

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, January 18, 2018

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Pledge: Evelyn Beckerle

Invocation: Frank Neeson

Guest (and speaker): Judi Doherty (guest of Tony Stenzler)

Birthdays: Steve Panteleakis 1/19, Ann Nulty 1/20, Nancy (Landgren) 1/23

Anniversaries: Bob and Lauri Craig 1/24! Both were there to lead us in song.



Announcements: Ray- reminder about the Midnight Run 1/25, please bring supplies in plastic bags- see his emails for complete list of needs; Kathy F- Designer handbag bingo coming up next Thursday 1/25, Doors open 6:00pm, Lawrence Room (Rosary Hall) at Dominican, check your emails with flyer with all the details. All are welcome, including men! Ray- that time of year again, Super Bowl is coming up, boxes available for 100 POINTS! Ryan & Dorothy reported this year’s El Salvador trip was a big success, down payment made for well survey, bids for work still pending.

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?

Tremendous help received from local community, including the mayor. Dorothy & Ryan received a hearty round of applause for their ongoing efforts on this project. \$60k raised so far! Pres. Doreen- Hudson Valley Harley Davidson fundraiser for veterans in the works for June 2nd, includes ride, food, mark your calendars now! There will be no night meeting next week 1/25, board meeting at Mike's house on 1/29, open to all who wish to attend. Carol McGrath was reimbursed for coat project (New Generations), Spring Valley Rotary is having a guest bartending STEP fundraiser this Sunday 1/21 at Growler & Gill. Finally, Pres. Doreen presented Vinny Abbatecola with his shiny new member badge!



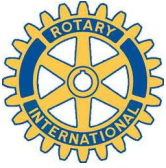
Paul Harris Award: Pres. Doreen presented Ryan O’Gorman with a Paul Harris pin, congrats Ryan!



Queen of Hearts: Judi Doherty from Frank Ripa’s table pulled.....the 6 of Hearts

“Fun Fact”: Elephants are afraid of bees. (who knew?)

Happy Bucks: Joe Beckerle did the honors- many Happy Anniversary bucks for Bob and Lauri and congratulations bucks for Ryan & Dorothy. I may or may not have given some Happy Bucks for my trip to Philadelphia to watch my Vikings play the Eagles for the right to go to the Super Bowl.....



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Program: Our resident veterinarian Tony Stenzler introduced Judi Doherty from Four Legs Good Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the humane treatment of homeless and feral cats. She provides community outreach and education regarding “TNR” (Trap-Neuter-Return) strategies. This is the most effective and humane way to control the feral cat population. At present, there are just as many unowned cats than there are owned! Under a typical TNR project, feral cats are humanely trapped, sterilized, vaccinated against rabies and then returned to their colonies. Young kittens and tame adults can be placed for adoption.



TNR is typically carried out by volunteers within the community. Most municipalities do not have a TNR plan in place and in fact do nothing about feral cats. But some are starting to adopt, including Haverstraw and Clarkstown. There are no sanctuaries that can take in even a fraction of Rockland County’s cats. Those that are turned in to shelters are often immediately euthanized. It has been proven in studies all over the country that TNR is effective in reducing the number of feral cats. Nobody wants to see more homeless cats and most want to see the population humanely brought down. In fact, a recent study showed that 80% of people feel that killing/euthanizing is inhumane and that feral cats should be allowed to live their lives unmolested.

So please consider getting volunteers together in your community and put together a TNR plan. Traps are available. Info and education available at www.fourlegsgoodnynj.org

Thank you Judi!

Four Way Test: Bob Simon

Respectfully Submitted by: Secretary Doug