons are available around the community.

Ralph Jones one for being here on his own two feet, one for the wonderful people at the Cayuga Medical Center who pulled him through, and one for all the cards, phone calls, and visits from all of us during his recovery.

John Zeigler one for the club for buying a new digital camera for him to use. He will be starting to take new roster photos of everyone, so once you have your new coiffure in place, please see John to have a new photo taken - a great way to get rid of those awful elongated photos currently in the roster!

Jack Burns one to announce the IHS performance of "The Secret Garden" tonight through Saturday nights.

Jean McPheeters one for being happy to be emerging - re the recent article about Ithaca being the No. 1 Emerging City in America.

HAPPY DOLLARS <i>(continued...)</i>

Dave Dunlop one for free lunches - while in St. Louis to watch Cornell wrestlers, he and Jack Carpenter heard a group of Yalies cheering on Cornell at a local restaurant. Turns out the leader of the bunch was Lefty Macintyre, Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 7810, who sprung for lunch for Dave and three others before he knew it!

Matt Braun several to celebrate the latest graduating class of student historians at the museum, and the retirement of Caroline Corson from Ithaca High School who was a big advocate of this program.

Warren Allmon twenty for a great celebration of the 6 month anniversary of the new Museum of the Earth and the announcement at a special party last Friday of a \$100,000 challenge to help PRI finish out their fundraising campaign for the new museum.

Joanne Florino, visiting Rotarian, three for male Rotarians in the room who are in big trouble - Dick Page for saying that she had approved the dragon and naked lady joke - she didn't; Alan Cohen who needs to lose the shirt, and Jeff True who has continued his inappropriate attitude towards women and, as penance, should have to buy every woman in the club a dozen roses!

Alan Cohen one to say that he is Alan Cohen and we are not!

Dale Flinn one for the opening of motorcycle season last weekend as he and his wife got their bikes out for the first time this year, and one for the real March madness - 10 1/2 hours of hockey, mostly college hockey playoffs, last Saturday.

PROGRAM NOTES “Club Assembly”

This week's meeting was a club assembly featuring a new-member induction ceremony and then a Rotary Flashback with Past Presidents Fred Gouldin and Dave Flinn. Bettsie Park, Joanne Lamoreaux, and Mary-Lynn Cummings inducted six new members today - Matt Braun, Barbara Eckstrom, Rich Gallagher, Cathy Hauptert, Jon Minikes, and Nancy Pringle.

Matt Braun and his wife, Nancy, made their move from their comforts in St. Louis, Missouri to Ithaca in the winter of 1996. What they saw during that cold winter, besides a LOT of snow, was a gem of a community, one in which they felt they could live, work, and become involved. Thanks to his former experiences as an exhibit designer and curator for the National Park Service, Matt began his work in Ithaca as Curator of the DeWitt Historical Society of Tompkins County in 1997. Three years later he accepted the offer to serve as the agency's Executive Director and has been working ever since to pull the organization into the 21st century. Matt and Nancy are paying taxes from their Fall Creek home and are grateful for the benefits they receive by having two young daughters, one aged 3 "and a half," and one 6 months old.

Barbara Eckstrom has been working for Tompkins County as Solid Waste Manager for the past 15 years. Programs include garbage management, recycling processing, education, and reuse of stuff. She has been married to her husband Dean, a computer expert who works at Cornell building a digital library for the past 23 years. They have two daughters - Erika, 19, who is a student at American U. studying music and anthropology, and Claire, 15, a freshman at Ithaca High School who has a passion for art, Disney World, summer, and rowing. The family lives in Lansing with 3 horses, a goat, and 3 cats. Barb enjoys traveling, gardening, swimming, and warm weather. She loves being part of Rotary and looks forward to contributing more of her time.

Rich Gallagher was born in Flushing, New York. After attending Cornell, he spent 25 years in the software industry. He now runs his own training and consulting business and has published five books. He lives in Newfield where he enjoys writing and spending time with his darling wife, Colleen.

Cathy Hauptert is a Minnesota transplant by way of Utah. Her philosophy is that the best place to live is your current residence. There are things that you like and dislike about the place you live and only you can make things you dislike better. She enjoys working with an organization that works to improve the quality of life in a community. Cathy's employer, Tompkins Trust Company, encourages participation in the community, which fits well with her philosophy. There are only a few things she would like to change about Ithaca, but knows that she can not. One is to have more sunshine, and the other is to have Ithaca closer to Philadelphia - that's where twin grandchildren Jake and Alexis live.

Jon Minikes was born in New York City and went to school at Cornell. He started his career as a lawyer and then went into real estate investments. He loves tennis and is trying to play golf.

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Nancy Pringle joins us from our neighbors on South Hill where she has been employed for the past ten years as Vice President and College Counsel at Ithaca College. Prior to her work at Ithaca College, she was employed as Vice President for Client Services at the Market Street Trust Company in Corning. Since moving to Ithaca 16 years ago, Nancy has been a very active volunteer in the greater Ithaca community serving on many community boards and currently as Vice President of the Ithaca City School District Board of Education. In her free time you will find Nancy enjoying time with her family and friends skiing, swinging a tennis racket or a golf club, and proving to her sons and daughter that even an "old lady" can still hustle on the basketball court. Nancy is looking forward to more active involvement as a Rotarian and will serve in the upcoming year as the advisor to the Ithaca College Rotaract student club.

PP Fred Gouldin and PP Dave Flinn then took turns talking about their terms as president of our club (Fred in '94-'95 and Dave in '72-'73). Apparently being club president causes a certain amount of amnesia as neither one could recall a great many details about their terms of office. Fred recalled that Pancake Day was the biggest fundraiser of the time and a visit from his father at one meeting brought about an interesting moment in his life when his dad actually complimented him on a successful meeting. Dave figured Pancake Day might have been the big fundraiser, but the club back then was more of a check-writing club than an active club. They met at the Sheraton in those days (now the Clarion) and there were no women in Rotary clubs. Both agreed that admitting women into Rotary was the best decision that Rotary made and that our club is far better for it.

Our thanks to Fred and Dave for their memories and for sharing with us. Our thanks also to Heidi Goldstein for chairing today's Club Assembly.

CALENDAR

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 7: *Meeting* Mary Kane Trochim Topic: TBA

April 14: *Meeting* "TC3 Update", Carl Haynes

April 17: District Assembly (Sidney High School)

April 21: *Meeting* 2004 Ithaca Rotary Rose Sale!, Topic: TBA

April 27: Ithaca Area Rotary Clubs Spring Gathering at Taughannock Farms Inn

April 28: *Meeting* "Home Health Care", Elizabeth Classen

May 5: *Meeting* "10,000 Villages Store", Pat Lawless

May 12: *Meeting* Ithaca Rotary Community Grants Presentation

May 19: *Meeting* "Hospicare", Nina Miller

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

May 26: *Meeting* GSE Team Presentation

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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