



THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

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PASS THE GAVEL 2004!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dues are PAST DUE!**

Dues notices have been mailed out for the upcoming Rotary year. 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 as soon as possible. Dues are now late, so please include your \$10.00 late fee. Also, please don't forget that you can also include a gift to the Ithaca Rotary Charitable Trust on your dues card. Thank you!

- **Banner Presentation**

Jose 'Pepe' Salcedo presented our club with a special Youth Exchange banner from his home district in Mexico. Pepe will be leaving soon and we thank him for the banner as we wish him a safe journey home and the best of luck!

FEATURED ROTARIANS

- **Special Presentation**

President Jeff, in his final act as president of our club, presented this year's Rotarian of the Year Award to Dick Page. Dick has jumped into Rotary with both feet and worked hard to help make several of our big events successful. Dick's efforts in supporting and promoting our Share the Warmth program helped earn our club the district's Helping Hands Award at the District Conference last spring. Congratulations to Dick, we appreciate all that you do for us!



- **Barney retires!**

After 35 years on the force, Deputy Police Chief Dave Barnes officially retires on Friday, July 2. Dave has a lot of plans for not doing much of anything for a while, although he does have a fancy new 5th-wheel camping trailer which he says will likely be spending a little more time on the road and a little less time in his driveway. Best wishes to Dave in his new career!

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Allan Bruckner (Bend, OR)

Elliot Blauvelt, Sr. (Horseheads, NY)

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- **Visiting Exchange Student**

Pepe Salceda (Mexico)

PROGRAM NOTES “Pass the Gavel 2004”

Today's program was our annual Pass the Gavel celebration wherein we bid farewell to President Jeff True and offer a warm welcome to our next president, Beverly Baker. Despite the fact that Don Kompf was in charge of much of the show, dignity and restraint were the order of the day. Oh, sure, there were a few off-color jokes at the beginning - pay back for Jeff's early-season high jinx, and then there was Jim Johnston. In the end, though, all of the important parts of the program passed quietly - no dancing, no silly costumes, and Past President Jeff escaped the day with barely a singed hair.

To welcome our newest president Beverly Baker, several friends spoke on her behalf and, more than anything, we learned a lot about how far and wide Beverly's love and generosity are spread throughout our community. Graham Stewart read a letter of congratulations from IC President Peggy Williams, Carl Haynes spoke on behalf of TC3 and former Rotary member and Salvation Army leader Major Ron Lugiano (do I feel my feet getting a little cooler, Ron?) spoke on behalf of the Salvation Army. All expressed their support for Beverly and let us know how fortunate we are to have Beverly as our president. Beverly even managed to squeeze in a few words on her own behalf.



Elliot Blauvelt, Sr. and other friends of incoming President Beverly Baker joined the ceremony to wish her well this year.

Congratulations to Beverly and many thanks to Jeff. The new year has begun!



Past President Jim Johnston presents President Jeff True with the coveted Past President's Pin



Past President Jeff True is presented with a commemorative platter thanking him for his outstanding service. The hand painted plate read:
 “The members of the Ithaca Rotary Club extend their sincere appreciation for your leadership, service and dedication to the Ithaca Community and to the ideals of Rotary.”

CALENDAR

July 7: *Meeting* Amy Holman Casey, former Rotary Youth Exchange student and retired from U.S. Foreign Service talking about her experiences

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* Dr. Rob McKenzie, "CMC Radiation Oncology Center"

August 11: *Meeting* Herb Beckwith, "AES Cayuga"

August 18: *Meeting* Cornell University Vice Provost Isaac Kramnick

August 25: *Meeting* Mr. Michael Cuddy, Jr. on his recent trip to Poland

September 15: *Meeting* Nimr Ibrahim, Director of Development for the American University of Beirut, "US and the Middle East"

September 29: *Meeting* Ian Shapiro, P.E., President and Owner of Taitem Engineering, P.C. of Ithaca, "Energy Conservation All Grown Up: Ways to Reduce Your Utility Costs, Get Funding For It, And Make Your Building More Comfortable"

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