



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 252, Pearl River, NY 10965  
District 7210 - Region 8 - Zone 32 - Club #4982 –  
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**George Westphal – President – 2014-2015**  
**LIGHT UP ROTARY**

Pearl River Rotary Club Meeting  
January 29, 2015  
Aqua Terra Grille, Pearl River, New York

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Of  
Pearl River

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Pledge: Past President Ed Fisher

Invocation: Beautifully done by President-Elect Dorothy Filoramo

Visiting Rotarians: Kevin Hardy – New City; Chuck Maze - Nyack  
Guests: None

Birthdays: Raj Mehta – 1/30; Anjan Bhattacharyya – 2/1;  
Mike Fury – 2/1

Anniversaries: Raj & Gita Mehta – 2/4

**Announcements**

§ Sandy Cokeley shared the sad news of the passing of PDG Dave Pederson, who was found in his apartment last Sat. evening. It has not been determined if heart issues or complications from diabetes contributed to the cause of death. Dave was 65 years of age. May he rest in peace.



§ Jim Shepard reminded the club that our Valentine's brunch is scheduled for Sun., 2/22 at Xavier's Restaurant. He has forwarded a list of members who have signed up for the event, which promises fabulous food and good fellowship. Please contact Jim if you would like to attend.



§ Ray Coyle announced that there are 4 boxes remaining in our Super Bowl Pool (though they may be gone by this bulletin's press time). Get in it to win it and support our projects at the same time. Secretary Doreen Buonadonna instructed members whose dues are delinquent to pay ASAP.

The **FOUR WAY TEST** of things we think, say, and do: 1. Is it the **TRUTH**? 2. Is?  
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**? 4. Will it be **BENEFICIA**

- § President George encouraged the members to read the most recent District Newsletter.
- § Frank Ripa announced that the 2015 Scholarship applications are now available.
- § The evening meetings this month will be held at Aqua Terra, 6pm on 2/12 & 2/26.



Queen of Hearts: #223 was held by Jonathan Bellush's table. With the 9 of hearts, this party table was a few cards off.

Happy Bucks: Andy Marchfeld serenaded a few members as he passed around the basket.

and well; Ryan O. sitting with Dorothy; Seahawks "rip the would be happy to



Dorothy was happy to be back agreed and was happy to be Ed Reynolds hopes the shirts off the Patriots;" Sandy see a shirtless Tom Brady; more talk of deflated balls; many \$ for a new microphone; Vinny was present due to a schedule change, but may not be back until the spring – safe travels; many sad \$ for Dave Pederson, who was remembered as a funny, honest & empathetic man who was never at a loss for words; Jonathan is looking forward to five days in Atlantic City with his lovely wife; Art Matrisciani, via Ed Grant, had just a few \$ after paying taxes & utilities; Ed Grant was happy that his daughter was headed to NH for some skiing when the blizzard hit her hometown in Mass; Ray Coyle was happy to be sitting with the ladies (& not John B.); he also noted that this is the first time he & Ed Reynolds are rooting for the same team; Kirk Flynn is at the top of Charlotte Madigan's 2015 list of favorite people; Brian Quinn was happy to celebrate with his sons at the Beer/Bourbon/BBQ event in Manhattan; Bob & Lauri Craig's son is in Arizona for some pre-SB coverage; Alan Trugman had happy \$ for his wife's bday; Chuck Maze for Youth in Government groups in Nyack & PR high schools; Ray Pucci thanked all for the Midnight Run donations, which exceeded those given in the past; Visiting Rotarian Kevin Hardy suggested we put a "Beware of Dog" sign at the table he chose to join for lunch today (can you guess what table that was?); President George was happy to make it through another meeting.

Program: Our club's Rotary International Foundation Co-Chairs, Bob Craig & Jim Murphy, gave a very informative presentation about the



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growth of the Foundation and its current developments. Bob opened the program with a history of the Foundation, whose mission is to “enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.” In 1917, outgoing RI President Arch Klumph set up an endowment to help Rotarians engage in effective service projects. The first donation was \$26.50. Since then, the Foundation has received more than \$1 billion in contributions. The Foundation’s first grant of \$500 was made in 1929 to the International Society for Crippled Children, now known as Easter Seals. When Rotary’s founder died in 1947, the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was established to help build the Foundation. The Foundation has added many programs over the years, including Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, and, of course, PolioPlus in 1985. More recently, the Foundation established the Future Vision Plan to help streamline the grant process. The new district, global, and packaged grants aim to help clubs with sustainable projects. Both Bob and Jim stressed that the grants are for humanitarian projects. 98% of contributions to the RI Foundation are used for projects. As he concluded the program, Jim addressed the importance of the Foundation to our club, in that it allows us to do what we might not be able to do on our own. Jim plans to share more with our club next week.

Four Way Test: Ryan O’Gorman



Submitted by: Carol M.