



THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New Member Proposal**

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 July 28, 2004.

Name: Nina Miller

Employment: Executive Director, Hospicare

Sponsor: Beverly Baker

Name: Jim Fogler

Employment: Publisher, Ithaca Journal/Gannett

Proposed Classification: Publisher

Sponsor: Jean McPheeters

If you have a prospect for membership in our club or would like to learn more about sponsoring a new member into Rotary, please contact club secretary Scott Russell or Membership Coordinator Don Kompf for a list of steps toward sponsoring a new member.

- **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!

- **BE READY TO SMILE! ROTARY ROSTER PHOTO DAY IS COMING!**

Everyone gets a new photo this year!! On Wednesday, July 21, Neil Tarallo and Mike Martin of The Studio @ Ithaca Photo will be set up from 11 am to 2 PM at our regular luncheon to take your photo for the 2004-05 Rotary Roster. Come early, and wear your best photo smile! If you won't be at the meeting that day, plan to stop by ON PAPER @ Ithaca Photo (108 W. Green St.) on either Wednesday July 28 or Wednesday August 4, from 10:15 to 2:15, to have your picture taken. We also need your updates for contact information in the Roster. Chris Sanchirico will be passing around this year's Roster at the next few Rotary meetings for your changes. Add any new phone numbers, number extensions, e-mail, etc. If your listing is OK, please initial it so we know you checked it. If you don't get a chance to check your listing at a meeting, send changes or your "OK as is" to Chris at chris@ibca.net. Thanks!!!!

- **Upcoming Rotary Fellowship Program**

A special block of seats has been reserved for Rotarians at the August 14 matinee performance of "Cats" at the Hangar Theatre. Interested Rotarians who would like to attend this Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) performance will need to contact Peggy Haine by Wednesday, July 14. Tickets are only \$14 each and a box lunch will be available from Wegmans as well. Lunch is \$7.00 per box and includes a sandwich (Turkey, Roast Beef, Ham, or Grilled Vegetables), soda or water, bag of chips, fruit, and a cookie. Get your orders in to Peggy as soon as possible.

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- **Rotary Meeting Program Information for 2004 – 2005**

Each month, a Rotarian volunteer takes responsibility for arranging our programs. Anyone who has a potential speaker or program suggestion should contact these monthly chairs directly to determine the availability of time. For the upcoming Rotary year, the following people have volunteered as program chairs:

Overall Chair: Karen Macier

July: Bob Baker

August: Judy Pastel

September: Tom Schickel

October: John Barradas

November: Alan Cohen

December: Roger Sibley

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January: Bob Gravani

February: President's Month

March: Paul Steiger

April: Mike Brown

May: Larry Baum

June: Casey Stevens

July: Mike Meador

5th Wednesdays in September, December, and March: Ken Horst

FEATURED ROTARIANS

- **Farewell Tom Bennett**

A couple of weeks ago Ithaca and Ithaca Rotary lost a wonderful member of the community when Tom Bennett passed away. Tom was a long-time member of our club and very active throughout his years with us. He was instrumental in the drive to get the club to acquire hearing assistance equipment so that members with hearing problems could hear the speakers. Tom was also active throughout the Ithaca community and will be remembered fondly by many. Our condolences to Tom's family - we will surely miss him.

- **New Member Introduction**

George Schneider introduced our newest member, Joe McAfee. Joe is a member of the Cornell class of '63, has an MBA from Cornell as well, met his wife at Cornell, and has sent all three of his children to Cornell. Along with his wife Nancy, Joe has been honored with the Frank H.T. Rhodes Award for Exemplary Alumni Service. He returned to Ithaca last year as the vice president and CFO of E-Cornell just in time for downsizing. Joe is currently consulting in business management, business plan preparation and financial and economic analysis while he looks for a more permanent reason to remain in Ithaca. Welcome to Joe and we will look forward to getting to know him.

- **Special Thanks**

President Beverly thanked Brian Wilbur, Jeff True, and Don Kompf as well as all of the other people who helped make last week's Pass the Gavel program such a great success. She was especially thankful that the program was polite and dignified as she had requested.

- **Special Report**

Your editor was privileged to attend this year's District 7170 Pass the Gavel celebration at Celebrations on Sunday, July 11. Now Past District Governor Perry Berkowitz passed the reins of leadership on to now District Governor Peter Brellocks. The Ithaca Sunrise Club, Peter's home club, hosted this fun and exciting event and did a great job. Several awards were handed out and our own Barlow Ware almost stole the show. Barlow was recognized by the district as the first-ever Honorary District Governor for Life. At the end, all of the Past District Governors in attendance lined up to receive a special "prize" - a custom Barlow Ware Photo Mask courtesy of Dewey Neild. Just the thought of a dozen Barlow Wares in the same room is enough to send any Rotarian scurrying for cover! It was a wonderful celebration and we will have a great year to look forward to with DG Peter.

FEATURED ROTARIANS (<i>continued</i>)

- **July Birthdays**

Ken Horst presenting

7/1 - Brian Wilbur
 7/2 - Dale Baker
 7/4 - Fred Gouldin
 7/7 - Millie Clarke-Maynard
 7/14 - Ralph Barnard, Bill Bellamy
 7/15 - Jon Minikes, Bill Irish
 7/17 - Joanne Farbman
 7/18 - BJ Jacobson
 7/20 - Shirley Egan
 7/21 - Dick Page
 7/23 - Jim Byrnes
 7/25 - Charlie Treman, Jr.
 7/29 - Peter Patrick
 7/30 - Perri LoPinto
 7/31 - Linda Lerch

Happy Birthday to all of our July babies!

- **Our Rotarian Ambassadors**

7/1: Gene Erickson (Ithaca Sunrise)
 7/6: Guy Tabacchi (Ithaca-Cayuga)

- **Visiting Rotarians**

Carlos Font (Fairfield, IA)
 Kevin Gross (Cortland Noon)

- **Visting Exchange Student**

Pepe Salceda (Mexico)

PROGRAM NOTES “A Former Rotary Youth Exchange Student”

Amy Holman Casey

Our guest speaker today was Amy Holman Casey. Amy was a Rotary Youth Exchange student, sponsored by our club, in 1980 - 1981. She spent her year in Charleroi, Belgium and the experience has shaped her life ever since. After her experience in Belgium, Amy started her college studies at the University of Michigan, but after three years there, she felt she needed something different. She went to France to finish her studies and then found a job at the Council of Europe, a cultural and political cooperation organization. From there she returned to the U.S. where she continued her studies at Columbia and eventually went on to join the U.S. Foreign Service. Since then, she and her husband, who also works for the Foreign Service, have served in South America and in Europe.

Amy spoke to us today to share her experiences and to show us how important the Rotary Youth Exchange Program can be. Because of her experience in Belgium, Amy has developed life-long relationships and connections around the world. She has devoted her life to service, primarily overseas, and has included her son in that service and her connections, helping to lay the foundation for the next generation of service. We should all be proud to be part of an organization that can claim the likes of Amy as part of its legacy. Our sincere thanks to Amy for sharing her story and her insights with us.

CALENDAR

July 11: District Pass the Gavel Celebration in Ithaca
 July 14: *Meeting* Rene Sandsted and Diane Walter: "Haiti"
 July 20: Ithaca Rotary Board Meeting - 5:15 p.m., United Way Office on N. Aurora St.
 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"

November 15: District Rotary Foundation Seminar, SUNY Cortland

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