



THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **IHS Career Day with Rotarian Support**

Ithaca High School held their biennial Career Day this morning, and Bill Hefner reported to the club that the event went over very well. Many students learned about all of the variety of careers available in the real world. Bill thanked Rotarian Tom Sanford for helping to bring in so many Rotarians to participate in the program, including Will Cooke, John Ziegler, Barbara Thuesen, Don Rakow, Millie Clarke-Maynard, Brian Wilbur, Scott Russell, Jim Fogel, Mike Billing, Bill Cowdery, Bill Rusen, John Butler, and Tom Sanford.

- **New Roster Photos**

It's time to prepare next year's Rotary Member Roster! if you want your beautiful mug shot updated this year, see John Ziegler very soon at an upcoming meeting.

- **Route 13 Cleanup**

Noel Desch announced that this spring's highway cleanup day will be on Saturday, May 1. The crew will meet at Tops Market at Triphammer at 8:30 am and, with enough help, will clean all the way down to Stewart Park. This year, we will also be cleaning Dewitt Park, so you may sign up for either location. Sign-up sheets will be passed around for the next couple of meetings. At least 30 people are needed for the Route 13 portion of the cleanup and a few more for the Dewitt Park cleanup. Please check your calendars or Palm Pilots, or whatever, and plan to help make our community cleaner and more beautiful.

- **Initial Rose Sale Report**

Our Rotary Rose Queen, Bettsie Park, reported on the first numbers coming out of the Rose Sale. Our goal for this year was a paltry 950 dozen roses, and we surpassed this goal to reach at least 1075 dozen! This will net about \$7700 for our Ithaca Rotary Community Grants. Congratulations to the entire club for such an amazing performance this year!

Bettsie also presented a dozen roses to each of our wonderful Holiday Inn staff who pamper us each week during our meetings. Thank you so much for your great service!

- **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.

- **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:

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<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 Brellochs at 607-272-3848 or peterbrellochs@aol.com.

- **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 Introduction**

Rotarian Mike Brown introduced our newest member, Loretta Goss, into the club. A native of Ithaca, Loretta has been married for 33 years with two daughters and one grandchild, and is a law office manager. Please take a moment to personally welcome Loretta into Rotary!

- **Rotarian Travel Log:** Dale Flinn is in Africa!

"Hi! Just wanted to let you all know that we have all arrived safe and sound in Accra - including all of our luggage. The flights were not too bad, the food was not too bad (although the red wine in economy is pretty sketchy), and we had no problems with anything. ... Four hour layovers in London are not much fun, but we survived. Kathy Stutzman from Minnesota met us at Heathrow and we had a brief chance to talk before we got on the plane. Our friends Rotary Ralph, PDG Robert Atta, Nana, Kwamena, and Alex all met us at the airport and brought us to the hotel. We are all here using the business center computers to send some e-mail and Marie found out as we are sitting here that we just today received a grant number from RI for the matching grant with the mosquito nets - great news and even better timing. Off to rest now and try to cool off. It's pretty humid here and the rainy season is about to begin. The good news is I haven't seen a mosquito yet! Anyway, tired and have to run. Talk to you again soon!" --Dale Flinn

- **Rotarian Ambassadors**

3/14: Gene Erickson (St. Maartens)
4/13: Barbara Caldwell (Ithaca-Cayuga)

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Barry Downing (Endwell NY)
Kevin Gross(Cortland Noon)

- **Exchange Students**

Esteban Campos-Hernandez (Costa Rica)
Michal Sykora (Slovakia)
Jose Salcedo-Martin "Pepe" (Mexico)

PROGRAM NOTES “Students Win with Robotics”

Code Red Robotics Team, Ithaca High School

Ross Lynch introduced the Code Red Robotics team from Ithaca High School who just returned from a major first-place regional victory in Canada with 74 robots in competition. The team is composed of students and teachers from Ithaca High School and Cornell University, as well as engineers from local companies. Students work together to design, build and compete with a robot in the FIRST robotics competitions. Engineers, teachers and other professionals volunteer their time and mentor the students. To learn more about the FIRST organization, visit <http://www.usfirst.org>.

All of the team members were introduced at the meeting, and we learned how they have worked so well together to innovate, design, and build a unique remote-controlled robot. The competition required their robot to successfully perform specific tasks in a competitive and timed environment. The students also demonstrated their robot in action at the meeting!

To find out more about this exciting group of innovators and to see pictures of the robot in action visit their website at <http://www.team639.org>.

The club was so interested in listening to the Code Red Robotics students and watching the robo-demo, that our officially scheduled speaker, Jessica Ryan from Family & Children's Service, graciously offered to visit us again at a later date to present her topic, "Marketing on a Shoestring Budget."

Special Presentation

Mike Sykora, one of our exchange students, presented a video he produced on the castles of Slovakia. It was a very impressive documentary with a music track, narration by none other than Mike, and beautiful photographs of castles. Thanks for sharing.

CALENDAR

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

April 28: *Meeting* “Unconventional Long Term 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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