



The Accelerator



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER of THE ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD, NY

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This Week's Reporters: Jim Cameron and Jerry Gambino

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August is Membership and Extension Month

Today's Rotary Team: Past President Lynn Freshman, Set Up: Paul Stuart, Bob Vukosic and Don Henderson, Greeter/Invocation: Mary Alice Price, Collection & Attendance: John Belgiorno, Happy Dollars: Paul Stuart, Song: "Shine on Harvest Moon", 50/50 Raffle: Paul Stuart.

Know Your Members: Gail Donofrio and Bob Vukosic

Attendance: Guest Lynn Belgiorno; Prospective Members Pat Dottore and Greg Halstead; Rotary Youth Exchange Student Tommy Orosz; Honorary Member Jan Smith, and 27 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.



Lynn Freshman presided over the meeting today in the absence of President Peter Crooker. After announcing today's guests and playing a beautiful rendition of "Shine on Harvest Moon" on the piano, she reviewed the upcoming calendar of events.

She invites everyone to visit the District 7120 website for details on the District Golf Outing on Friday, September 14 at Lima Country Club. The next day on Saturday the 15th at 3PM we will be hosting our chicken barbecue, "Birds for Words" at "Pittsford Celebrates". We are still looking for more members to sign up for the barbecue as we need more help, especially after 4:30 PM.

On Saturday September 22 we can enjoy our annual softball challenge with the Penfield, Brighton, and Fairport Rotary clubs. Only eight members have signed up so far, so please consider joining in on this fun event. It will be at Buckland Park in Brighton.

Lynn mentioned member Malcolm Bugler is visiting Manchester, England with his wife. He is staying with his mother and the purpose of the visit is to extend his American visas. He will visit a few Rotary clubs in England and give us a report. Member Ray Robbins is in Maine and is enjoying wonderful weather, and this year no raccoons to do a boat-load of damage! He will try to attend a Rotary meeting in Bar Harbor.

John Belgiorno thanked members Paul Stuart, Don Henderson, and Bob Brumm for assisting him with set-up chores during the month of August. New volunteers Bob Vukosic, Gail Donofrio, and Paul Stuart will help in the month of September.

Tom Gunter-Kremers mentioned Habitat for Humanity was unsuccessful in obtaining a deed from the city to start the new house, so the schedule will have to be revamped. He will reschedule everyone in the next few weeks.

At the next few breakfast meetings Jim Cameron will have a new supply of pins which cost \$2 each.

Lynn Freshman encourages club members to bring in their empty Wegman's bags for the Pittsford Food Cupboard at the next breakfast meeting on September 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Know Your Member Speakers: Gail Donofrio and Bob Vukosic



Vice President Paul Stuart introduced our “Know Your Member” speakers, Gail Donofrio and Bob Vukosic.



Gail Donofrio was first to speak and quickly mentioned she loves to talk about her job but hates to talk about herself. Her dad owned a jewelry store in downtown Rochester and mother worked for Xerox for many years. She was an only child and only grandchild, thus her husband insists she was spoiled! Gail’s husband was born in the Madeira Islands (owned by Portugal), came to America at age 11, and has never returned.

After graduating from Penfield High School Gail worked at Xerox for awhile—her mother was her boss. She decided to attend college at St. John Fisher and worked at First Federal bank to earn money for law school. Gail attended law school at the University of Buffalo, had her first child, Theresa, and returned to school after only a six day recovery!

After graduating from law school Gail moved back to Rochester and practiced law, but was away from home a lot, thus, Theresa was cared for by her mother. She ran for family court in 1998 which was truly a family affair since the entire family campaigned for her. Gail experienced a life changing event by surviving a car accident with a broken back, and was out of work for a year.

Gail truly enjoys her work as a family court judge and finds her job very rewarding.



Bob Vukosic and his wife Angie have lived in Pittsford since 1965, and enjoyed raising their five children (who are now adults)—Judeen, Norette, Dan, Steve, and Renee. His sons are very involved with Star Headlight & Lantern Company. Bob now enjoys the company of seven grandchildren. His stepsister lives in South Africa.

Bob grew up in a rough neighborhood near the steel mills in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His biological father passed away when Bob was 16 months old; his mother remarried when Bob was 12.

Bob was fortunate to win a scholarship to a coed parochial school in the Pittsburgh area and graduated second in his high school class. He graduated from Case Western Reserve in mechanical engineering.

Bob accepted a job with Kodak in 1965 and worked there for thirty years. During that time Bob enjoyed raising his family, especially as Scoutmaster for his sons in the Cub Scouts. With his mechanical engineering degree Bob was fond of the time-honored Pinewood Derby.

After retiring from Kodak Bob worked at Bausch and Lomb in the Eyewear Division for a few years and finished his career at RIT.

Now, Bob enjoys being a member of Rotary and spends a great deal of time with the Osher Life Long Learning Institute at RIT. Many of the Osher members offer courses to other members in history, literature, music, art, and a variety of topics.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Jim Cameron—for the Know Your Member speakers.

Bob Vukosic—his daughter owns a new home.

Peggy Albrecht--\$3 since the talks were great, & she went to Big Moose Lake with her parents and husband.

Jim Murphy—he is back in town and kudos for Jack Pickering doing such a good job with the golf event.

Kevin O'Grady--\$1 for taking his daughter to college in Montreal and she did a "blonde" thing by crashing the car. \$1 fine also for his "blonde" comment.

50/50: Jackpot \$102. Mary Alice Price wins a breakfast.

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 |
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| 9/05/07 | Charles Brown | Center for Excellence in Math and Science | Warren Richards | Mary Alice Price |
| 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 | | |
| 10/17/07 | Barbara Williams | Rotary Foundation | Bob Vukosic | Doug Trolley |
| 10/24/07 | | No Rotary meeting | | |
| 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 |
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HELPFUL ROTARY LINKS:

<http://www.rotary.org/> - Rotary International

<http://www.rotary7120.org/> - Our District

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

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