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**John Buonadonna - President - 2012-2013**  
**"Peace Through Service"**

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ROTARY MEETING  
GREENHOUSE CAFÉ, PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK  
DATE: APRIL 4, 2013

PLEDGE: Vincent Acocella

INVOCATION: President John Buonadonna

VISITING ROTARIANS: The Club gave a big welcome home to our Past President Bill Griffith (1976-1977). Bill is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Beaufort, North Carolina where he currently resides. Bill came up to visit his daughter Leigh who gave birth to his newest granddaughter Emily.



GUESTS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: Bonnie and  
Barry Werk – 4/9

BIRTHDAYS: Bob Bergman – 4/8

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President John passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in taking a CPR course. He will know by next week when the course is going to be offered.

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Soap Box registration at Pearl River Middle School at 7PM. Anyone interested in helping please come to the Middle School.

April 19<sup>th</sup> - The Nyack Rotary Club, which was the sponsor of our Club, will celebrate it's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The event will be held at the Nyack Seaport which cocktails beginning at 6:30PM and dinner to follow. Cost is \$125. per person or \$200. per couple. Please see PDG Jeffrey Keahon if you're interested in going.

April 14<sup>th</sup> – The Redhook Interact Club will be sponsoring a breakfast on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to raise money for Shelter Box. The breakfast will begin at 8:00AM and will continue to 11:00AM. It will be held at the Redhook Fire House on Fire House Lane, Redhook NY. The cost will be \$8. for adults; \$5. for children.

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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?

The Association for the Visually Impaired is celebrating it's 40<sup>th</sup> year of service with a dinner on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at The View in Piermont beginning at 6:30PM. Cost is \$110. per person.

**QUEEN OF HEARTS:** Dr. Raphael Castro picked 777. Sorry Doc! No winner this time.

**HAPPY BUCKS:** Ben Shifteh, our resident jeweler, did the honors this week.

Many **Welcome Home Bucks** for Past President Bill Griffith; **Congratulation Bucks** for Barbara and Richard Kohylaussen's daughter Kristin for receiving the Civilian Award for her work on the Wounded Warrior Program; **Feel Good Bucks** for Vinnie Acocella's cute spring poem; **Birthdays and Anniversaries** – Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday for our Gift of Life child Alex; **Get Well Bucks** to our Club Secretary Dorothy Filoramo; **Rememberance Bucks** from PDG Jeffrey who attended his first Rotary meeting in 1958 with his father Harold at the Silver Pheasant Restaurant also known as the "Dirty Duck" in Pearl River.

**PROGRAM:** Our own Ray Coyle gave a moving presentation on his late Uncle Henry L. Bader, Jr. who served in the 399<sup>th</sup>



Infantry Division who fought their way across France and Germany during World War II. Ray had not known much about his Uncle and how he served his country. Having made a contribution to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. he was contacted by the Memorial Committee which prompted him to do some research.

Soon he became aware of who his Uncle was and the sacrifices he made for his country. Engaged in battle he died on December 7, 1944 along with fifty one of his fellow servicemen. For that he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. It was only later that he was contacted by a man who fought with his Uncle who related how he fought and died.

In conclusion, Ray said that we should all thank a veteran, no matter what war they served in. So many from the World War II generation are known as great Americans for the time when they served their country's need.

President John thanked Ray for the great program.

**FOUR-WAY TEST:** President-elect Jim Murphy.