



# ON THE BRIGHTSIDE

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Our 50th Year

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## 50th Anniversary of Service Above Self

### Program—Water for Sudan

John Turner of the Penfield Rotary Club introduced our speaker, Salva Dut, the newest member of their Club. Salva was one of the "lost boys" of the southern Sudan. He left home at age 11 and ended up in an orphan camp with 17,000 other boys. They journeyed to Kenya, losing 500 along the way, and then came to the United States under the sponsorship of the Episcopal Church. In 2001, he learned that his father was still alive, so he returned to the Sudan in an attempt to see his father, "bribing his way", but was unable to connect with him as the war was still going on. He returned to the US, fearing that his father would die from a lack of clean water before he could see him again, and started a not-for-profit company, raising money to drill wells for a source of clean water in the southern Sudan, which has been cursed not only by civil war but also by drought for decades.

Salva showed the Club a series of heartbreaking slides--of children drinking from hand-dug wells of muddy water, of villages abandoned to the drought, dead cows, tribes fighting over filthy water, and more. He also explained how his organization goes about digging wells. They look for a big tree, as there is obviously a source of water there, dig down anywhere from 85 to 100 meters in the dry seasons (to ensure

there will be a constant source of water), and install pumps to bring this fresh water to the surface. Villagers are then taught how to maintain the wells. The cost of each well drilled to date was \$10,000, but the company has acquired its own drilling machine, so the cost per well has been reduced to \$5,000. He will be exploring various matching grant and other Rotary funding sources to continue this valuable work.

For anyone who missed this meeting or who would like more information, Salva will be making a lengthier and more detailed presentation on Monday, October 16 at the George Eastman House. The event is free and open to the public.



Visit: [www.waterforsudan.org](http://www.waterforsudan.org)

## The Mission



**Water for Sudan, Inc.** is a Rochester, NY, USA-based charitable organization currently operating in Sudan, Africa. Our mission is to drill fresh-water wells for the people in the southern areas of Sudan, providing the foundation for stable, healthy communities.

Our goal for the next several years is to drill twenty-four (24) wells per year to service tens of thousands of villagers. Locations are selected by the local tribal leaders.



Members of the village are chosen to be trained by **Water for Sudan** in the operation and maintenance of the wells. Once operational, a well becomes the property and responsibility of the village, empowering the people in the development of their own stable and healthy community.



Our goal: transformation of lives - bringing life out of the desert.



### A Blast from The Past

In honor of the Club's 50th Anniversary, I will be publishing Club history highlights in each edition of the Brightside.

*Can YOU guess the Rotary Year and President?*

Club moved from MarketPlace Inn to Glendoveers.

Haskell Rosenberg received Annual Citizens Award.

Five new members were inducted: Jack Gallagher, G. Sypula, N. Kaufman, S. McMillan, and S. Baechtold.

Pancake Day raised \$4,500 (\$300 from Women of Rotary); \$14,800 for Easter Seals - D. Brick as Chair.

Chapins, Rileys, K. Armer hosted Vivienne Wilson, Rotary Exchange Student from New Zealand

Seven PHFs were recognized: J. Bishop, Joe. Geary, Sunny. Rosenberg, Haskell. Rosenberg, A. Wolfe, V. Frankel, and Cathrine Geary.

Milt Matthews, PDG, and editor of ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, won the Best Bulletin Award at the District Conference in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

*Look for the answer next week!*

*Last Week's Answer:  
Tom Wahl, Jr. '97-'98*

Bill Sheldon is at Rochester General Hospital after hip replacement surgery yesterday. He's listed in satisfactory condition.



I am sure he would welcome visitors!

### Fine Fines

Bill Moehle insisted on paying a fine in light of the victory of his beloved Tigers over the Yankees, and thanked Chuck Chapin for the Penn State game last week-end.

Bill Hessel was thankful that he was paired to play golf with a priest and an 80 year old guy in Lima last week and he avoided a "butt-kicking".



### Membership and Pancakes

Bill Moehle handed out two note cards to each member, and challenged all to write the name of a person you plan to share the "gift of Rotary" with on both cards. Bill collected one card from each member so that he can "follow-up".

### The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL**

and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



### Calendar of Events

#### Brighton Rotary

October 16 –Bean Surprise

October 18 - Pancake Day Set up

October 19 –Pancake Day

October 23 –Jeff Tyzik, RPO

October 30 –Chapin's in New Orleans

#### Rotary International

January 28-February 2007 –International Assembly

June 17-June 20 2007 - International Conf. - Salt Lake City

**Pancake Day:**

Ron Little reminded everyone to "Lead the Way" in ticket and poster sales for Pancake Day. We are in the final stretch now, and every member needs to make some sales.

The deadline for poster orders to Pete Schwarz is Friday, October 13, and the deadline for take-out breakfast orders is next Wednesday night to Bill Hessel. Help is needed on Wednesday night, the 18th, for set-up--gather at the church at about 5:00 p.m. Chris Tilley is still trying to enlist teams for the Pancake Eating Contest--call her if you have any prospects.

Remember the fundraiser at Tom Wahl's on November 2--tickets to this upscale event are \$100.00 but a part of the Gold and Platinum Sponsor packages for Pancake Day.



<u>Cash in the Bank</u>		<u>10 days to Pancake Day</u>		<u>Total \$ 5,755 ( 38% to Goal)</u>	
Teams	Collected to date	Teams	Collected to date	Teams	Collected to date
Szakos, E. Bean	900	Chapin Girard LaRusso, J.	300	Wood Adler Hawn	320
Schwarz Geary	1119	Brand Wackerman Chuck K.	179	Kaplan Potter Sear	
Marchese Blew Sheldon	400	Whelehan Tilley LaRusso, G.	500	Bullock Bishop Massecar	
Moehle Deanna K. Conte	384 110 100	Wahl Cook Szakos, F.	120	Penty Monahan Hessel	400
Blevins Bleeg Parker	484 200	Little Chin Frankel	112	Turner Law RAM	

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