



## THE ITHACA ROTARY NEWS

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### 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 23, 2004.

*Name:* Patricia Green

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

*Sponsor:* Jim Showacre

Concerns about the following membership application should be received by November 2:

*Name:* Gary Ferguson

*Employment:* Executive Director, Ithaca Downtown Partnership

*Sponsor:* Scott Whitham

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.

- **PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS DAY**

Hello Everyone, As you may know our Rotary Club is trying very hard to attract new members. This is a reminder that our next meeting on Wednesday, October 20, will be a great day to bring a new prospect with you to lunch. Professor Jim Bell, who was a major player in the recent very-successful Mars Rover project, will be our speaker. This will be a very interesting program for everyone and will be an especially good time to introduce our Club to your friends and associates. Remember, our Club will pay for your prospective member's lunch. (Please bring good prospects.) Also, if your prospect becomes a member, you too will receive a free lunch, courtesy of our Club. Please come and bring your guest(s)! Thanks. Richard Spingarn (Mr. Membership) Chair, Membership Committee

- **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.

- **COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED**

Jessie Ripple announced that the Community Grants committee is now accepting applications for this year's annual Ithaca Rotary Community Grants. These grants are funded primarily by money raised during our annual Rose Sale and are given to non-profit organizations throughout the county. Any non-profit organization may apply for a grant by simply submitting a request to the grant committee or to the club. Deadline for applications/proposals is January 28, 2005. If you know of any organization that would like to apply for one of these grants, please let them know that applications/proposals should be sent to: Beverly Baker or Scott Russell, Ithaca Rotary Club, P.O. Box 306, Ithaca, N.Y. 14851 or to Jessie Ripple (Chair - Ithaca Rotary Community Grants), 57 Highgate Circle, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850-1487. Any questions, please contact Jessie at 257-6454 or 254-2372.

- **CENTENNIAL TREE PROJECT UPDATE**

On November 13, trees purchased by our Rotary club as part of our Centennial Celebration will be planted around the city of Ithaca. Our goal is to plant 100 trees in honor of Rotary's Centennial and another 90 trees in honor of our club's 90th Anniversary. Members and friends who would like to purchase a tree can do so by contacting Peg Hendricks. A map of locations where trees are to be planted will be available at next week's meeting for those who would like to have a tree planted in a specific location. Anyone who has purchased a tree and would like to participate in the planting should also contact Peg for more details. Trees are \$89.00 each and there are several varieties that you can choose from. Please help us celebrate these important anniversaries and make our city more beautiful.

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• **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](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org).

• **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.

• **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.



*Ellen Mary Woods  
TC3 Scholarship Winner 2004*

• **SPECIAL GUEST**

Beverly Baker introduced our TC3 Scholarship winner, Ellen Mary Woods. Ellen is a full-time student at TC3 studying Early Childhood Education. She also teaches infants and toddlers at the Drop-in Children's Center where she has volunteered her time to help improve the nutrition program there. Ellen is very proud of the fact that this program is one of the best in town, serving beans three times a week and organically grown vegetables and rice. With plans to graduate in May, Ellen thanked us all for this award which will help her tremendously in achieving her goals. Congratulations to Ellen who is a great example of Rotary's motto: Service Above Self.

FEATURED ROTARIANS
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- **NOTES FROM THE ROAD**

Our peripatetic member Russ Sprague checked in with Barlow Ware recently from the road. Russ and partner Kelly sold their home in Ithaca a couple of years ago and have been on the road in their motorhome ever since. Although they do manage to stop in Ithaca once in a while, they have covered a lot of territory. The latest update says that they spent the bulk of the winter traveling in Arizona where three places stood out - the Biosphere, now empty and a tourist attraction, but still interesting; the Organ Stop Pizza parlor, a pizza parlor built around a theater-style Wurlitzer organ with 5,000 pipes and musical instruments; and Canyon de Chelly National Park on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Once the weather started to warm up, they headed east for a variety of family events including granddaughter Marijke's graduation from Harvard and their annual Ithaca visit/tune-up. Heading back out west to pick up where they left off, Russ and Kelly visited Herbert Hoover's birthplace and Presidential library and the Black Hills of South Dakota. Through Wyoming, on to Yellowstone Park and then into Idaho to Craters of the Moon National Park. They're now in Colorado and we are sure to have another update soon. Thanks, Kelly and Russ!

- **SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY NOV. 7, 2 P.M. STATE THEATRE, THE McPHEETERS ROAST**

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>

- **Our Rotary Ambassadors**

10/1-3: Dave Flinn (London, England)  
10/12: Heidi Goldstein (Cortland Noon)

- **Our Visiting Rotarian**

Peter Brellocks, DG (Ithaca Sunrise)

HAPPY DOLLARS
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**Jeff True** (host)

**Ralph Jones** three to announce that there will be a Welsh chorus performing in the newly renovated First Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, October 24. All are welcome!

**Bettsie Park** one for spending the day with our exchange students in the Maize Maze. This year's theme was baseball and, without the help of Sue Munson, they never would have made it out.

**John Ziegler** a two dollar bill to thank us all for the card the club sent him on his father's passing and to let us know that we are not here to compete with each other, we are here to complete each other!

**Chris Sanchirico** three for the upcoming Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance Walkathon, especially since the New York Legislature decided not to provide them with any funding this year.

**Jerry Feist** one for now having five regular clients, one month after starting his new business and for people like them who are willing to ask for help when they need it.

**David Squires** one for wife Rachel Lampert whose play "The Soup Comes Last" has received great reviews in New York.

**Becky Bilderback** one to thank those who helped do interviews for potential outbound exchange students and one for the two outstanding candidates who were chosen and whose nominations have been forwarded on to the district.

**June Losurdo** one to encourage everyone to come out to the Cornell Football game on Saturday.

**Gary Stewart** one for the Yankees, and one to remind us to get tickets for the Jean McPheeters roast Nov. 7.

**Nancy Rosen** one for getting her motorcycle license - one more thing off her list of things to do in life - and one to invite us to the annual meeting of the Suicide and Crisis Prevention Service on October 21.

**Cathy Hauptert** one for being here as U.S. Air did not want to get her home from Philadelphia, so her son was kind enough to bring her home from there.

**Larry Robinson** ten (seven and three because he had no change) for the Johnson School of Management which was recently ranked 7th in the country.

## PROGRAM NOTES “Center for Citizens Initiatives, Russia”

*Jim Aneff, District Governor*

John Barradas introduced our guest speaker, District Governor James Aneff from Abilene, Texas. He is the president of a family business specializing in land development. Jim spoke to us about his experiences around the world with Rotary and about a new program that some Rotary clubs have been heavily involved in Russia. The program is called PEP - Productivity Enhancement Program - and it is aimed at Russian entrepreneurs who are just starting or trying to build small businesses.

Even now, years after the cold war is over and communism is dead in the old Soviet Union, small businesses still have a tough time growing and prospering. The people are enthusiastic, hard-working, and dedicated, but they often lack the skills or experience to be truly successful. PEP brings groups of Russian entrepreneurs to the U.S. to spend several weeks working with and studying alongside American colleagues in the same industry. Each group is industry specific, allowing the hosts to concentrate their efforts on providing their guests with an excellent experience.



*DG Jim Aneff (center left) with our district's current DG Peter Brellochs (left) and Ithaca Rotary Past DGs Dave Flinn (center right) and Gene Erickson (right)*

Jim finished off with some examples of PEP graduates who had visited his home area in Texas and have since turned their experiences into positive improvements in their businesses back home. Finally, Jim offered us the opportunity to participate in this program too should we be interested. Our thanks to Jim for sharing this wonderful program and for taking the time to speak to us.

## CALENDAR

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 Widiono, 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 Widiono, 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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