



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 824, Pearl River, NY 10965  
District 7210 - Region 8 - Zone 32 - Club #4982 – Charter Date December 12, 1935

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**"Peace Through Service"**

Rotary Meeting  
Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York  
Date: 4/11/13

Pledge: George W.

Invocation: Dorothy F.

Visiting Rotarians:



Mike Siedenfrau  
from Congers &  
Chuck Maze from  
Nyack

Guests: Laney Adkin

Birthdays: Laurie Craig 4/15

Anniversaries: Ed & Raselle 4/11,  
Frank & Maureen 4/11, Carol &  
Chuck 4/12, and Neil & Kate 4/17

Announcements:



- Next week the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a club meeting. Please bring Committee Reports.
- April Fellowship will take place at the Aqua Terra on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.
- Volunteers are needed to march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- John will be making a Memorial Day Float!
- All fellowship events count for attendance. Please let Dorothy know if you attend and event or make up at another club to be credited with attendance.



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- Meals on Wheels will be having a golf outing on May 6<sup>th</sup>. See Barbara K. for details. Sponsorship opportunities are available.
- April 19<sup>th</sup>, Nyack Rotary is celebrating 90 years and honoring The Pearl River Club that they sponsored 78 years ago. See Jeffrey for tickets.
- The board received a thank you letter our donation to the visually impaired.
- Checkbook balance is \$12,059.84
- Soapbox derby race has 37 children signed up and 12 buddy ball children signed up. There will be a final registration nest Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pearl River Middle School at 7:00 o'clock.
- The board approved a \$250.00 donation to "Doug" a local 11-year-old boy suffering from a malignant brain tumor. Ray Coyle is in charge of this fundraiser.

Queen of Hearts: Once again the Frank R. tables number was chosen but the 3 of ©'s was drawn. Next weeks pot is \$180.00.

Happy Bucks: 1) Nancy B's granddaughter going to F.I.T. 2) Lots of birthday and anniversaries! Ed and Raselle 48 years and Frank and Maureen 54 years. 3). Dorothy is officially unscrewed and she was thanked for putting sex back in Rotary! 4) Bucks for the guests visiting 5) Always for our troops 6) Barbara is always ready for Andy. 7) Carol will be celebrating her anniversary while Chuck plays golf. 8) Nancy's granddaughter going to F.I.T.9) Castro's back cracking.

Program: Ed Fisher introduced Laney Adkin who is the Director at Hospice. She shared information about the Joe Raso Residence.



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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Laney Adkin is the director at Hospice in Rockland County and the wonderful Joe Raso Residence, which is celebrating its first anniversary. There will be a "Walk to Remember" taking place to honor this first anniversary.

The feasibility study done prior to the opening of this residence last year was anticipated to serve between 60 to 90 people. At the end of the first year 160 patients were served.

The residence has 10 beds that serve as regular hospice care. This care is palliative care that keeps patients comfortable and pain free. The 2 beds reserved for hospital in-patient care is for higher level around the clock medical care and 2 additional beds that can be used either way.

Finances are always a challenge. Community care is usually paid for by insurance, medicare or Medicaid. Additional room and board is charged an additional \$375.00 a day. The stay for in house residents averages 16 days. Although most times hospice is contacted in the last six months of life, people have been getting services up to a year and a half.

Hospice has many other programs available. It is available to patients and families that are going through a difficult time. There are wonderful bereavement groups that support both adults and children.

Laney shared a human interest story about a note she received from a grandchild whose grandmother was 104 years old. The granddaughter thanked hospice for keeping their grandmother in familiar surroundings and that their support and dignity had made her grandmother "Ready for meeting God."

Laney's biggest message was to be sure to have friends or family call hospice for help. ***Just make that call!***

Four Way Test: Kate R.