



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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**"Peace Through Service"**

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**Rotary Meeting**  
**Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York**  
**Date:**

**Pledge:** Vin Acocella

**Invocation:** Chris Smith. Short and very much to the point

**Visiting Rotarians:** No Visiting Rotarians

**Guests:** Frank Ripa's lovely wife Jo whom we've missed seeing for a while.  
Dorothy Filoramo's guest and our good friend, Ryan O'Gorman  
Larry Vergine's guest, also by now our good friend, Bob Zuppe  
Past President Carol's guest was Jeremy Schneider who is with,  
UNWASTE NY, a program of the NY Public Service Commission,  
which regulates public utilities in the state

**Birthdays:** Miriam Beckerle – July 28<sup>th</sup> –Belated with our apologies  
Carole Tjoa – August 8<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversaries:** Ben and Simin Shifteh – August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jim and Barbara Trojan – August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Announcements:**

The Highland Rotary Club is looking for volunteers to help them with their annual Rib Fest August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, contact their President Christine Giangrosso @ [chgriley@yahoo.com](mailto:chgriley@yahoo.com)

Celebration of Past President George Hadler's life at 11:00 am on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepard Lutheran Church on North Main Street in Pearl River.

Meeting of the Public Relations Committee to be held at the home of chairman Hans Kohl at 6:30 pm on Friday evening August 10<sup>th</sup>. Wurst (The editor forgets whether brat or knock), saurkraut and German beer to be served.

Meeting of the Membership and Classification committee to be held at the home of Co-chair Ed Reynolds at 7<sup>30</sup> pm on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Ed is keeping nibbles and whistle-wetters a surprise.

The infamous “final brick” for the Braunsdorf Park clock and donor display was picked up by George Westphal and will be installed by John Buonadonna!!

Chair Barbara Kohlhausen chaired a meeting of the Community Service Committee at 6:30 on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Noonans. Several ideas were generated that will be further investigated and later presented to the Board for its consideration.

Chairman Mark Griffith of the Bulletin Committee and co-chairs Ann Taylor and Laurie Craig of the Program Committee held a joint meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am at The Greenhouse. Several excellent suggestions were made which the co-chairs will refine and submit to the Board for approval/action.

The annual Club Picnic was held at the beautiful home of Jay and Freda Helman on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Though attendance was relatively light, enthusiasm was unsurpassed, with most weathering a brief thunderstorm and enjoying snacks, wine samplings and excellent conversation until the clock said it was time to head home to a late dinner, though appetites had already been well satisfied.

Past President Andy is home – sans stitches – and hopes to join us for lunch in a couple of weeks.

Rotary Foundation News: PR Rotary donated over \$12,000 during the past campaign.....and came off short of 1<sup>st</sup> place among District Clubs for per capita giving .....**By \$.87!!! Wait until next year!!**

Foundation contribution recognition pins were awarded to Ann Taylor, Jay Helman, George Westphal and Jim Murphy. The bulletin editor confesses confusion over the simplicity of gold and various smatterings of sapphires and rubies - or was it emeralds and amethysts? **But it was all good!!**

**Queen of Hearts:** Don Brenner had the lucky ticket. Don Brenner picked for the lucky card. Don Brenner picked the Ace of Clubs. Oh, well.



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### **Happy Bucks:**

Jo Ripa said she was feeling good and hoped for 58 more years with her best guy Frank. There were many seconds of that emotion.

Mark Griffith raised eyebrows and wandered into some dead ends rambling on something about little kids....To everyone's relief he managed to explain and extricate himself.

Kate Raffa gushed on about her enjoyment watching the Olympics.....especially the mens' swimming team with their flat bellies and low-cut trunks. Which was fine since it surprisingly did not lead to an outburst from the DOM in the room about womens' swim gear.....Not even from Mark, despite last week's performance.

Jimmy Stewart made it through his Happy Bucks with great aplomb.....and without notes for the very first time!!

To conclude, as we began, on a serious note, Hans reported that his tiny grandson is doing extremely well with all medical signs pointing in the right direction.

### **Program:**

Jeremy Schneider offered many practical suggestions to save energy in our homes and thus lower our O&R bills – which caught everyone's attention after he explained that 25% of household energy goes to waste. He also passed out a useful handout covering the points he made and many more. If you missed the meeting, you might want to borrow a handout from a friend if any of the following are of interest:

- Putting a stake in the heart of Vampire Voltage
- Saving \$150 bucks a year with 8 silly spiral bulbs
- Learning which way your ceiling fan should spin by season

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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 lunacy of hot water laundering
- Smart vs. stupid power strips
- Stuff that freezer, Baby!
- Close the door behind you!
- Beat germs and kilowatt hours by replacing your AC filter

**Four Way Test:** Mark Griffith