



ON THE BRIGHTSIDE

A WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE SERVICE ACTIVITIES OF THE ROTARY CLUB
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Our 50th Year

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50th Anniversary of Service Above Self

Program – The Town and the Freedom of Information Law

Guest speaker was Susan Kramarsky, Town Clerk/Record Officer for the Town of Brighton.



Susan spoke to us about her job and duties as chief record's officer for the Town of Brighton. Last year the town received approx. four hundred Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests from both residents and nonresidents of Brighton (as compared to 36 requests in 2006 handled by the Town of Pittsford). Susan handled all of those requests, acting as a gatekeeper of sorts for the Town. A citizen has the right to make a FOIL request for information on just about anything from the Town, and Susan is obligated by law to answer that request within five days. Certain categories of records may not be disclosed (such as records that are confidential under Federal or State law). Also, Susan cannot and is not obligated to provide records to very general requests, such as "Give me everything the Town has about snowplowing!" The request must "reasonably describe" what you are interested in, and should be made in writing. Susan also provided us with a very interesting history of the FOIL, which dates back to the LBJ administration. Her job is obviously very difficult, and we appreciate the time and dedicated effort she puts into her work.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW FAQ:

Who is subject to the Freedom of Information Law?

Any New York State or municipal department, board, bureau, division, commission, committee, public authority, public corporation, council, office or other governmental entity performing a governmental or proprietary function is subject to the Law. Each of those governmental entities is an "agency." The courts are outside its coverage but often must disclose records under other provisions of law. The State Legislature is covered by the Freedom of Information Law, but is treated differently from agencies generally. Private corporations or companies are not subject to the Freedom of Information Law.

To whom should I direct my request?

A request should be directed to the "records access officer" of the agency, the person having the duty of coordinating an agency's response to a request. The request should reasonably describe the records should and you should provide sufficient detail to enable agency staff to locate the records. If the agency has email, an email request may be made to the email address designated by the agency for such purpose. The subject line of the email should be clearly marked "FOIL Request."

Do I have to give a reason why I want public records?

No. A person requesting records cannot be required to provide a reason or indicate the intended use of the record might be. The only instance in which the purpose of a request is relevant is when the request is for a list of names and residence addresses. Only in that instance is the agency authorized to seek an assurance that the list will not be used for commercial or fund-raising purposes; if it is determined that a list will be used for those purposes, an agency can deny access.

Do I have a right to know how government spends money?

Yes. Records reflective of government expenditures are generally available. Also, every agency is required to create a payroll record which indicates the name, public office address, title and salary of every officer or employee of the agency.

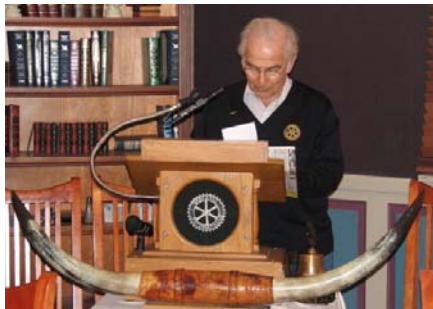
Island Girl

Rick Blevins is looking for housing for our inbound exchange student next year.

Francesca Pani, is 16 and from Sardinia.

Hosts need to live in the Brighton school district and can host anytime between the end of August 2007 and the end of June 2008, for any amount of time between two and four months.

If you, or anyone you know are willing to host, please let Rick know.



President "D"

Peter Schwarz took over the "HORNS" at our last meeting and will service as Club Prez until June 30.

Fine Time

Tom Wahl made a guest appearance and paid a fine of \$50.00 for his trip to Thailand (Tom also brought back a flag from a Rotary Club in Thailand)!



Al Hawn donated \$100.00 as a "start up kitty" for the Buckland House painting project, chaired by Bob Monahan.

Please see Bob to sign up for the painting!



Chuck Turner paid a \$10 fine for his trip to Minneapolis.



Dust it Off

We are joining with Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church and the Brighton Police to sponsor a Bicycle Rodeo/Event at the Church .

We'll be cooking and selling hot dogs and hamburgers to participants and their families on Saturday May 19th.



Calendar of Events

Brighton Rotary

April 23 - Work Night at Foodlink

May 7 - Early Broadway and pre-Broadway musical comedy

May 21 - PH/ Citizen of the Year

June - LPGA: Signs up on 6/11 and down on 6/24; Rotary Luncheon at Locust Hill on 6/19

Rotary District 7120

May 4-6 - Tri -District Conference @ Turning Stone



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Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

**Will it build GOODWILL
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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