



Geneseo Rotary Club Newsletter Club 4780 of District 7120

January 2011

www.GeneseoRotary.com

Birthdays

Marilyn Lyon Jan. 7th

PP Chris Rider Jan. 11th

Stephanie Fadale Jan. 15th

PP Kurt Fletcher January 28th

PP Dick Gallivan January 29th



Wedding Anniversaries

PP Art Hatton Jan. 14th

Darcy Lynch Jan. 17th

PP Dick & Sally Gallivan Jan. 31st



Upcoming Programs

January 3—Sue Anderson, Penn Yan Rotary

January 13*—visiting DGE Gehan Siribaddana / Sri Lanka

January 17—No Meeting (MLK Holiday)

January 24—Literacy Volunteers Update

January 31—Sal Simonetti, Chief, SUNY Geneseo Police

*NOTE: This meeting is on Thursday.

Contact PP Dave Parish with program suggestions.

ROTARY ARCHIVE

By the 1920's, Rotary knew it could be successful in large cities, but could it be successful in smaller cities and even small towns.

We know the answer because Rotary is everywhere. It is not the size of the city but rather, it is the size of the heart of club members that determines the success of a Rotary Club.

Source: R.G.H.F.

Rotary District 7120 Conference

“Rededication to Rotary”

April 29th—May 1st

Wyndham Hotel
Gateway Plaza
Gettysburg, PA



For Conference Schedule visit:
www.py-Rotary.org

See page 10 for conference and hotel registration info.

December 50/50

Drawing

Winner\$

12/6—PP John Lanpher

12/20—PP Kurt Fletcher

The 4-Way Test

“Of all the things we think, say or do;

- 1. Is it the Truth?*
- 2. Is it Fair to all concerned*
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?”*

Herbert J. Taylor wrote this short document for his Club Aluminum Company in 1932. It was adopted by Rotary in January 1943. Mr. Taylor was President of the Rotary Club of Chicago, 1939-1940; and Rotary International, 1954-1955.

**Monday,
January 17th**



The Newsletter masthead background is a snowy Genesee Valley scene.



IN MEMORIAM

Paul Percy Harris

April 19, 1868 - January 27, 1947



District 7120 Oratorical

Contest on Ethics

March 26th

S.U.N.Y Brockport

12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. in the
Presidential Dining Room

Sponsored by Rotary District 7120
and Rochester Area Colleges



Food
Pantry
Day
January 3

January is Rotary
Awareness Month



ROTARY ARCHIVE

January, 1911

The first issue of
The National Rotarian
(later *The Rotarian*)
is published.

The next meeting of the
Board of Directors
will take place
on January 6th.

SERVICE
ABOVE SELF



BACK ROW: Pres. Matt Gaynor, Tim McMahon, Charles Tyo. FRONT ROW: Yacarely Mairena, Kellan Morgan



Pres. Matt Gaynor, Kellan Morgan, Yacarely Mairena

(Photos by Michael Johnson)

Club Makes Donation for Solar Panel Project in Nicaragua

On Monday, November 29th President Matt Gaynor, Charles Tyo, Tim McMahon, SUNY Geneseo graduate Kellan Morgan and Yacarely Mairena met at the Bank of Castile to discuss the work McMahon, Morgan and Yacarely are doing in Nicaragua for Fuente de Pino, a women’s cooperative. Our Club will be donating \$1,000 towards the purchase of five solar panels to assist their efforts.

McMahon, Morgan and Mairena are helping a group of approximately twenty women who manufacture beautiful handmade pine needle baskets in a community near El Sauce, Nicaragua. Presently the baskets are being sold locally in Rochester and Buffalo.

The current limitation to the number of baskets the women are able to produce is they can only be made during daylight hours: there is no electricity to light their homes after sunset. A single solar panel with batteries is capable of lighting four light bulbs so the women will no longer need to rely on smoke producing fuel which affects the health of their family members and the quality of the baskets.

Charles Tyo remarked it is a low-cost improvement in a simple system that will bring artificial light into their homes which will significantly improve their lives.

December Club Donation

\$300 to Geneseo Thunder Baseball Team



The deadline for the February

Newsletter is January 28th



November 22, 2010

Mr. Matt Gaynor
President
Geneseo Rotary

Dear Matt:

I am writing to thank the Geneseo Rotary for the very generous gift of \$1,000 to support a grassroots economic development project for members of a women's cooperative, in the mountains above the small rural town of El Sauce, Nicaragua.

You've seen the exquisite pine needle baskets that the women make by hand, from the pine trees that dot their mountaintop community. The families have no other sources of income, other than selling small quantities of corn, or coffee that they harvest from the slopes of the mountain. The women's cooperative is itself a project that a young graduate of SUNY Geneseo (2006) has been instrumental in helping to create, to try and help the families better care for themselves by enabling them to improve their economic lot in life.

The funds from Rotary will be used to help some of the families buy and install solar panels, as the mountain communities lack electricity. At sundown (by 7 PM), the area is plunged into total darkness. We know that some women have tried to continue to work on the baskets at night, laboring by candlelight or by the meager light of a wood fire.

Having the light from even a few light bulbs will enable the women to spend more time making the baskets, but it will also afford the family more time together in the evenings, and allow the children to be able to study and read at night. What we here in the US take for granted, like electricity to light our homes, is a luxury for many people in this world.

My wife and I will be in El Sauce in January and will plan to bring back photos of the families who will benefit from the generosity of the Geneseo Rotary. And, given the potential impact on the economic conditions of the families, this gift will have far reaching effects, helping to make life better and everything more affordable, such as food and clothing, as well as medical care, etc.

Again, my thanks to you and to the Geneseo Rotary, not only for your generous donation, but also for your recognition of the needs of those in the developing world, and our obligation to help them improve the quality of their lives through sharing what we have.

Sincerely,



Tim McMahon
Geneseo, NY

Rotarians Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army's "Red Kettle Campaign" December, 2010



PP Dick Gallivan. (Photo by Bob Lyon)



PP Dave Parish (Photo by Mary Kay Yanik)

The Red Kettle Campaign is the Salvation Army's largest fundraising event.



PP Kurt Fletcher and a Wal-Mart shopper.

(Photo by Mary Kay Yanik)

The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 by William Booth, (1829-1912) a British minister.



Olga Varechtchouk, Pres. Matt Gaynor
(Photo by Marilyn Lyon)

Rotaract Club President Visits Club

On Monday, December 20th, **Olga Varechtchouk**, Rotaract Club President, visited our Club meeting. She gave an overview of some of the projects the Club participated in for the fall semester: knitting caps for chemo patients at Strong Hospital, participating in the Geneseo CARES program which assisted local senior citizens and collecting food for a needy family at Thanksgiving. She also spoke about a Spring 2011 event the Rotaract Club will participate in. The Relay for Life, which will raise money for the American Cancer Society, will be held on April 16th in Kuhl Gym.

Olga is a Junior at SUNY Geneseo majoring in Biology. In the Spring 2010 semester she was named to the College's President's List. President List students carry 12 or more hours in courses and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Geneseo Rotary Holiday Buffet, December 13th



As guests entered the Valley Oak for the evening's cocktail hour, they were greeted by the sounds of seasonal music played by harpist **Diane Leffler**. The tables were festively decorated by **Dorothy Welch** and **Pam Widmer** with sprigs of holly and red ribbon. At 7:00 pm everyone sat down to enjoy hot soup and caesar salad followed by buffet entrees of sliced tender top round and roasted turkey. A cake decorated with holly and Happy Holidays was served for dessert.

After dinner, **President Matt Gaynor** honored **Scott Kamakaris** by saying "On behalf of the Geneseo Rotary Club, thank you for your dedication and tireless efforts at the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp." Scott has been a volunteer at the Camp for over ten years. He then presented Scott with a Mag Lite flashlight that had the Rotary logo and camp motto "Here Is Love". Scott's parents, **James** and **Joyce Kamakaris** were in attendance for the presentation.

President Matt Gaynor also honored **PP Dick Thomas** with a 40 year perfect attendance Rotary pin and an acrylic award inscribed with:

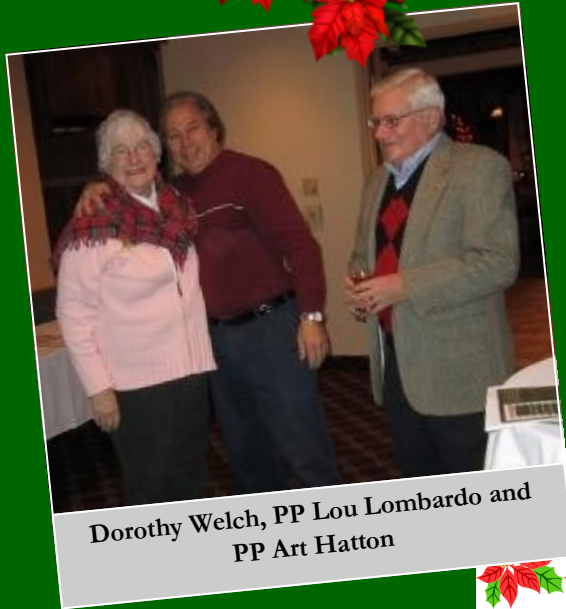
<p>PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD</p> <p>Presented to</p> <p>Donald R. "Dick" Thomas</p> <p>For 40 Years Perfect Attendance</p> <p>1970-2010</p> <p>Rotary Club of Geneseo</p>
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This was preceded by a PowerPoint presentation entitled "A Walk Through U.S. History With A Noted Rotarian" which described PP Dick's participation in historic surveying events such as the Lewis & Clark Expedition, the Mason-Dixon Line Survey, etc. which was enjoyed by all.



(Holiday Buffet photos by **Mary Kay Yanik** and **Bob & Marilyn Lyon** are on next page)





Dorothy Welch, PP Lou Lombardo and PP Art Hatton



PP Sally Heitzman and Scott Ray



Diane Leffler



James and Joyce Kamakaris



Holiday Buffet



Pres. Matt Gaynor
Scott Kamakaris



Bruce Godsava and PP Dick Gallivan



Sharyn Duffy, John Brill, Bob Lyon



Margie Wallin



Pres. Matt Gaynor and PP Dick Thomas






ROTARY CLUB OF GENESEO
RAFFLE
 & Teresa House Comfort Care Home
Spaghetti Dinner
 Tues., March 8, 2011 • 5:30-7:30pm
Geneseo Central School Cafeteria
 15 prize drawings beginning at 5:30 pm and continuing until 7:30 pm
Prizes Include:
 • LCD TV's - Big & Small • Vacuum Cleaners
 • Refrigerators • Digital Cameras
 • Microwave Ovens • Toaster Ovens
\$10 Donation
Only 750 Tickets Sold
 Winning tickets withheld from the rest of the raffle.
 Winners need not be present at **Dinner to quality.**
Prizes supplied by
 Conrad's • Geneseo, NY
 Livingston County Appliance • Geneseo, NY
 R & D Outlet Center • Batavia, NY
 Prizes subject to availability




Ticket Prices
 for the
Spaghetti Dinner
 on March 8th
 are:
Adults—\$8.00
Children
 (10 and under)—\$4.00

KEYBOARD KAMP UPDATE
 “Geoff Clough has delivered the CD recordings made at the end of last summer’s
 Kamp to the participant families. Currently three Kampers are receiving follow-up
 lessons from Geoff and three from Chrissy Dreu.”
 (As reported in the Good Neighbor Committee Meeting Minutes 11/19/10)

Thanks to **Howard Stewart’s** handiwork,
 we are re-introducing the “duck”
 to the table at check-in for those
 folks who “duck out” early.
 \$2.00 fine.



*“May you not fall into the popular
 error of thinking that happiness is
 to be found in outdoing your
 neighbors”.* **Paul Harris**

Thank You Letters Received During the Month of December

From the Livingston County Business Education Alliance for our membership renewal.

From the ARC for our sign patronage at the Ramon Rocha Walk.

From the Quality Inn/Valley Oak Event Center for having our Holiday Buffet there

District 7120 Conference, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

HOTEL REGISTRATION – WYNDHAM HOTEL, Gateway Plaza, Gettysburg, PA

Call Hotel Directly for Room Reservation by March 15, 2011 : (717) 339-0020

Conference ID# - “ Rotary 7120 - Gettysburg 2011 “

Double Occupancy - \$ 129.00 per night plus 9% occupancy tax

Single Occupancy - \$ 129.00 per night plus 9% occupancy tax

\$ 10.00 per cot (if desired for additional occupants)

Reduced Rate Available on April 28 and May 1 (Extended stay) \$99.00 per night per room plus 9% occupancy tax

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Must Register no later than March 15, 2011

Conference Registration Fee includes: Conference Materials, Breakout Sessions, Friday Night Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Night Dinner, Sunday Brunch and House of Friendship. **(Hotel room fee is not included here –)**

\$395.00 per couple \$200.00 per single \$ _____

\$150.00 per child 13 and over \$110.00 per child 12 and under \$ _____

First-time Conference Attendee Discount - \$25.00 per Rotarian (\$ _____)

Saturday Afternoon Options: Choose # 1 or # 2

1. New Gettysburg Visitor’s Center, Museum & Gettysburg Battlefield Tour (Space Limited)

Price: \$ 45.00 per person - Transportation to and from Wyndham Hotel included.

Number of reserved tickets: _____ under name of _____ \$ _____

OR

2. Eisenhower Farm Tour - Price: \$7.50 per person – Begins at Gettysburg Visitor’s Center

Number of reserved tickets: _____ under name of _____ \$ _____

The Golf and Bicycle Activities are “Pay as You Go” – see website below for details.

Enclosed is a Check or Money Order - Payable to “Penn Yan Rotary” for TOTAL \$ _____