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Pearl River Rotary Club Meeting, held at Dominican College,
Blauvelt, New York Date: January 30th, 2014

Note: A Special Thank You to the Dominican College Administration and the Rotoract group at the college for inviting us to their facility for lunch at the Granito Center. There was a strong group of Pearl River Rotarians present for the joint meeting and informational discussion.

Pledge: The entire assembled group recited the pledge.

Invocation: A prayer was read for the group to reflect and to inspire the club.

Visiting Rotarians: None--Guests: Vincent Abbatacola guest of Barbara

Rotoract Members Present: Officers: VP- Ms. Frankie Zayas, Sec.

Ashley Beard, and Treas. Dan Alacar. Other Members present: Danielle DeLuca, Roisin Higgins, Brandon Coleman, Robert Cortiso and Faculty Advisor Bernadette Connors. The Club President "Dale" was not able to attend this event for prior college class commitments, but we "thanked" them all for their outstanding service and taking the time to join us at this luncheon.

Birthdays: & Anniversaries: Will be announced at a later date.

Announcements: Valentine's Day Party to be held at Restaurant X, Please commit to attending and register with Mr. Jim Shepard immediately: Date of Event: Feb 16, 2014.

Queen of Hearts: Postponed to next Meeting.

Happy Bucks: was collected by Lauri Craig. Many Happy to be here at the College bucks with the active Rotoract group assembled with our Rotary group. Mucho Bucks for the Polio Plus Party at Aqua Terra which netted the Polio Plus foundation \$3,000 dollars from those who attended the club festivities. Ray Coyle informed the club of the Super Bowl Pool and there was still a few spots left for the "point's rewards" on scores during the game. Stephen Munno announced a benefit by the Clarkstown Sunrise Club for the Meals on Wheels

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?

program, contact Stephen for any further Info. The students provided "Happy Dollars" for their positive grades, their friendships, waking up on time for classes, and their opportunity to help those less fortunate through their Rotoract programs.

Program: Was given by the Rotoract Officers present to tell the club of their projects that have and were working on as a group. The Midnight runs that the Rotoract group participates in to help the homeless in the city was the main topic of discussion. The dedication from start to finish was a well organized but complicated procedure to aid the homeless with food and clothing. The students prepare sandwiches (90plus) to take with them to distribute as well as whatever clothing any person had donated to the program. They travel in 2 assembled vans with drivers assigned to the wheel at all times to coordinate the various locations of needed distribution areas. The students learn from each encounter those items that are needed for any return visits, making every subsequent visit more successful than prior visits. This program inspires both the recipients and students to always extend themselves to make the world a better place. Other activities conducted and participated in by the Rotoract Group are a 'Souper Bowl" which is a drive to collect canned soups and food items for distribution to the various soup kitchens. A Box City Event to educate other students and people regarding the plight of the homeless population. The participants sleep in boxes and makeshift tent areas to demonstrate the conditions that the homeless people face each & every night in that condition. The House on the Hill Day Care Program located in Goshen is also aided by the group to provide support to the families struggling with their child daycare needs. This Rotoract group makes a difference in people's lives while still attending to their own personal college educational requirements. This entire group of fantastic students is an outstanding representation of what Rotary stands for and how Rotarians can make a difference in the community and "world".

Four Way Test: By the club

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