



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 824, Pearl River, NY 10965

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Dorothy Filoramo, President 2015-16

MEETING OF June 30th, 2016

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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?*

Pledge: Lisa Falone

Invocation: Ed Fisher with a tribute to outgoing President Dorothy

Guests: Denis Mulcahy, Barbara Steiner

Birthdays: Art Matrisciani (7/3), Freda Helman (7/6)- Art was in attendance and led us in song!

Anniversaries: We sang for Andy & Susan Marchfeld who celebrated their anniversary earlier this week.

Announcements: Bob Craig, on behalf of the Board, presented President Dorothy with a binder containing all the of the bulletins from her term; Bob Simon- thanked those Rotarians who helped out Stephen Munno on the Fourth of July committee this year. Volunteers are welcome (and needed) at the Central Park Field gates on Monday, July 4th starting at around 6:30. President Dorothy



thanked everyone for a wonderful Installation dinner and said she was humbled by all the accolades she received. She then called to the podium Katherine Fidlow, who was inducted as our newest member, and sponsored by Ann Taylor. She received her ribbon

and pin, and mentioned she is looking forward to being a part of our club. Welcome and congratulations, Kathy! President Dorothy then awarded Ryan O’Gorman with The President’s Award. This award is in recognition of “Outstanding Commitment to the Ideals of Rotary” and dedicated to the memory of Jeffrey Keahon. She hopes this award will become a new tradition in the club. Congratulations Ryan, a well-deserved award!



Queen of Hearts: Frank Ripa’s table had the winning number, and he drew the 10 of clubs.

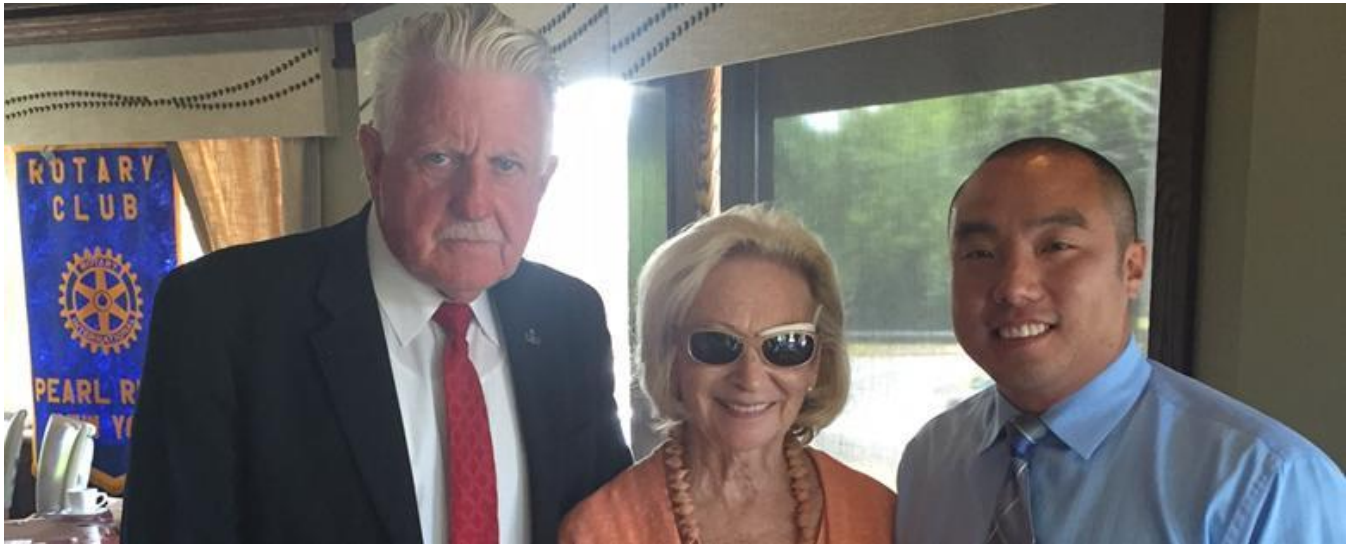


Happy Bucks: This week, newly-installed President Elect Doreen Buonadonna did the honors. She kicked things off by thanking and



congratulating President Dorothy on a great year, and also congratulated Bob Simon, who became our club’s newest Paul Harris Fellow at this year’s Installation Dinner. She also wished Larry luck for a great year. Many happy bucks for President Dorothy, Bob, Larry,

and the birthdays and anniversaries. Another highlight was birthday boy Art Matrisciani, who pointed out he was now the oldest Rotarian in the club. And we hope so for many more years, Art!



Program: Today we were treated to a wonderful and moving program brought to us by Ryan O’Gorman. Ryan introduced Denis Mulcahy, who we later learned is a two time nominee of the Nobel Peace Prize. Denis, a retired NYPD bomb squad detective, is the co-founder of Project Children. This organization, over a span of 40 years, brought 23,000 children from divided and conflict-ridden Northern Ireland to the U.S. (Greenwood Lake, NY) during the summertime months. This gave the children a much-needed break from the rioting and violence between Catholics and Protestants that was prevalent there. The first year they started with 6 children, and it grew to the hundreds each year from there, with the help of many host families, coordinators and other volunteers. Ryan played a brief clip of a documentary on Project Children that will be coming out soon, where we all got a glimpse into this amazing organization. Denis announced that actor Liam Neeson will be involved with the documentary. The clip we saw contained news footage and interviews dating back 40 years. Also in the clip, Denis was recognized by President Clinton. He talked about how social media became a distraction which helped “put them out of business” but Denis still remains very active in his work, having just returned from a trip to Alabama. Finally, we had some Facetime with Gemma Crane, a former intern of Project Children, who spoke to us from Belfast. Wow, what an impressive (multimedia) program we had from top to bottom. Thank you so much Ryan, and thank you Denis! Congratulations on everything you and Project Children has achieved.

Four Way Test: INCOMING President Larry Vergine

Submitted by: Doug Ward

