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Pearl River Rotary Club Meeting
Joe & Joe's II, Pearl River
Date: 4-24-14

Pledge: Jaya

Invocation: Eddie Fisher gave us a blessing and song. If that dentistry gig doesn't work out, he's got his eye on SHOW BIZ!.

Visiting Rotarians: Nick Longo Jr. from Congers Valley Cottage



Birthdays: Mike Stevens, Jack Madigan, and Bob Simon who led the Happy Birthday song.



Announcements:

April 26- Saturday 10-4 Rotary Fishing Contest and Keep Rockland Beautiful. Both at the pond at Veteran's Park. (Rain date is the following Saturday).

May 1st- Ed Fisher and President Jim are taking the reins formerly held by Jeffrey kicking off the annual RI Foundation fundraising drive. "Jewels" will be given out for those who have earned them.

May 3rd- Kentucky Derby at Noonan's. Fun begins at 5:30 and the ponies leave the gate at 6:30. Post positions, and odds will be posted in advance. 50 "points" to play, see Ray.

May 8th- Vote on PR Scholarship By-laws change.

May 12th- Board meeting at Barbara's

May 18th- Soap Box Race Trials

June 4th- Scholarship Awards Night at PR Library



Queen of Hearts: Eddie carried on even though the cards were in his other car. Andy picked the number we'll see next week if

The Four **F** 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?

that table wins. If so, the \$\$ will go to AM, CS, JH, TS, MG, EF, RC, and JB.

Happy Bucks: Ed Reynolds' son Steven ran in the Boston Marathon with an elapsed time of 2 hrs 22 min averaging 7.22 mph qualifying him for even more races! Carl is back after taking his grandsons to Denmark and Sweden. Carl goes each year alternating grandkids. Kevin Nulty is back from London and Paris celebrating his 35th wedding anniversary. Marty and Gene are breaking in a new housemate from Puppy Rescue. Ann Taylor spoke of the touching tribute with Frank Ripa in memory of Jo. Past Prez John led the gang in wishing Doreen a speedy recovery. Tonight is her MRI so they can figure out just how to get her back on her feet. Bob Bergman had quite a surprise when he opened his birthday card from son and daughter-in-law only to have a sonogram drop out announcing "Grandchild on the Way!" Nick Longo is celebrating his 20th anniversary working for the County. President Jim announced that Howard Golden from SV Rotary invited him on the next STEP mission to Vietnam and Jim accepted. Way to go Jim!

Program: Gordon Wren,
Director of RC Office of Fire
and Emergency Services-
Gordon told us of the critical work of
our county Volunteer Firefighters.
We are very fortunate to have an all
volunteer force in Rockland County,
now a rare event in the US. Without
them, firefighting would be the third
largest budget item, right behind
teachers and police protection.
While a single ladder truck can cost
\$1,000,000 that would be peanuts compared to what the cost of paid fire protection in
the County would be. Getting new volunteers is a major job and the Office of Fire and
Emergency Services has hired a professional PR firm in the effort. In the past, major



employers like the Dexter Folder Company in Pearl River, and Walmart would allow workers to leave work to respond to fires. Fewer employers are willing to do this but the need is still there. Gordon's department is in the forefront of fighting illegal tenement conversions and unscrupulous landlords who put profit ahead of lives. He often finds himself having to stand up to some local officials who seem to "look the other way" when it comes to housing violations and public safety. Thanks Gordon for a great program.

Editor Mark G