



## THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

May 12, 2004

The official bulletin of the Rotary Club of Ithaca, NY  
Chartered in 1915 :: District 7170

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New Members Proposals**

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 May 18, 2004.

*Name:* William "Bill" Heffner

*Employment:* Guidance Counselor, Ithaca City School District

*Proposed Classification:* Secondary Education - Guidance

*Sponsor:* Dave Flinn

*Name:* Richard "Dick" Moore

*Employment:* Owner, Moore's Christmas Tree Farm

*Proposed Classification:* Christmas Tree Grower

*Sponsor:* Dave Flinn, Fred Antil

- **Notes from President Jeff**

Rotarians in Action this week: Barry Rothfeld has resigned from our club as he has left his position at the Ithaca Journal to return to Poughkeepsie for a new position. Our best wishes to Barry in his new job. Peg Hendricks accepted this year's Others Award, the highest honor given by the Salvation Army, on behalf of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County. Peggy Haine is May's Enterprising Woman and will be the featured speaker at the Women's Community Building on Thursday, May 20. Congratulations Peg and Peggy!

- **D.A.R.E. Graduations**

There are two D.A.R.E. graduations coming up and our club is looking for volunteers to attend each ceremony as representatives of Rotary and our club. Monday, May 17 at the Immaculate Conception School and Wednesday, June 9 at Fall Creek Elementary School, both ceremonies start at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful experience, please contact President Jeff as soon as possible.

- **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.

- **Rotary District 7170 Conference coming soon!**

On June 11-13, our district conference will be held in Binghamton and there will be some very interesting speakers including the GSE team that recently returned from West Africa and the Individual Grant team who also recently returned from Ghana (featuring our own Dale Flinn). Day rates are available now and a special banquet-only price for spouses who wish to attend Saturday evening's event has been made available as well. Please see Pres. Jeff True if you'd like to attend.

- **IYB Mentoring Program**

Guest Joe Gibson from the Ithaca Youth Bureau announced a new mentoring program at the the Beverly J. Martin School called BJM - JUMP (Juvenile Mentoring Program). This new program seeks to pair permanent residents of the community who are "honest, caring, committed volunteers" with students at BJM in order to "give the children of BJM a much more consistent system of support and guidance throughout their childhood, creating a new generation of conscientious, community-minded citizens." If you would be interested in participating in this new program, you can contact Joe at the Youth Bureau: 273-8354 or email [jgibson@cityofithaca.org](mailto:jgibson@cityofithaca.org).

- **Rotarian Welcome Wagon Request**

A fellow Rotarian from Hawaii is asking for an Ithaca Rotarian to help welcome his daughter for a couple of days when she arrives here on June 26 to begin the summer session at Cornell. Contact Pres. Jeff True if you are interested in helping out.

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- **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:

<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](mailto:calcorn@twcny.rr.com), or DGE Peter Brellocks at 607-272-3848 or [peterbrellocks@aol.com](mailto:peterbrellocks@aol.com).

FEATURED ROTARIANS
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- **Our Rotarian Ambassadors**

4/21: Dale Flinn (Accra Airport, Ghana)  
 4/26: Dale Flinn (Accra, Ghana)  
 4/27: Dale Flinn (Tema, Ghana)  
 4/28: Dale Flinn (Accra West, Ghana)  
 5/4: Guy Tabacchi (Ithaca-Cayuga)

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Kevin Gross (Cortland)  
 Barry Downing (Endwell)

PROGRAM NOTES <b>"Ithaca Rotary Community Grants &amp; Rotary Roses Final Report"</b>
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*The Community Grants Committee & Bettsie Park*

The first part of our program today was the presentation of our annual Ithaca Rotary Community Grants. Nine local organizations were the recipients of nearly \$5,000 in small grants for many different purposes. The Community Grants committee, chaired by Jessie Ripple, considered applications from 31 organizations throughout Tompkins County. Committee members Sue Munson, June Losurdo, Percy Browning, Siu-ling Chaloehtiarana, Larry Robinson, and Dick Page all worked very hard to make the difficult choices of which requests to honor and how to divide the funds.

**This year's recipients are as follows:**

- Outreach Food Program (Sara Pines, Director) received a grant to help them cover transportation costs incurred delivering prepared meals to needy people at their work sites.
- Ithaca Police Department Explorer Post (Victor Loo, Chief and Kathy Gilleran) received a grant to help purchase uniforms and jackets for the Explorers so that they will no longer need to wear old Ithaca Police Department uniforms.

- Suicide and Crisis Prevention Services (Judith Jackson, Crisis Line Coordinator and Paul Soper) received a grant to help provide support equipment for crisis line counselors. Counselors work 5-10 hour shifts and this equipment will help them provide this very important community service.
- Beverly J. Martin School (Millie Clarke-Maynard, Frances Helmstetter, special education teacher) received a grant to help the school purchase Alpha Smart 3000 portable word processors to help the children learn keyboarding skills and basic wordprocessing.
- Friends of the Lansing Community Library Center (Deborah Harper, co-chair Fund Raising) received a grant to help them purchase books and/or videos to provide support for middle and high school students in their science and history classes.
- Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County - Rural Youth Services Program of Cornell (Linda Schoffel - Rural Youth Services Coordinator, Kate Gross - Danby Program Manager) were presented with a grant to aid their garden program which teaches youth in the Danby area learn how to grow food from seed to table.
- Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County (Ed Swayze - Information and Referral Director) was presented with a grant to fund the printing of their Community Service Guide, a free and abridged guide to human service agencies and services in Tompkins County.
- Village of Groton - Groton Skate Park Committee (Debra Finch-Crouch - Village Trustee and committee member) received a grant to help them build a fence around their new skate park.
- Tompkins Community Action - Super Cat (Cool After School Times) Program - Dewitt Middle School (Jackie Mouillesseaux-Grube - Resource Manager, Youth Programs) received a grant to help the Cooking and 4-H Clubs purchase supplies that will help them in their fund-raising efforts to support their programs.

Congratulations to these organizations for all of their hard work throughout the county doing their part to "Lend A Hand!"

The money source for the Ithaca Rotary Community Grants is our annual Rose Sale and to round out the day's presentation, Rose Queen Bettsie Park gave us a complete wrap-up of this year's incredible sale. The numbers are as follows:

#### Number of bouquets sold:

2003 sale – 797

2004 goal - 950 (a 20% increase)

2004 actual - 1,084 (a 36% increase!)

Gross profit - \$16,542.75

**Net profit - \$7,600** (after a last-minute fiver from Nancy Rosen to round it off) - A 52% increase from last year!

123 members sold roses this year, up 14% from last year. 29 members have purchased roses every year since the sale started or they joined Rotary. The Board of Directors achieved 100% participation in the sale this year. The Red Badge Challenge saw 10 of our newest members sell 57 bouquets.



Bettsie Park announces 1084 Rotary Roses were sold during this year's sale. Congratulations to the entire Club for raising the bar once again with a 36% increase from last year!

This year's Rose Captains stepped forward to take responsibility for various parts of this tremendous effort and they are to be congratulated for their efforts: Dick Page - external delivery and thank-you notes; Kelly Damm - noon delivery; Joan Farbman – Red Badge Challenge Chair.

Without the help of many others, this sale would not have been so successful: Heidi Goldstein and Simonetta Antenucci - distribution at the meeting; Tim Ainslie, Mike Billing, Jack Burns, Will Cooke, Jess Esposito, Dave Flaccus, George Gull, Karl Kayser, Joanne Lamoreaux, Barbara Romano, Jeff True, Jim Vorp, and Cal Walker who were delivery drivers.

Finally, after recognizing those members who sold up to 35 dozen roses, Bettsie presented special awards to this year's Knights of the Order of the Rose. These members sold more than 35 dozen bouquets. David Flaccus (53 bouquets), George Gull (63 bouquets),

Barlow Ware (52 bouquets), and, for the first time ever, a non-Rotarian was inducted into the order as Kathleen Patton filled in for Cal Organ at Borg Warner and sold 55 bouquets.

Another first this year was the awarding of our first ever Knight Exemplar. Kelly Damm set a goal last year of selling at least 100 bouquets for this year's sale. She achieved that goal and more selling 106 bouquets!

Thanks to everyone who made this sale so successful. Many records were set this year, paving the way for even bigger and better things next year. Of course, we still have the 9,000 dozen that Dale Baker's Minnesota Rotary club sells each year to reach for, so enjoy this year's success as we look forward to the worthy organizations that will receive Community Grants next year thanks to all of your hard work this year!

## CALENDAR

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

## CREDITS & CONTACT INFO

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