



THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW MEMBER 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 October 16, 2004.

Name: Andri Goncarovs

Employment: Vice President of Research, Clarity Consulting

Sponsor: John Ziegler

Name: Patrick J. McKee

Employment: President, Challenge Industries

Sponsor: Jim Johnston

Concerns about the following proposal should be received by October 23:

Name: Patricia Green

Employment: Associate Dean, School of Health Sciences and Human Performance, Ithaca College

Sponsor: Jim Showacre

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- **RI PRESIDENT IN ROCHESTER**

The President of Rotary International, Glenn Estess, Jr., will be the guest speaker at the annual Eastern Cities Dinner in Rochester on Tuesday, October 26 and at the District 7150 Foundation Dinner on Wednesday, October 27 in Syracuse. All members are highly encouraged to attend one of these events or our own District Foundation Dinner on October 21 where the President-Elect of Rotary, Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar of Sweden, will be the guest speaker. Sign-up sheets will be available next week at the meeting. The deadline for signing up is October 15.

- **REPORT FROM AZERBAIJAN**

Ruslan Samedov, a special student at the Cornell University Hotel School in 2003-2004, reported to Barlow Ware that he is doing well and has been made the Director of the International Service Committee for the Azerbaijan Rotary Club. He also announced that he and his wife are expecting their first child, sometime around April or May of 2005. He is still lecturing at Baku State University and is preparing to undertake his PhD. Anyone who met Ruslan while he was here and would like to contact him can contact Barlow for more information.

- **FALL HIGHWAY CLEANUP THIS SATURDAY!**

Noel Desch announced that 15 more people are needed for our annual clean-up of Route 13. For those who are new to the club, twice each year our club along with the Sunrise club and often other volunteers, clean up Route 13 from Triphammer Road down to Stewart Park. Volunteers should meet in the Tops parking lot off Triphammer Road at 8:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes. Gloves will also come in handy. Hard hats and reflective safety vests will be provided. Enjoy a great fall day and some fellowship as well. For more details, contact Noel Desch.

- **PANCAKE DAY IS COMING**

Dick Charsky, on behalf of the Pancake Day committee announced that the 33rd Annual Ithaca Rotary Pancake Day will take place on election day, Tuesday, November 2 at the Women's Community Building. Ticket distribution and sign-ups started this week, so please get your ticket money in as quickly as possible and be prepared to sign up to help out when you get to the meeting next week. It less than 4 weeks away! We will again be serving pancakes, eggs, etc from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This is a presidential election year and it will be busier than usual so everyone's help is needed. Sign up early and sign up often. Ticket prices remain the same this year - \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children.

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- **SPECIAL OFFER**

Scott Russell let us all know that the Ithaca Country Club has extended special trial membership offer to all Rotarians. For the month of October, any Rotary member can enjoy all of the benefits of the club for the price of their golf fees. A la carte menu in the restaurant and the fitness center in the basement are just two of the benefits available. See Scott for a form to sign up if you are interested.

- **ANNUAL DISTRICT 7170 FOUNDATION DINNER**

The District 7170 Annual Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held on Thursday October 21 at the Binghamton Regency Hotel. Registration begins at 5, cocktails 5:30 to 6:30, dinner at 6:45 and the evening is scheduled to end at 9 PM. Dinner choices are Chicken Marsala, Prime Rib of Beef, or vegetarian. Cost is \$35 per person. If we do a bus that's an additional \$15. We may just be able to do several cars, vans, etc. Reservations must be in by October 15. This year's guest speaker is RI President Elect Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar from Sweden.

- **PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP NOMINATIONS SOLICITED**

The seventh annual Pride of Ownership Awards are now accepting nominations for properties within the city of Ithaca that have been improved in such a way as to improve the local surroundings and increase the quality of life for the city as a whole. There are a number of categories - commercial, rental housing, owner-occupied housing, and institutional facilities - and properties can be nominated by others or by the owner. The program, sponsored jointly by the Ithaca Rotary Club and the City of Ithaca, will be taking suggestions about potential properties until October 22. The Pride of Ownership Awards will be presented at the Ithaca Rotary Club and the Ithaca Common Council during the first week of December. Application forms are available at the City Clerk's office. For more information, contact any of the committee members - Susan Blumenthal, John Barradas, Peggy Haine, Margaret Hobbie, Jagat Sharma, or Scott Whitham.

- **ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SCHEDULE FOR 2004 – 05**

The Rotary Leadership Institute has published its schedule of classes for 2004 - 05. The Institute has created a three-part training program for Rotary members who are interested in leadership positions at the club and the District level. This excellent series of programs is offered in a number of areas throughout the Northeast region. If you are interested in finding out more about the Institute's programs, you can visit their web site at www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org.

- **SPECIAL GUEST COMING**

Shams Isalm, the current president of the Ithaca College Rotaract Club will be our special guest on Wednesday, October 13. Along with an update on current happenings in the Rotaract club, Shams has some entertainment skills which he has graciously agreed to share with us. The only way to know exactly what he does is to be there, so don't miss it!

- **BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS GOLF TOURNEY**

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is also celebrating their 100th anniversary this year and they will be hosting a benefit golf tournament this fall. The first annual Columbus Day Fall Classic will be held at the Country Club of Ithaca on Monday, October 11. For more information, contact them via e-mail at mjb44@cornell.edu.

- **PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS DAY**

On October 20, we will be having a special day devoted to prospective new members for our club. The speaker that day will be the lead Cornell scientist on the Mars Rover mission, so the talk will be extra special. During the weeks leading up to that day, there will be a number of events and presentations geared toward helping everyone talk to potential new members about Rotary in general and specifically why they should join our club. The club will also pay for the lunch of any true prospect that you invite to the meeting. Please keep the Four Way Test in mind when inviting guests as we need to build our membership level up again in order to maintain the levels of service to our community that we all value. If you have any questions in the meantime about proposing new members or the membership process in general, you can speak to secretary Scott Russell or Membership Committee Chair Rich Spingarn.

- **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN**

Registration forms for the 2005 Centennial Rotary International Convention in Chicago, Illinois are now available. The convention runs from June 18 - 23, 2005 and the Ithaca Rotary Club has secured a block of rooms and set aside money in this year's budget to help club members attend this grand affair. Jeff True will be providing more details soon, but mark your calendars now and save these very important dates. Planning decisions will be needed sometime in September, so please give this convention serious consideration and make a commitment to attend.

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- **BREAST CANCER WALKATHON**

Chris Sanchirico would like to announce that the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance's 11th Annual Walkathon will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2004. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and IBCA's theme for this year's walk is "Breast Cancer and the Environment." The Walkathon will begin with registration at noon at the Center Pavilion on the Ithaca Commons. The two-mile walk will take off at 1:00 from the Commons and end with a 2:00 Rally in the Women's Community Building on Seneca Street. This year's Rally will feature delicious food and desserts from local restaurants and stores. The Walkathon supports IBCA's services, educational programs, and client advocacy in Tompkins County and the surrounding communities. Every dollar raised at the Walkathon is used locally to provide free services to anyone who needs them. This is the community's chance to show its support for all of the people in our area who have been touched by breast cancer. Registration and pledge forms are available at local stores, agencies, schools, and businesses, and at IBCA's office in the Women's Community Building in downtown Ithaca. For more information, call IBCA at 607-277-0960.

FEATURED ROTARIANS

- **NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION**

Kelly Damm introduced our newest member today, Diana Kramer.

Diana grew up in Scotia, New York and did her original college study in Forensic Science. She then went on to law school, graduating with her JD along with Kelly in 1999. Admitted to practice the bar in both New York and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Diana recently moved to Ithaca where she is now practicing with the firm of Holmberg, Galbraith, Van Houten, and Miller. Diana is engaged to be married and enjoys watching football, playing softball and tennis, and bowling.

Welcome to Diana, we all look forward to meeting you and getting to know you!

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- **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Each year, a copy of the Rotary Newsletter from the past year is presented to our immediate past president. This year, for the first time, a choice of a bound, printed copy or a CD-ROM with the electronic versions was given to Past President Jeff True. Jeff opted for the CD and President Beverly presented him with his official copy today. Thanks, Jeff for a great year!

- **SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY NOV. 7, 2 P.M. STATE THEATRE, THE McPHEETERS ROAST** To benefit the American Red Cross of Tompkins County Disaster Services Fund.

On Nov. 7, join a talented roster of local celebrities and musicians at the State Theatre who will pay homage, sort of, to Jean McPheeters, Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce president and all-around swell gal. Roasters on board at this early going run the gamut from Peggy Haine to Casey Stevens from John Gutenberger to Rick Manning to "Mother Superior," with special skits, songs and surprise guests in the offing. The McPheeters Roast will benefit the American Red Cross of Tompkins County Disaster Services fund. Tickets are \$12 and will be on sale in the near future. For update developments on the roast between now and Nov. 7, visit <http://www.tompkins-redcross.org>

- **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS :: *Bob Langhans presenting***

10/1: Karen Macier	10/12: Dale Flinn	10/21: Ed Kabelac
10/3: Don Hinman	10/13: Bob Eastman & Joe McAfee	10/25: Barb Caldwell & Gene Erickson
10/5: Don Kompf	10/15: Jim Fogel & Tom Hunter	10/26: Don Dickinson
10/6: Charles Nocera	10/16: William Rusen	10/27: Brent Stephens
10/8: Ross Lynch	10/17: Bill Hawley & Susan Murphy	10/30: Jim Fogler
10/10: Bill Currie	10/19: Catherine Stulir	

- **Our Rotary Ambassadors**

9/30: Jim Johnston and Rich Farr
(Ithaca Sunrise)
9/31: Gene Erickson (Trumansburg)
10/5: Gene Erickson (Ithaca-Cayuga)

- **Our Visiting Rotarian**

Bob Parsons (Longmont, CO)

- **Our Visiting Exchange Students**

Audric Lave (Belgium)
Zoli Kemecei (Hungary)

PROGRAM NOTES “Cornell Campus Architecture”

Peter Karp, R.I.B.A., A.I.A.

Our guest speaker today was Peter Karp, Cornell University Architect. Peter showed us around a number of the current building projects under way at Cornell and showed us something of the future as well.

Cornell will be spending 600 to 700 million dollars in new construction over the next 6 or 7 years. Projects currently under way include replacement of the University Halls on West Campus, a major addition to the Africana Research Center on Triphammer Road, and renovation and expansion of Mann Library on the Ag quad.

Recently completed projects include an addition and renovation of the Statler Hotel and Duffield Hall, the new nanotechnology building on the engineering quad. The biggest news in future construction, literally, is a new bio-technology building which will be built on the west end of the Alumni fields off Tower Road. The four-story, 250,000 square foot structure will house laboratories, classrooms, administrative offices and a small cafeteria. A large, underground basement will keep the structure from being too high and will allow the building to be connected to other buildings in the vicinity. Well-known architect and Cornell graduate Richard Meiers, F.A.I.A. has designed the building and construction is set to begin early next year. This new facility will allow Cornell to bring new levels of biological research and education to the campus.

Our thanks to Peter for his very interesting presentation and a great behind-the-scenes look at the building projects at Cornell.

CALENDAR

October 13: *Meeting* Jim Aneff - District Governor with Center for Citizens Initiatives, Russia
 October 20: *Meeting* Jim Bell on the Mars Rover Project *and* Bring a Prospective Member Day.
 October 26: Eastern Cities Dinner, Rochester Rotary Club with RI President Glenn Estess
 October 27: *Meeting* Dale Flinn, Rotary Individual Grant Trip to Ghana
 October 27: District 7170 Annual Foundation Dinner with RI President Glenn Estess

November 7: Jean McPheeters Roast to benefit the American Red Cross
 November 11: *Meeting* Dr. Benny Widyono, a visiting fellow at the Cornell UN SE Asia Program – “The United Nations and Post Conflict Peacebuilding: Comparing Cambodia and Iraq”
 November 15: District Rotary Foundation Seminar, SUNY Cortland
 November 17: *Meeting* Dr. Benny Widyono, a visiting fellow at the Cornell UN SE Asia Program - "The United Nations and Post Conflict Peacebuilding: Comparing Cambodia and Iraq."

February 2005: Ithaca Rotary Club's 90th Birthday Bash at Ithaca College - stay tuned for details!

June 18-23, 2005: Rotary International Centennial Convention, Chicago, Illinois

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