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The Four Way Test

Is it the truth?

*Is it fair to all
concerned?*

*Will it build good will
and better friendship?*

*Will it be beneficial to
all concerned?*

Meeting of November 13, 2014

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Ed F.

INVOCATION: Participatory led by Lauri C.

GUESTS: Marco Pochintesta, Pearl River School Superintendent, guest of Sandy C.; Dominican College Rotaract President Ashley and member, Kaitlin, guests of Ryan O.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Honor system as Madame Secretary was taking Past President John B. to doctor appointment for complications following gall bladder surgery. Well wishes to John. No Birthdays. Anniversaries included Kate and Angelo Raffa, 25 years; Don and Betsy Brenner, 31 years; Barbara and Dick Kohlhausen, 48 years; Sandy and Mike Stewart, 3 years

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President George attended the district's Foundation Gala on Sunday along with Past President Jim M., Ann T. and Lauri and Bob Craig. All raved about the powerful speaker who was a 2002 Rotary Peace Fellow. Pearl River was also recognized for our support of the Foundation.
 - Lauri C. gave details on the Rotary Peace Fellow scholarship program, explaining that the cycle for new nominations begins in December. The program is open to non-Rotarians, ages 25-40, with a bachelor's degree. Find more details at www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships
 - President George announced that the Board of Directors approved a \$1500 donation to the Rotary Club at Dominican College to support two upcoming programs, one in El Salvador with the Dominican Sisters and the other with Habitat for Humanity at the Jersey Shore, West Virginia, and Kentucky.
- President George read a thank-you note from the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt for the loan of four of our Share Christmas costumes for their recent fall bazaar.
 - Jim S. announced this year's Share Christmas and the Holidays club party will take place on Sunday, December 7th, from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Seasons, \$80 per person. Only sign up if you are certain you can attend.
 - Jay H. reported on his recent mission trip to Grenada where he attended the local Rotary meeting. Turns out one of the members and Jay's son had a mutual friend. The club sang their national anthem as part of their meeting agenda. Jay initiated the possibility of a cooperative project with the club on our behalf. Good work, Jay.

- Jim T. announced the opportunity to support the club's visits to local group homes as part of our Share Christmas and the Holidays program. Members are asked to volunteer to purchase individual gifts for the group home residents and he passed around the paperwork with details.
- Chris K. announced that the club's Nominating Committee, comprised of all of the past presidents, meets this evening at Louie's on the Avenue at 6:30 p.m. to determine this year's slate of officers.
- President George announced that the Clarkstown Sunrise Club together with the Clarkstown South High School PTA are holding a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – noon, Clarkstown South High School cafeteria, in support of their scholarship programs. All are invited to support them.
- Ryan O. read a message from a former Rotaract member informing us that he is preparing to join the Manhassat Rotary Club. Way to go, Rotaract!
- There is a makeup meeting tonight at Noonan's at 6:00 p.m.
- Lauri C. read thank-you letters from third graders in the Pearl River School District for the dictionaries the club provided to them. Their excellent vocabulary and charming comments impressed us all. Lauri reminded us the last distribution day is Monday, November 17th, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Margaret's School. Thanks, Lauri, for coordinating this for us.

HAPPY BUCKS: Many dollars to have Art Matrisciani at the meeting, as well as our school superintendent and Rotaract and guests. Big \$20 from Jay with the announcement of identical twin girl grandchildren on the way. Thank you dollars to Barbara K., Gibby S. and Bruce B. for the fun wine-tasting at the 76 House on Tuesday. Kate R. and Don B. gave donations to the Scholarship Foundation in recognition of their anniversaries (with their spouses, not each other). Happy dollars from Vinnie that he will be the barber chair 30 days from today, after our Share Christmas and the Holidays program and his stint as Santa is through. Looking authentic, Vinnie! Thank-you dollars from our Rotaract visitors for support of their programs. Sad dollars from Sandy C. that Mike needs a hip replacement as his broken femur is not healing. Thank you dollars from Jonathan B. to all of our veterans along with a reminder that freedom is not free.

PROGRAM: Charlotte Madigan, Orangetown Town Clerk on the topic of **FILMING IN ORANGETOWN** Charlie shared with us recent increases in film shoots in our town as part of a campaign from her office. A few years back, she realized a resurrection in the industry through her networks with other town clerks in the region. Recognizing that if handled correctly, bringing the industry to Orangetown can bring additional revenue to the both the town as well as private property owners and businesses, she set about to make Orangetown more attractive for film crews. The net result is a \$143,000 profit this year to date in permit fees, as well as additional fees paid to private property owners and businesses. Film crew members also use local services while on location, resulting in additional revenue. The town permit fee is now \$600, increased from \$300, and applicants must agree to rigorous standards in order to protect town property and insure safety. Recent projects include *A Person of Interest*, *Orange Is the New Black*, and *The Following*. While this has translated to seven-day workweeks for Charlie, she is happy that crews are coming to Orangetown when they could very easily opt for Bergen or Westchester County. Good work, Madame District Clerk.

FOUR WAY TEST: I wasn't paying attention, Sorry!
Respectfully Submitted, Sandy C.