



# The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

Meets every Wednesday – Pittsford Library @ 7:00 am

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## September is New Generations Month

Today's Rotary Team: President Peter Crooker, Set Up: Paul Stuart, Bob Vukosic and Gail Donofrio, Greeter/Invocation: Warren Richards, Collection & Attendance: Bob Brumm, Happy Dollars: John Belgiorno, Song: "School Days", 50/50 Raffle: Paul Stuart.

## Charles Brown, Center for Excellence in Math and Science

Attendance: Guest speaker Charles Brown; Watkins-Montour Rotary Club visitor George Rotes; Honorary Member Jan Smith, and 30 members for a total of 32.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT:** If you have an announcement to make at a club meeting please provide the details to the newsletter writers either by paper copy or by email to [bruce@spectors.org](mailto:bruce@spectors.org).



President Peter Crooker returned from Maine and is now presiding over our Wednesday morning breakfast meetings. Pete promptly thanked Lynn for standing in while he was away.

A quick review of the upcoming agenda was in order. On September 13 the Rotary club board will meet at Amica Insurance at 7AM. Any golfers interested in the District 7120 Golf Tournament at Lima Country Club should see Pete right away since time to sign up has almost expired. On Saturday September 15 we will raise more funds for the club's favorite charities by participating

in "Pittsford Celebrates", with our "Birds for Words Chicken Barbecue". We still need more help from 5PM onward.

Only nine members and Pittsford Rotary friends have signed up for the Softball Challenge at Buckland Park in Brighton on September 22. Pete encourages everyone to show up, and yes, Bob Vukosic's son—our slugger will play.

Tom Gunter-Kremers gave us good news regarding the new house to be built at 2830 Orange Street by the Habitat for Humanity group. They now have the deed from the city and the cornerstone laying ceremony was just yesterday. Tom is passing out a new sign up sheet for volunteers to help with building the new home.

The Eastern Cities Dinner will be on October 23 at the Riverside Convention Center. Our club has three tables reserved and we hope for a good turnout. The Rotary International President will be the featured speaker. This dinner takes the place of the breakfast meeting.

Pete mentioned the Rotary Sunshine Camp recently received a grant of \$300,000 from several business organizations in the area. Regarding Camp Haccamo, Bruce Spector stated there is nothing new regarding a new site for the camp. The club service week worked well and we represented ourselves well. Ellen Weber added there is a new vision at the camp. There is new leadership and Rotarians are making a difference.

Member Pam Wright will be touring a section of downtown Rochester on September 22. It has been called a “reality” tour since it will feature one of the poorest sections of the city. Many good people live downtown and we need to make changes for the better. Later in the year Pam will be in Honduras fund raising for water filters and will take a lot of pictures. She will connect with a Rotary club in Honduras and give us a pictorial show when she returns.

Matt Wahl said Vicky from Argentina will be arriving in Pittsford today to attend high school as an exchange student. He heard from Irene in Hungary—she is having a great time and will begin learning the Hungarian language.

Pete Crooker reminded us we are two months away from our major fund raiser, the Pancake Supper. We will add a new dimension by altering the Pancake ad booklet and make it more generic, so that it can be used to cover all of our major fund raisers. Additionally we will solicit underwriters for the tables at the supper, and they will be recognized with a sign on the table. We are looking for major sponsors donating \$500 and we ask all members to try to solicit businesses to help. Also, Rotarians can sign up for an ad package at a cost of \$150 which will cover a full page in the Rotary Info booklet, signage on the base of the sign pedestal at the supper, business card ads on the supper place mat, a listing in the supper thank you ad, a business card ad at the back of the Accelerator, and listings at our golf event and the Taste of Pittsford. Bruce Spector volunteered to be the point person to coordinate the sign up of Rotarians for this ad package.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**CHAIRPERSONS – PLEASE SEND THE DETAILS OF YOUR EVENT – Date, Time, & Location.**

<b>July</b>		
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting, 7 a.m.</b>	<b>Amica Insurance</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>District 7120 Golf Tournament, Lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m.</b>	<b>Lima Golf Course</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Pittsford Celebrates “Birds for Words” where we sell barbecue chickens.</b>	<b>In back of the Pittsford Library</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Softball Challenge, 9 a.m.</b>	<b>Buckland Park, Brighton</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>Eastern Cities Dinner</b>	<b>Riverside Convention Center</b>

## Charles Brown, Executive Director of the Center of Excellence for Math and Science.



Charles Brown is the Executive Director of the Center for Excellence in Math and Science. The Center is responsible for encouraging careers in math and science since the USA is falling behind the rest of the world in this critical area. Charley has served in various technical and supervisory capacities at Eastman Kodak Co. leading to Director of Logistics, and then Sr. Vice President.

Charles asked the rhetorical question—"Do you know size makes a difference?" In China, 25% of the population with the highest IQ equals the population of the United States. Ten of the top jobs in 2010 would not have existed in 2004. Technical knowledge doubles every two years.

There is a silent crisis in American education. One third of existing American scientists are eligible for retirement at the present time. We are not keeping up with the developing countries in the training of new scientists. K—12 teachers are underqualified to teach math and science. Only 25 % of jobs in the US involve math and science. Many other countries out-produce the US in scientists and engineers. Our innovation and national security interests which depend on our scientists and engineers will be compromised since we are falling behind the rest of the world. We need to increase the talent pool of people going into science and math careers.

There is a consortium of school districts and colleges in our area which are trying to enhance the quality of education in math and science. They formed the Center for Excellence with a charter to contribute to understanding the crisis and designing national and local programs to deal with it.

Charley's vision is for Rochester to be recognized for innovation and education in science and math in order to increase the supply of US scientists and engineers to ensure national competitiveness. The Center's general approach will be to assess the problem, develop a strategic plan, pilot new approaches, and launch programs. We need to recruit math and science teachers, train them, retrain experienced teachers, and make Rochester best in class around the country on this important project.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS:**

Matt Wahl—slider dollar for Kevin O'Grady.

Billy Pieper--\$5 for setting up his daughter in grad school at Indiana University.

Jerry Gambino—wonderful talk by Charles Brown.

Tom Gunter-Kremers—Tom and wife Kari took photographs which will be on sale at the Clothesline Arts Festival.

Warren Richards—attended many baseball games over the weekend in the Midwest.

Pam Wright—fining herself with inconsistencies in her message.

Jack Pickering—lost watch on a golf course, retraced his steps, and found it—oh what a feeling!

Peter Crooker—he is back from Maine and special thanks to Lynn for stepping in and doing a great job.

Hank Ferris—he is back from Atlanta seeing his kids.

**50/50:** Jackpot \$105. Pam Wright tries for the aces but wins a free breakfast instead!

**ROTARY INFORMATION:** Please check out <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html>

**OTHER CLUB / DISTRICT EVENTS**

The July 2007 *District Newsletter* has been published at <http://www.rotary7120.org/DistrictNewsletter.cfm>

**MEETING SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS**

If you know someone who would be an interesting speaker, contact Paul Stuart for scheduling.

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	GREETER	RAFFLE TICKETS
9/12/07	Ellie Phillips	Preventing Dental Diseases	Bruce Spector	Warren Richards
9/19/07	John Hall	District Governor	Paul Stuart	Bruce Spector
9/26/07	Mary Alice Price	Pittsford School District	Jackie Swift	Paul Stuart
10/3/07	Randall Stone	Intl. Trade and Globalization	Doug Trolley	Jackie Swift
10/10/07		No Rotary meeting due to picnic		
10/17/07	Barbara Williams	Rotary Foundation	Bob Vukosic	Doug Trolley
10/24/07		No Rotary meeting due to Eastern Cities Dinner		
10/31/07	Maggie Brooks	Monroe County Executive	Matt Wahl	Bob Vukosic
11/7/07	Gail Donofrio	State of Family Court	Ellen Weber	Matt Wahl
11/14/07	Thomas Warfield	PeaceArt	Pam Wright	Ellen Weber
11/21/07	Nadine Parson	Just the Two of Us	Roger Zaenglein	Pam Wright
11/28/07	Jim Murphy	Know Your Member	John Belgiorno	Roger Zaenglein

**HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:**

<http://www.rotary.org/> - Rotary International  
<http://www.pittsfordrotary.org/> - Our club's website

<http://www.rotary7120.org/> - Our District  
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<b>FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD (2007-2008)</b>			
Chair – Jim Murphy	<i>Other Voting Members:</i>	Don Henderson	Bruce Spector
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**2007**  
*Pittsford Rotary*  
*Golf Scramble*

**Coming Attractions:**  
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**August 13, 2007**

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