

# Irondequoit

*“The Future of Irondequoit Rotary is in our hands!”*

A Monthly Newsletter

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## Kenny's Message

My fellow Rotarians:

The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary family – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members. The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children of our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our programs, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world. The youngest generation of the Rotary family is composed of our Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs, the participants in our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, our Ambassadorial Scholars, and our more than

8,000 Rotary Youth Exchange students every year. As in any family, our youth are our brightest promise for the future. Of course, it is my sincere wish that many of these young people go on to become Rotarians in good time. But Rotary is a part of them even today – and they are a part of us.

My wife, June, and I have been married for over 40 years, and I have been a Rotarian for nearly as long. Although women were not eligible for Rotary club membership at that time, June has been a part of the Rotary family from the day I first entered the Rotary Club of Grangemouth. There is no question that my Rotary service has demanded a great deal of both of us since then – but there can be no question that we have both reaped more than we have sown. I believe that Rotary club membership can and should enhance our home lives and family interactions. As we work to attract more and younger qualified members, we would do well to remember that today's young



professionals are often balancing work and family responsibilities. Adding in a commitment to Rotary service should complement, never compete with, those responsibilities. By scheduling meetings outside of the workday, planning activities that involve family members, and welcoming family members whenever possible, we help to ensure that every Rotary family will feel a true part of the greater Rotary family. Every club should strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families – and the family of Rotary. Only by working together, as a family, can we ensure that the Rotary of today grows into an even stronger Rotary of tomorrow.

John Kenny  
*President, Rotary International*

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IT'S DICTIONARY TIME '09

(ARTICLE 1)

All of East Irondequoit as well as all of Irondequoit's parochial school 3rd graders have been presented with their dictionaries. The West-Irondequoit CSD's presentations are scheduled for Feb. 10, 2010. Please continue to support BJ and Les in this great community project. We are on track to provide 590+ children with their very own dictionary this school year - **THANK YOU IRONDEQUOIT ROTARIANS!!**



CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

(ARTICLE 2)

December '09 is here and with that - Happy Holidays Everyone. Be sure to place the following dates on your calendar, PDA, or whatever else you use to keep track of your appointments:

December 2nd - Club Business Meeting - Murph's

December 9th - Adopt a Family Night - Camp Eastman; Kusak Lodge

December 16th - Internships - Murph's

December 23rd - Club Assembly Topic Fundraising - Murph's

December 30th -

Oratorical Contest Participant Christopher Leone - Murph's

January 4th - Board of Directors Meeting - 30 Marco Lane



Membership

(Article 3)

November has been great and December promises to be even greater. We welcome Dick Butler as the newest member of our club. Dick has been a Rotarian in Syracuse for a number of years. Please welcome Dick and introduce yourself when the opportunity presents itself. Linda Litwak joined myself and General Rappl for Breakfast in early November. Linda is the President of Pride in Caring Senior Care. She is very interested to become more involved in the community. Matthew Wrobel, contacted Jim Kozlowski and requested some additional information about our club. One thing led to another and Jim, Dave, Matt and myself had breakfast to introduce Matt to Irondequoit Rotary. Matt recently moved to Irondequoit but is no stranger to the Rochester community. A graduate of McQuaid High School went a long way with fellow Rotarian Dave as he recalls sending some of his money that way - including his son Chris of course. Kimberlee Miller met us for breakfast a few weeks ago and has attended one of our meetings since. Kim works in Irondequoit and is interested in becoming more involved with the community. I continue to be at East Ridge Diner on Thursday mornings from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Please join me along with someone you would like to introduce to Irondequoit Rotary - Breakfast is on me!

OTHER BUSINESS AND HAPPENINGS

(ARTICLE 4)

This year we celebrate our 25th anniversary of organizing Irondequoit Rotary's Pasta Dinner. It's truly amazing when we think about the significance of this event. Without it, we would not be able to offer and participate in all the various worthwhile service projects each year - It's the backbone to our funding. Thanks to Dom for continuing to lead the task of organizing this great event. To all - Congratulations on another successful Pasta Dinner!

We opted to change our meeting place for the November 11th meeting this year. Instead, we attended a movie screening at

St. John Fisher College that was sponsored by Mary Cariola Children's Center. The movie, "Welcome to Holland" was directed by Lizz Hodgson,



a York University student. Lizz gathered more than 18 hours of video footage from following a local family on their day to day routine of raising a child with disabilities. Todd is the youngest of two (2) children in the household and was diagnosed with Pallister Killians Syndrome shortly after birth. PKS is a rare genetic disability that is significantly under researched. Todd's family resides in Irondequoit and was also the inspiration to the handicapped accessible playground project at Camp Eastman nearly three (3) years ago. It was a great event and attendance amounted to more than 100.

Joe Rinere organized for our club to take a tour of the Pieter Family Life Center. A state of the art facility that allows individuals with disabilities as well as anyone in our community to make use of fitness equipment, arts classes, and even a wheelchair accessible underwater treadmill. The food was great, although Dave Shaheen is still hoping to get a taste of that french chicken. Thanks Joe for putting this event together.

Thanks Irondequoit Rotary for partaking in all these great events.

**Irondequoit Rotary joins fight to End Polio NOW**



*"One Child at a time!"*

(Article 5)

We are vaccinating children on a weekly basis consistently exceeding our goal of 40 kids per week we have surpassed the 2,400 mark in November - AWESOME!