



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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Rotary: Making A Difference

The Rotary Club of Pearl River Weekly Meeting

Bulletin for Thursday, November 30, 2017

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Invocation: Bob Craig

Guests: Vinny Abbatecola, Cindy Sansone, Stephen Nichols

Visiting Rotarian: Scott Liebert (Nanuet)

Birthdays: Ray Coyle (today), Neill Acer 12/2, Sandy Cokeley 12/5, Mary Magrino 12/6

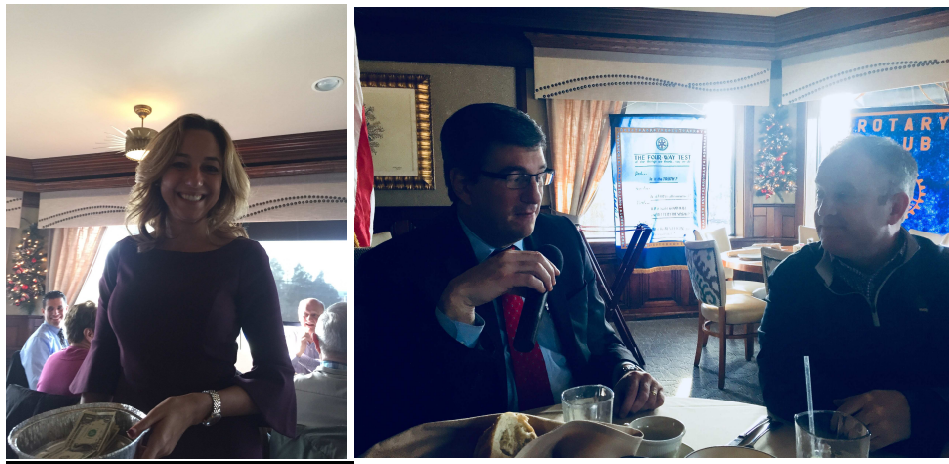
Anniversaries: none

Announcements: Mike S.- sign-up sheet going around one last time, volunteers still needed to dress up as characters; float inspection will be 9:30 Saturday at Custom Gardens, come one come all (especially newer members!); “What Time will Santa Get to the Park?” fundraiser for Share Christmas is up and running, “guess sheet” went around the room. Closest to the exact time Santa’s 2 feet hit the ground will be the winner, all to be live streamed on Facebook! Jim Shepard sent around a sheet for the holiday party at Seasons on Sunday 12/10, reminded everyone no payments at the door, must pay in advance, \$85pp. Also a sign-up sheet for Secret Santa went around- if you want to participate, must buy a \$25 (or less) gift for whoever you draw (and plan to be at the 12/21 meeting), “try and make it funny”. Pres. Doreen- Board met this past Monday 11/27: the budget was approved, agreed to amend by-laws to accept corporate membership (club will vote soon), agreed to give \$100 to a foster and adoptive family support group.

Queen of Hearts: Joe Beckerle’s table came up empty with the 2 of hearts.

Fun Fact: There are 119 grooves on the edge of a quarter.

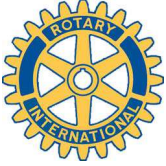
Happy Bucks: Lisa Falone did the honors. Many happy birthday bucks; a very welcome positive update from Anne about Clyde; one of Bob Bergman’s former schoolmates made a very generous donation of \$5,000 to the Foundation which was matched by their class president!



Program: Ryan O’Gorman gave an informative presentation on the Rotary Now! Conference he recently attended in Connecticut. It was designed to be a forum for young professionals to help shape the future of Rotary. He got the unique opportunity to meet and interview Rotary Int’l President Ian Riseley in a small group format.



The average of a Rotarian in the U.S. is 58; internationally, that number is much higher in many countries. Even though we are one of the largest and best known humanitarian organizations, we have lost 1.2 million members in just eight years! We are not attracting the young professionals of today (and once upon a time Rotary was created by young professionals). We need to change the culture to attract these professionals. One major question that was posed, “What is the value proposition for me becoming a member?” A big takeaway from the conference is that most clubs cannot answer this question! Other ideas that came out of the conference to help assimilate younger members- don’t “assume” they’re tech savvy, mix up seating arrangements at Club meetings, see what their interests are before randomly assigning them to committees.

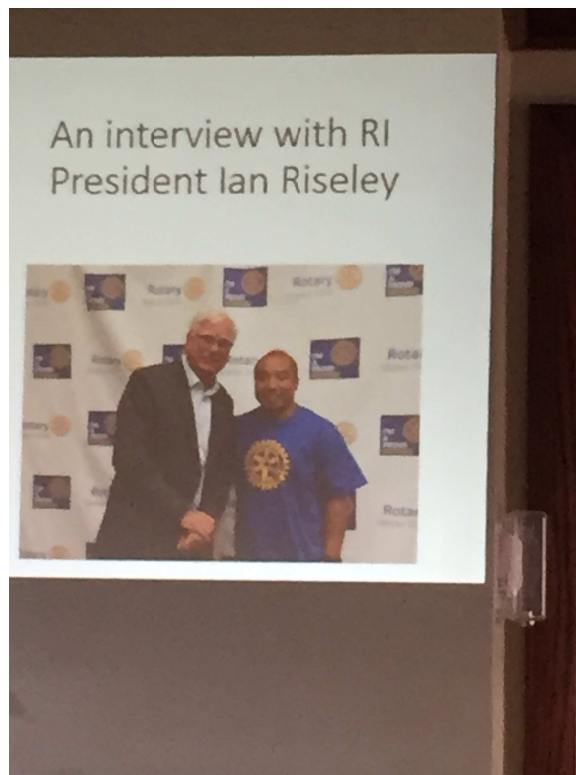


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Ryan's presentation led to an exchange of ideas and discussions with many members (and guests!) in attendance. Thanks to Ryan for the presentation and bringing back information and especially ideas we can hopefully build on. I think we can all agree Ryan was the perfect person to represent our Club at this conference! Job well done!



Four Way Test: Joe Beckerle

Submitted by: Douglas Ward