



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 824, Pearl River, NY 10965  
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George Westphal, President 2014-15

## Meeting of June 11, 2015

### Board of Directors

#### President

George Westphal

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Dorothy Filoramo

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James Murphy

#### President Emeritus

John Buonadonna

#### 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?*

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Bob S.

**INVOCATION:** President George

**VISITING ROTARIAN:** Anjan Bhattacharyya, husband of our Jaya and speaker for the meeting's program

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** Secretary Doreen apologized for not having the dates with her today after hosting last night's late Board meeting. On the honor system, we learned that today is Ed F.'s birthday and that next Thursday will be Jonathan's birthday - but since he will be away, we sang to him today.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President George read a message from Hanns inviting members to support the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Thomas J. Foley Memorial Golf Classic on June 26<sup>th</sup>. A former neighbor of Hanns, Tom perished serving as a NYC firefighter on 9-11. The outing supports a scholarship foundation in his memory. Call 732-537-1517.
- Jim M. updated us on this year's EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) campaign supporting the RI Foundation. To date, all but 10-12 members of our club have donated a total of \$7500. With the goal of 100% participation and a minimum of \$25 per member, he encouraged everyone to submit their payments. He also explained that he is exploring how the club can make donations on behalf of members experiencing hardship.
- Ed G. reminded everyone of our Annual Ray Hayes Golf Outing next Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at Blue Hill Golf Course and dinner at Louie's on the Avenue. Cost is \$100 for golf and dinner and \$50 for dinner only. There is room for two more foursomes. Contact Ed if you are interested.
- Jim T., on behalf of Frank R., reminded everyone of the club's Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Pearl River Library. This year, we will be giving 20 scholarships at \$3000.00 each for a total of \$60,000.00. All club members and spouses are invited and encouraged to attend. It is always a very proud evening for our club.
- Chris reminded the Advisory Committee of their final meeting for this Rotary year next Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at his house at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to him or Sandy Cokeley.
- Carol announced United Hospice of Rockland is holding a golf outing on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and that she has raffle tickets available for sale for anyone wishing to support the event. They are holding two raffles, one for a television and the other for a vacation package.

- Jay relayed a conversation with George about holding another cruise to Bermuda and asked if there was interest among the members. Let Jay know if you are.

**QUEEN OF HEARTS:** Lenny pulled the number, the table of Ray P. had their number called, but no queen!

**HAPPY BUCKS:** Lenny happily volunteered to collect this week. Many members contributed congratulations dollars to the organizers and everyone who worked on Sunday's Coaster Car Derby. Despite a low turnout of competitors, the day was a success with the winning trophy going to Isabelle Rossi (say with ethnic fervor, please). Another highlight was the Buddy Ball kids taking rides down the hill. Raj contributed in honor of National Yoga Day on June 21<sup>st</sup> and invited all to a celebration at the Rockland County Court House at 8:30 a.m. John B. put in a happy dollar for his last mandatory attendance to a Board of Directors meeting last night. Tony had happy dollars for 53 years of marriage last week. Big celebration from Ray P. as he received clearance for the final surgery he needs to have his sight restored. Hooray, Ray! Nancy B. ponied up to tell a story about her family at their lake house and the dead critter the girls discovered under the kayak, much to their dismay. Lenny had celebratory dollars for the CPR training he participated in the week prior setting a new Guinness Book record. Sandy contributed in honor of Frank R. and the tremendous job he does each year organizing the scholarship awards, including paying a considerable sum this year to have all of the applications copied for the selection committee.

**PROGRAM:** After considering a wide cadre of topics on which to speak, Anjan decided to share his personal experience as a Rotarian participating in international service projects. Anjan joined the New City Rotary Club years after Jaya had joined our club with what he now describes as a limited awareness of all that Rotary does. Eight years ago when traveling to their home in India, they were approached by PDG Bunnee Webb who encouraged them to contact the district governor in their town of Pune. They did and quickly learned of the many opportunities Rotarians have to make a difference for those less fortunate than us. Providing clean water and educational opportunity, especially for women, rose to the forefront for Anjan. He went on to share a number of different projects in which he, Jaya, the New City Rotary and the Pearl River Rotary have been involved in. For example, a joint project between the two clubs supported by district funding brought clean water to 2500 students in India. Another project he and Jaya support is a school for girls with hearing and vision loss whose families would not be able to provide for them otherwise. Because of the dollar-rupee exchange rate, a donation goes very far in India. Anjan also shared some unfortunate experiences where organizations were not able to account for how donations were used and how he now seeks assurance of accountability before participating. Thank you, Anjan, once again for opening our eyes, hearts and minds.

**FOUR WAY TEST:** Bob S.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Sandy C.*