



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 252, Pearl River, NY 10965
District 7210 - Region 8 - Zone 32 - Club #4982 – Charter Date December 12, 1935

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The Rotary Club of Pearl River Weekly Meeting

Bulletin for Thursday, November 2, 2017

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Invocation: Ray Pucci

Guest (and speaker): Emily Reynolds, Wegmans

Birthdays: Chuck McGrath 11/5

Anniversaries: Doug and Tracy Ward 11/2 (the big 2-0!)

Announcements: Mike S.- the guest bartending event at Growler & Gill raised \$2462 for Share Christmas and the Holidays, the tandem of Bonnie and Eddie reign supreme for top bartending team; thanks to all who turned out and to Growler & Gill for the raffle prize; a sign-up sheet went around for volunteers to dress up in character (3 different dates available- 12/4, 12/7, 12/8), we need your help! Group home gift signup is coming soon, gifts will need to be in by 11/30. Lisa- Fellowship Food Drive for People to People at Defiant Brewery on 11/14 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm, please bring non-perishable food donations and/or cash; Lauri- dictionary distributions at elementary schools went well, may have another one on 11/16 (after the DG visit), stay tuned. Pres. Doreen- board meeting was held on Monday 10/30, bills paid, Verizon, O&R officially turned off (sign), budget was reviewed and will be finalized soon; board approved corporate membership, Bob Simon’s AO status, and approved donation to Smart Canes in India. Jim Murphy- Charitable Fund board met, discussed idea of sending Club’s donations through the Fund.

Queen of Hearts: The chosen table drew.....the 9 of hearts.

Fun Fact: Cleveland, Ohio was home to the first electric traffic lights

Happy Bucks: Many birthday and anniversary bucks; Frank Ripa’s sister celebrated her 100th birthday!

Program: Lauri Craig introduced Emily Reynolds from Wegmans, a true “super”market which recently opened a location right over the border in Montvale, NJ. Wegmans started in upstate NY and for 101 years has been a family owned and

The **FOUR WAY TEST** of things we think, say, and do: 1. Is it the **TRUTH**? 2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned? 3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**? 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

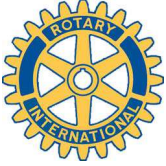
operated business despite being at 94 stores (and counting). Wegmans employs 47,000 people across 6 states. They were recently voted #2 in the 100 Best Companies to Work For list by Fortune, and have made this list many years running. They pride themselves on top service, ingredients, and consistent low prices.

Emily is a service area manager for the new Montvale store, and she shared the different positions she's held and rigorous training received throughout her 11-year career. She says that Wegmans #1 priority is taking care of their people. In fact, Emily received a scholarship from Wegmans when she got started. They have even given scholarships to employees before stores are up and running. She views it as a family company with family values.



Wegmans is a believer in getting out into the local communities and helping meet their needs. They are involved with feeding the hungry, scholarships, and little league to name just a few. Bob and Lauri Craig shared their Wegmans experiences from when they were Rotarians upstate. The Wegman family provided substantial financial backing to an LPGA golf tournament which raised money to send thousands of children to summer camps.

Emily took some Q&A from our membership- about where they get their produce from (mostly from Pennsylvania), and about other ways Wegmans might look to get



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involved in the community. Several of our members had rave reviews about the new Montvale store. Thank you Emily, and thank you Lauri and Bob Craig!

Four Way Test: Methinks it was Nancy but I'm not sure (mea culpa)

Submitted by: Douglas Ward

