



## THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dues are DUE!**

Dues notices are out for the upcoming Rotary year. Please pick up your dues notice at the next meeting and help save the club some postage. Due to increases in District and International dues, our dues have gone up a little bit for the first time in several years. Dues are now \$90 per six months and the Fair Share program (\$40) will continue for next year. Please make your check out and hand it or mail it to secretary Scott Russell by June 30. Don't forget that you can also include a gift to the Ithaca Rotary Charitable Trust on your dues card. Thank you!

- **11th Annual BBQ Report**

Loralyn Light and Siu-ling gave a quick report on this year's very successful chicken and ribs BBQ. Although it required selling some of the ribs at cost towards the end, all the food sold out and, even without all of the funds being collected, the event has already grossed more than any other BBQ ever! Loralyn thanked all of the people who volunteered to help out this year, especially the rib-cooking crew who had the responsibility of preparing more than twice as many ribs as last year. Siu-ling also thanked everyone and reminded the 70 or so members who have not paid for their tickets yet that will be happy to accept your check at any time. Please get your money to her as soon as possible as this event supports our youth programs.



Ithaca Rotarians serve up some great eatin' at this year's Chicken & Rib BBQ at Stewart Park.

It was a beautiful day for a BBQ and the line grew large with hungry Ithacans!

- **District Pass the Gavel Ceremony**

This year's ceremony will be held on July 11 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Celebrations in Slaterville Springs. Cash bar and buffet dinner will precede the festivities. Tickets are \$31.50 per person and reservations are required. Please send your check (payable to: Rotary District 7170) to Mark Kenjerska at Fleet Bank, 202 The Commons, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. R.S.V.P. deadline is July 6

- **Special Presentation**

Two years ago our club made a commitment to the Paleontological Research Institute and their new Museum of the Earth of \$10,000 to support the children's Dino Lab. The club made the first installment of \$5,000 last year and today, President Jeff presented PRI Director Warren Allmon with the final payment of that commitment. Warren thanked the club sincerely for our support of what is truly a world-class museum. Congratulations to Warren and be sure to visit the Museum of the Earth.

- **End-of-Year Contributions**

The Rotary year is coming to a close and anyone who would like to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation for this year must do so by June 30. If you have a payment due on your Polio Eradication Paul Harris Fellowship or would just like to add to your giving and get credit for it this Rotary year, you can get your check to Jack Carpenter at any time. As always, any contribution is greatly appreciated and will help support the good works of the Rotary Foundation.

FEATURED ROTARIANS
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- **Rotarians in our Thoughts :: Peter Brellochs injured**

Our incoming District Governor and Ithaca Sunrise Rotarian Peter Brellochs fell and suffered a broken leg. Surgery to repair his leg was successful and he should be back to dancing in a few months. Meantime, he will be laid up at home, though he will not be missing a beat as he takes over the leadership of our district. Please keep him in your thoughts.

- **New Member Nomination**

George Schneider placed the name of Joe McAfee in nomination for membership in our club today. After being duly seconded, the nomination was approved by a vote of those members present. Congratulations and welcome to Joe, we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you.

- **New Member Induction Ceremony**

Heidi Goldstein hosted another wonderful induction ceremony where eight new members were presented with their blue badges. Anthony Zepp, Lenore Schwager, Loretta Goss, Teresa Nix, and Neil Tarallo (Brenda Dalmida, Dale Baker, and Joan Farbman were not present) were each introduced with a brief bio and then each took turns sharing an important bit of Rotary history or information. Congratulations to all of our "graduates" and thanks to Heidi for putting together another great ceremony. If you haven't met any of these new members yet, please make a point to introduce yourself - although now you won't have the advantage of looking for their red badges!

- **Visiting Rotarians**

James Higham (Nimmonsburg, NY)

Don Alhart (Rochester, NY)

Barry Downing (Endwell, NY)

PROGRAM NOTES <b>“Tying the Double Knot”</b>
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*Don Alhart, PDG District 7120*

President Jeff introduced our speaker for today, Past President of the Rochester Rotary club and Past District governor of District 7120 Don Alhart. Don is a graduate of Ithaca College and is currently is the Associate News Director and news anchor for News Source 13 in Rochester.

Don talked to us today about "Tying the Second Knot." While in Australia last year for the Rotary International Conference, Don and some friends were visiting a game park when he had one of those life-changing moments. When his friend bent down and offered to tie a young boy's loose shoelace, the boy's mother asked him, "While you're down there, would you tie a double knot?" As Rotarians we all go the distance, putting in countless hours volunteering, helping out, and contributing to a better world for everyone. What Don heard in that question was a request to go that extra mile.

He encouraged us all to go that extra mile in everything we do, but especially in all that we do as Rotarians. He also reminded us in several ways that it doesn't take big steps to go that extra mile - little steps, little things that we all can do easily and quickly, will still get us there. One of his examples was a small shelf that he has in his locker at his gym. When he got tired of all of his clothes falling out of his locker every time he pulled his running shoes out, Don turned to his late father-in-law for some help. Without a lot of time, effort, or money, his father-in-law built him a small wooden shelf to keep his clothes and shoes separated. Now, every time Don reaches into that locker, he is reminded of his father-in-law. A small, simple step, yet it meant so much. We can all do the little things and no matter how small they may seem, they are all important. So, while you're down there, tie a double knot!

Our thanks to Don for driving down from Rochester to share his thoughts and inspiration with us. We appreciate his time and his sense of humor as well.

CALENDAR
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June 27 - July 2: RYLA 2004

June 30: *Meeting*: Pass the Gavel Ceremony

July 11: District Pass the Gavel Celebration in Ithaca

July 14: *Meeting* Rene Sandsted and Diane Walter: "Haiti"

July 21: *Meeting* Steve Griffin: "Foodnet"

July 28: *Meeting* Dave Smith: "Bluebirds"

August 4: *Meeting* George Gull introducing the "Trip to Mars"

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