



THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTICELLO, NEW YORK

Officers: Joseph D'Abbraccio (President), John Greenbaum (1st VP), Les Kristt (2nd VP), Orshii Boldiis (Secretary), Fouad Kerendian (Treasurer)

BOD 2014-2016: Helen Diehl, Richard Stein, Bob Ernst, Fouad Kerendian, Jill Greenbaum, Lori Orestano-James

BOD 2015-2017: Jacob Lerner, Randy Katz, Barbara Carr, Pam Sussman, Janet Kaplan

THE DECEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING:

President Joe began the meeting by introducing our special guest **District Governor Nick Constantino**. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced. Orshii Boldiis, celebrates his birthday on Dec. 10th and Les Kristt on Dec. 20th.



We wish everyone a Happy Chanukah

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

- **The Holiday Party** will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 15th at River Edge. Bring a toy or clothing to donate to United Way or SNU at CRMC. For unwrapped clothing please label male/female and age appropriateness.
- **Les Kristt** said that on the Friday before Thanksgiving he picked up 25 turkeys from the Sullivan County Long Beards in Livingston Manor and brought them to the Monticello Housing Authority and Judge Finn for distribution to needy families. Our club paid for 10 of the turkeys (\$152.00) and the Long Beards donated 15.
- **President Joe** talked about considering end of year donations to the Rotary Foundation. All contributions are tax deductible. See Bill Tochtermann for details.
- **The HEART-A-THON** will be held on Saturday February 13, 2016 at the Sullivan. The club agreed to participate again this year by helping to collect donations before the event and manning the phones between 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M on Feb. 13th.
- **Jill Greenbaum** gave a report on the recent Interact Orientation and Training session she led at the Monticello High School. Jill put together the orientation session with the Interact students with information that she gleaned from members of our club and from the Rotary International website. The session lasted several hours. Using our club as a model, Jill explained to the students the responsibilities of being on a Board of Directors and the necessity for keeping all their legal documents in order (ie – the Bylaws, constitution and other aspects of running a club). They must understand what their responsibilities are for establishing a format to guide them for planning their activities for the year and how best to communicate with us so we can



*Club Officers with DG Nick Constantino
(Treasurer Fouad took the photo)*

coordinate with them to help with those activities. They are also responsible for running their meetings and the advisor is just that, “an advisor”. She went on to say that the students expressed a desire to have more control over the schedule of activities for the Youth Exchange Weekend. Interact advisor Larissa Cohen assisted Jill.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NICK CONSTANTINO

This past week's meeting was an exceptional meeting. It was an evening filled with laughter, learning and good fellowship. Long-time friend and current District Governor Nick Constantino visited our club and gave an informative presentation on “Membership”. He gave us great ideas on ways to improve membership. The key word for the evening was “Just Ask!”

- Ask a friend/business associate/etc. to just come to dinner.
- Let them hear why we joined Rotary and all the good things our club does.
- Ask new members what their interest or favorite charity is, then our club could donate \$100 to that organization and arrange a date and time to help that organization out.
- Get new members “Involved” right away.

DG Nick asked many Rotarians at the meeting to describe how they came to join Rotary, and more importantly, “why they stayed”. He suggested that this is something that should be done when we have guests and potential members.

HAPPY DOLLARS: There were lots of happy dollars for D.G. Nick's presentation, Pam Sussman's leadership with the Annual Food Drive, & Happy Chanukah wishes.

*Joe had a sad dollar for all the negative things going on in the world (bombings, shootings, etc.)

Orshii won this week's 50/50

Attendance:

Orshii Boldiis, Bill Brinkerhoff, Barbara Carr, Joe D'Abbraccio, Helen Diehl, Bob Ernst, Jill Greenbaum, John Greenbaum, Randy Katz, Fouad Kerendian, Les Kristt, Marty Miller, Doug Muller, Bill Tochterman, Richard Sush & Bejan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 15th - The Annual Holiday Party at River Edge

Dec. 22nd - Rich Benjamin (Town of Thompson Highway Dept)

Dec. 29th - Hon. Judge Finn – Position as Village Justice and work with non-profit group

“Always” remember to Invite a Friend

We need to increase our membership, so please take the time to invite a friend or associate to one of our meetings.

Don't forget to practice the 4-way Test!

THE FOUR-WAY TEST:

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?

Check out our club website www.monticellonyrotary.org for the latest in club happenings.

Rotary District 7210 information can be found at www.rotarydistrict7210.org To learn more about Rotary International, go to www.rotary.org.

The Montigram welcomes new ideas, photographs, and suggestions as well as member stories and articles about the history of our club.

The Montigram and photos respectfully submitted by Orshii Boldiis