



## THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTICELLO, NEW YORK

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### THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 MEETING:

President Joe began the meeting by asking Les Kristt to lead the pledge and Barbara Carr, the 4-way test. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guest speakers - Mary Paige Lang-Clouse from the Crawford Library and Tara Buckstad-Russo. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced. Bill Tochtermann celebrates his birthday on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Anniversaries included Gary & Mona Tugender – Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Danielle & Bud Jose-Decker – Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and John & Jill Greenbaum – Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.

### OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

- The Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held at Tary Brae Golf course on Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Event chairman Bob Ernst gave a report (Hole sponsorships are coming in as well as 4-somes). He also asked for help during the day of the event, starting at 8:00 AM with registration.
- The Annual Food Drive, spearheaded by Pam Sussman will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

## THE NEW ETHELBERT B. CRAWFORD LIBRARY BUILDING & THE MICKEY MOUSE PROJECT

Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Library Director at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library in Monticello and Tara Buckstad-Russo coordinator of the (Mickey Mouse Clock Restoration Project) were the guest speakers at this week's meeting.



*Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Tara Buckstad-Russo, and Pres. Joe*

Tara began the evening's presentation by giving some background history on the 8' tall, two-sided Mickey Mouse clock that used to hang on the front of the Rhulen building on Broadway for many years. The clock was placed there in 1951 and Mickey Mouse was later added in 1966. Anyone who lived in Monticello during the fifties and sixties should remember the clock. It is still a wonderful childhood memory for many. The clock was taken down from the Rhulen building in 1978 when the building was "refaced". The clock was then donated to the Sullivan County Historical Society where it hung on the back of that building in Hurleyville until last year. It was then relocated

to Tara's parent's backyard so that restoration of the clock could begin. The clock-works need to be replaced and the metal sheeting on the side, but the ceramic clock faces are in good condition. The original Mickeys didn't last, but new ones have been made and will be placed back up on the clock. Pictures that showed the clock over the years were passed around to the members at the meeting.

The Crawford library has agreed to take the clock and mount it on a pole in the new garden area that will be next to the new library building. There will also be a plaque describing the history of the clock. Tara, Jane Benmoshe, and Gordon McAdams have begun a fundraising effort for the clock in order to get the inner workings replaced, help the library offset the cost of installing the pole, and also contribute to what will be the new garden area.

Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Director of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Memorial Library for the past two years, outlined the plans for the library that will soon be relocated in the newly renovated former Cohen's Bakery building in downtown Broadway. Mary Paige said that the library will be closed from September 26<sup>th</sup> until mid-October during the move. They wanted to perform the move "before the snow flies". The formal ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. You can get a sneak preview of the library on Oct 7 if you have a "Friend of the Library" membership. One of the goals of the library is to create a comfortable garden setting in the area between the new library and the Bagel Bakery building where anyone can come to sit and read a book, eat lunch, or just relax. Mary Paige passed around a drawing of one possible landscaping layout, but she stressed that it was not the final one and other ideas and designs are being entertained. It is part of an overall effort to bring people back to Broadway and help revitalize it. It will be a great experience to enjoy a leisurely stroll down a re-energized Broadway; sort of like it was in the old days.

There were lots of happy dollars for our guest speakers.

President Joe won this week's 50/50

#### Attendance:

Orshii Boldiis, Barbara Carr, Joe D'Abbraccio, Bob Ernst, John Greenbaum, Fouad Kerendian, Les Kristt, Jacob Lerner, Lori Orestano-James, Alex Rey, Erik Rhulen, Bill Tochtermann, & Bejan.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> - Ralph and Mariann Cheney: Talking about their work with the Pancreatic Cancer Foundation

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - Monticello Scholarship Golf Tournament

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - No meeting

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - Ceremony at the Minisink Valley Rotary Club to recognize "World Peace Day" (see information below)

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - No Meeting

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - DG Nick Constantino will be visiting our club

#### MESSAGE FROM THE MINISINK VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

On Monday, September 21st, the Minisink Valley Rotary Club would like to invite you to a ceremony to recognize "World Peace Day"\* from 6:15pm to 7:45pm at Shannen Park, Route 284 in Slate Hill, NY.

We will be dedicating a bronze plaque to our sponsors, followed by a few presentations recognizing

the significance and importance of World Peace by local dignitaries. Refreshments will be available. Please RSVP to this invitation to Hal Marcus at (914) 443-7202, or Hmarc57@yahoo.com by September 7th.

Thank you for your support and I hope to see you on September 21st.

**“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](http://www.monticellonyrotary.org) for the latest in club happenings.

Rotary District 7210 information can be found at [www.rotarydistrict7210.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7210.org) To learn more about Rotary International, go to [www.rotary.org](http://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 photo respectfully submitted by Orshii Boldiis