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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 February 26, 2015**

**Aqua Terra Cafe**      Middletown Rd, Pearl River

**Pledge:** Frank Ripa

**Invocation:** Bob Simon

**Guests-** Steve Paraph and Patrick Hynes guests of Brian and Don

**Birthdays/Anniversaries-** no secretary and no list, apparently neither this week so Frank Ripa offered to celebrate his March 26<sup>th</sup> birthday with the song a month early.



**Announcements:**

Jim Shepard reminded us of the "Re-gifting Party" at Aqua Terra on 3/25 6-10 \$35/pp. "Funny and fun" promises Jim and proceeds go to Polio Plus. Bring your new unwanted gifts and try to beat last year's \$3,000 fundraising effort.

St. Patrick's Party-



**Queen of hearts:** Lenny pulled the winning number but there was no Ed Fisher and no deck of cards so Lenny gets first pick next week.

Happy Bucks- Sandy says that husband Mike is celebrating 40 years on the job, same job, same place, there's dedication! She thanked Joe Beckerle for a super job on the memorial video for PDG Dave Pedersen. Barbara thanked Jim Shepard for the very nice Valentine's Brunch at Restaurant X. Dorothy thanked us for the great reception we gave the Rotaract students and advisors at our last meeting. Bonnie will miss us next week as she basks in the Florida warmth and sunshine.

Past President Jim Murphy is leaving at Midnight on Saturday for his journey to Southeast Asia as part of the Rotary STEP program. Jim's month long journey will begin in Taipei, then Bangkok, Laos, and finally through Vietnam starting in Hanoi. Joining the Spring Valley Rotary contingent, Jim, like the others, will be footing his own bill of close to \$6,000. No Rotary money is used to get our Rotarians over there, house them, or even feed them. Funds raised go 100% to building and furnishing schools. We are hoping that Jim can be in contact with us during his journey. Bringing the project even closer to home will be the dedication of a school in the memory of our own Jeffrey Keahon. We wish Jim a safe trip as he proves how Rotary can change the world, one piece at a time.



Cesar informed us that those needing a make-up card can find a club meeting right by the airport upon landing in his native Dominican Republic. Did I mention it was snowing like crazy as we gazed out the window at Aqua Terra? We may all be in line at that Dominican club next week if this keeps up. Rub it in Cesar!

Ray Coyle assures us that the lone \$50 due the football pool fundraiser will be collected next week. He seemed quite confident this time!



Past President Jay used his medical expertise to assist the program while Past President Andy made sure we keep t up the club sense of humor.

## Program: Jonathan Bellush (our club research scientist)- Vaccines-

Described as the greatest technological advance in history and #1 health advance to change the world, vaccines began with Dr. Edward Jenner who introduced the idea of vaccination to prevent disease in 1796



as he prevented a young English boy from getting smallpox. In 1900, prior to the widespread use of vaccines, infant mortality was at 20% with another 20% not making it to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Irreparable harm was done by a deliberately falsified medical study by Dr. Andrew Wakefield in 1998 purporting to show a cause and effect relationship between vaccination and autism. Although now vilified, and debunked after it was learned that the study was paid for my litigants for financial gain, terrible damage was done as people began to shun having their children immunized. Jonathan reports that between 2007-2015 alone, lack of vaccinations resulted in 146,046 illnesses and 8,961 deaths. All could have been prevented. Attached is a full copy of Jonathan's slide presentation. We thank Jonathan for again proving that our best programs come from our own members.

### Four way test- Lenny

Editor this week, Mark G