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The Four Way Test
*Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all
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Will it build good will
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all concerned?*

Meeting of February 5, 2015 – Aqua Terra Grille, Pearl River

Pledge: Ed Fisher

Invocation: Hanns Kohl

Guests: Mimi Vilord

Birthdays: Roy Powell on 2/7; Joe Beckerle and Kathy Shepard on 2/11

Anniversaries: None

Announcements:

President George reported on the Rockland Count Presidents' Meeting he attended this morning. Five clubs have received district grants. The District Conference is April 17-19 in CT and President George plans to attend. All others are invited. The District is looking for fundraising ideas for the RI Foundation. See President George.

Jim Murphy addressed the club as a follow-up to the program he conducted the week prior with Bob Craig. He urged members to help the club meet the EREY goals (Every Rotarian Every Year) in this year's Rotary Foundation drive:

(1) Every member contributes at least \$25.00.

(2) The average donation per member of the club is at least \$100.00.

Jim explained that the club always meets/exceeds the \$100 average thanks to the generosity of a number of members, however, that we have not been able to meet the first goal of every

member contributing at least \$25.00. This year, they will start the campaign earlier

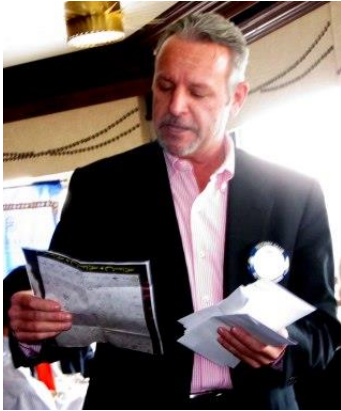
so that people have more time to plan for their donation. They will also place a contribution box during meetings to make it easy to place your donation. Lastly, on behalf of the Foundation, Jim presented Paul

Harris Fellow pins to Hanns Kohl, Tony Stenzler, and Don Brenner for reaching certain donation milestones.

Ed Fisher announced that he is not able to participate in this year's Penguin Plunge to benefit local families in need as he will be away in Antigua. In its place, he invited donations towards the Plunge and Dapper Dog in the way of Braid and Bead Sponsors for his hair braiding and beading while on vacation.



Ray Coyle announced the Superbowl pool winners and presented them with their prizes: Frank Neeson, Jim Shepard, Russ Williams, Joe Beckerle, Ann Taylor (along with a few non-club members) and the big winner – Hanns Kohl. The program raised \$5000 for the club. Huge thanks and kudos to Ray for coordinating our biggest fundraiser for the year.



Jim Shepard reminded everyone of the Valentine's Brunch at Restaurant X on Sunday, February 22nd. \$115 per couple and please pay in advance. Some members purchased \$100 Restaurant X cards at Costco for \$80 and submitted those along with an additional \$15 which is also acceptable.

Queen of Hearts: Ramin Bahar's table – but no go. 8 Clubs.

New Member Induction: For the first time since taking office in July, President George inducted Ramin Bahar into the club. New to the area, Ray joins us with over 35 years in Rotary beginning in Canada in 1980 followed by participation in Albany, NY, Princeton, NJ, and Warwick, RI before coming to Pearl River. Huge welcome to Ray!

Happy Bucks: Collected by Bob Simon with lots of dollars for our newest member, Ray Bahar, and for our speaker, Mimi Vilord, who had many friends in the room. Sad dollars from Mark Griffith and the \$1200 he needs to spend on a new catalytic converter thanks to stringent environmental laws now in effect in NYS. Many thank-you dollars to Ray Coyle for all of his work on the fundraiser. Jim Murphy donated \$100 to Ed's Penguin Plunge explaining that he is the last of the Order of the Penguins with the passing of both our beloved Jeffrey Keahon and PDG Dave Pedersen. (We'll just leave this at that.) Sad dollars from Jim Trojan on Uncle Sam losing his paperwork after submitting his application for Medicare Part B.



Program: Mimi Vilord, CEO of the United Way of Rockland, arranged by Barbara Kohlhausen

Mimi updated the membership on United Way. She reminded us that UW gathers most of their donations through workplace campaigns in larger employers whose employees donate through payroll deduction. UW conducts a community needs assessment every two to three years to determine where services are needed and then helps to provide support to bring those services forward. Recent examples include after-school programming in Haverstraw and child care tuition scholarships for families in need. UW also partners with AARP in support of tax preparation for seniors as well as runs a Gifts in Kind Program where goods are donated and funneled to those in need. Rockland UW also is member of the national 211 Information and Referral Service operating in 92% of communities across the country that helps callers find community services in other areas.

Funds are always needed and donations are always welcome. UW is currently conducting a Pass the Buck drive about which Mimi will send an email to initiate the club member's participation to Barbara Kohlhausen.

Mimi also responded to one question reporting that 10.8% of UW's annual income supports overhead, a percentage she has worked very hard to reduce during her tenure.

Thanks, Mimi. Great job!

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Cokeley