

### 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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# George Westphal – President – 2014-2015 LIGHT UP ROTARY

Pearl River Rotary Club Meeting December 11, 2014 AquaTerra

Rotary Club Of Pearl River

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Pledge: President George

**Invocation**: President George

Visiting Rotarians- Jim Damiani from Nanuet and Ray Bahar from Warwick RI but recently relocated to Nanuet.



Announcements: District Governor Associate Jim Damiani, our District Foundation Chair encouraged us all to think about donating to the Foundation as we near the end of the year. "it is a good time to give" Jim also reminded us. These funds are available from the District and can be used for our own international and community service projects. Jim Shepard is sending out the

list for those participating in Secret Santa. Be sure to have your wrapped gift ready on Thursday Dec 18th. We learned that visiting Rotarian Jim has been selected as the District Governor Nominee to serve in 3 years as leader of our District 7210. Eddie Fisher noted the opening of the new dentist's office in town, none other than Shahnam, son of Ben and Simin, right on Central Ave.

Queen of Hearts- Jim Damiani was lucky to have the winning number but drew the wrong queen so the pot grows by another \$20.

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?

# Happy Bucks:

We thank Ben for accepting the job as the man with the basket. Raj was happy for the newest Nobel Peace Prize recipients: Kailash Satyarthi, from India and Malala Yousafzai, from Afghanistan "for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education." Art Matrisciani is celebrating his 100%



attendance, well at least for the month of December. Good to see you Art. The crowd was astonished to hear "Happy



to be here" and sure enough, it was Kirk Flynn in the flesh! Jay extended an invitation to the club to attend the annual lighting of

the Menorah in Braunsdorf Park on Wednesday 6pm, Dec 17. Jay explained that this year there is a "smart menorah" that knows when to light each candle. We remember a freezing night a few years back when the wind seemed like it would blow the rabbi off the ladder yet he still managed to light the candle by hand. Nancy can't believe that her little niece Allison has grown up and celebrating her 19th birthday. Jim Trojan recently lost his aunt who made it to age 85 and was still working at the local food bank in her final days. Tony and Diane Stenzler were featured in Rivertown Magazine for their years of work at the Pearl River Animal Hospital "fixing our pets". Jim Shepard's nieces are dressing up as characters for Share Christmas and the Holidays this year. Ray Pucci told us of adventures growing up with the 15 member Delia family next door where he was also a fixture. 13 kids wasn't enough Ray? He was sorry to miss speaker Joe Delia's program from last week. Now that Shahnam is in business in Pearl River, Ben hopes he will share the family's dedication as a future PR Rotarian. Sandy's was happy to tell us that her sister and partner of 19 years recently surpirsed the family when they tied the knot, Michael is feeling better although hobbling around, and no one has fallen down on her property for over a week.

### Program:

Jim Trojan and the origins of Rotary Share Christmas and the Holidays.

Jim explained how a simple idea, homemade costumes, a rag tag float and caroling in the rain blossomed into the gala community event it is today. Members chimed in with memories. Ed Reynolds and Mark recalled borrowing used band uniforms from the PR high school band,





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modified to make us into Toy Soldiers. Jack Ramsay and Sue Hester (now Mr & Mrs Ramsay) as the original Santa & Mrs. Claus, the night we got pulled over by the police in Montvale for no parade permit and a float with no registration, no plates, no insurance, and "iffy" brakes. Fortunately, our driver that year was a Highland Falls police officer. In return for no ticket or jail time, we have kept our promise to never venture into New Jersey with our floats ever again. We could have told stories all afternoon but President George called for the 4 Way Test, rang the bell, and sent us out in the spirit of Rotary.

Bulletin editor Mark G



#### ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

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JOIN US ON JANUARY 10TH AT

CITY LINE RESTAURANT IN NEW CITY
9-1PM LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



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