



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 252, Pearl River, NY 10965
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Doreen Buonadonna – President – 2017-2018
Rotary: Making A Difference

The Rotary Club of Pearl River Weekly Meeting

Thursday February 8th, 2018

Pledge: Ed Reynolds

Invocation: Ed Fisher

Guests: Luciana Mizuno, my “better half” says Lenny. Rotaryann Jean Acocella, guest of Vinnie.



Birthdays- Past President Larry, Joe Beckerle, and Kathy Shepard.



Announcements- Growler and Gill Guest Bartender Fundraiser- come help President Elect Mike’s daughter’s fundraiser (see details in separate email from Mike) Mike hosts at 4pm. Stop in, say hi and help the Hopper House

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?

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Nighthawks. 3/29 Foundation Gala honoring Rockland Rotary Clubs \$39 at the Hudson Water Club. Ancient order of Hibernians Emerald Ball is on 2/24. If you are a paid-up member of the Pearl River Chamber of Commerce, tickets are \$50. Next week is a club meeting. Please come prepared to give your ideas to keep our Club effective, vibrant, productive, and fun!

Fun Facts-guests Jean and Luciana both pitched in getting the choice to read a Joke or Fact.



Queen of Hearts- Mike pulled the Ace of Spades so the pots grows!

Happy Bucks- Mark came around with the basket. Andy was happy to get a snow day, no school and he got paid. Lenny and Luciana have set up their new love nest with a condo purchase in Congers. Best of luck to them both. Ann reports that Clyde has improved so much that he can now begin rehabilitation, a major step forward. Go Clyde! Eddie gave us the happy news that Raselle is doing much better. Many more \$\$ came in for happy birthday wishes.

Program Vinnie Acocella- Growing up in the Bronx.



Vinnie gave us a picture of his life as a child growing up on 213th Street in the Bronx. Many other Rotarians including Frank, Neeson, George Westphal, Jim Shepard (138th St) and Eddie Fisher remembered many of the same places, landmarks, and streets that Vinnie described, including the Freedomland USA theme park in Baychester known at the time as 'The World's Largest Entertainment Center'. We learned how Vinnie's neighborhood was the "country" part of the Bronx. Everyone had a garden, many owned goats,

and Vinnie would collect scrap vegetables to feed to his rabbits. You had to be there for the full program. We thank Vinnie for a very colorful and first-hand snapshot of what is now history.

Bulletin- Mark