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**"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"**

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**Rotary Meeting**

**Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York**

**Date: 4/12/12**

**Pledge: Kayla**

**Invocation: Jaya**

**Visiting Rotarians: Kimball Parker for Orangetown**

**Guests: Tom Zugibe, Peter Modiferri. Chris Smith, Kayla and Karly (Kathy & Jim Shepard's grandchildren.**

**Birthdays: Laurie, Barry W. and Kwan B.**

**Anniversaries: Neal and Kate O'Sullivan and Carol and Chuck McGrath**

**Announcements: 1).John's Installation Dinner June 30th. 2) Fishing Contest May 5<sup>th</sup>, please sign up to help. See Jim M. 3) Kentucky Derby Fundraiser, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Noonan's. See Gibby. 4) April 25, wine tasting and Dinner at Kwan's for \$35.00, See Jim S. 5) Ray Hayes Golf outing date to be announced by Ed. Grant. 7) Hay bale signs available for the soapbox race on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. See Frank N. 8) Scholarship Awards June 7<sup>th</sup> at the PR Library. 9) June 8-9 District Conference. 10) Paula's garden has been planted and should be complete for the May 2, concert.**

**Rotary Challenge: Q. True or False: The \$100.00 that is put into EREY stays unspent for three years earning interest. Then half goes to international service and half comes back to the district. A. True**

**Queen of Hearts: The ladies table drew the Ace of Spades!**

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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?

Happy Bucks: 1) Lots of happy anniversaries 2) Lots of birthdays 3) Special welcome to Kathy S. and the beautiful grandchildren. 4) Bucks for the guests visiting 5) Always for our troops 6) Jonathan's first meeting that he had to pay for.

Program: Brought to us by Charlotte Madigan

Tom Zugibe and Peter Modeferri

Tom Zugibe is a current District Attorney in Rockland and Peter Modeferri is a private detective with the District Attorneys office. Tom shared with us a new initiative called *Donate Life* - *Rockland County Unites* in order to encourage individuals to donate their organs. Currently, New York State ranks 49<sup>th</sup> of the 50 states for organ donors with southern N.Y. being the worst. This initiative has seen a 20% increase in organ donors in the past year and a half. Tom shared some untrue myths that get in the way of donations.

- They will pull the plug sooner if you are a donor.
- My religion is against it.

The truth is that most religions believe that organ donation is the ultimate in unselfishness.

Peter then shared his personal story of being receiving a heart transplant two years ago. He had unknown heart disease as a child which went undiagnosed. He had experienced several episodes as an adult and prior to his transplant he had spent three months in a coma. It was the unfortunate death of a 39 year old marathon runner and organ donor that saved his life.

Peter also shared that he has had his new heart for two years and his physical health is good but it is harder to deal with the emotional part.

Organ donors can elect to donate all their organs, heart, lungs, kidneys, skin, eyes, liver, bones and tissues or elect to donate only certain body parts. A recent accident happened where a young man was left brain dead and donated every organ except his eyes.

You can enroll by going on [www.nyhealth.gov/donatelife](http://www.nyhealth.gov/donatelife)

Four Way Test: Joe Beckerle