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Doreen Buonadonna – President – 2017-2018
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The Rotary Club of Pearl River Weekly Meeting

Bulletin for Thursday July 20th 2017

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Pledge: Johnny B.

Invocation: Jim Murphy

Guests: Jeff Silver, guest of Mark.



Birthdays: Simin Shifteh and John. Ben and John led the singing.

Anniversaries: Sabrina and Frank Perri

Announcements: Doreen advised that the Next Gen Committee, led by Ann Taylor will be collecting back to school items for People to People on Aug 17th. A list will follow. Prez Elect Mike told us of the 10/29 Meals on Wheels meeting honoring Rockland Rotary Clubs as thanks for their support. Secretary Doug gave a last call for dues for the lower “Early Bird” rate that goes up \$50 in August. He also reminded committee chairs to get your attendance lists to him for meeting/makeup credit. Bob Craig was sad to report that the President Elect of Rotary International died unexpectedly from surgery complications. Kathy has next week’s program featuring RC ADD, (Rockland Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Dependence). Frank Neeson spoke of the recent meeting of our new Charitable Fund, Golf Committee, and Scholarship Committee. A recommendation was made to the Board to split the Ed Bouton Charity Golf Outing profits, half for scholarships and half for other charitable service projects.

The **FOUR WAY 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?

The Bouton family is also supportive. Jim Shepard set the Golf Outing date at 9/28. While we love golfers, the golf breaks even with profits coming from sponsorships and the auction.

Queen of Hearts: Bob Craig pulled the ACE of Diamonds.



Happy Bucks: Andy, despite pain and injury, did the rounds. Bob Simon is heading off to Zurich. Some members questioned why our Receiver of Taxes was going to Zurich and what's with the one way ticket? Gene lamented that everyone was so happy to see Marty "why is no one happy to see me?" Jim Murphy is off to the races. Andy's foot got sad bucks. Michelle's daughter injured her knee but still managed to attend her own Sweet 16. Bob Bergman was thankful to be honored by the Park & Activity Committee for his above and beyond community service including Town Councilman and current Rockland County Chief Auditor. Mike S. was proud to report that his efforts organizing the 30th Women's Distance Festival on July 8th raised more money than ever before for charity. Eddie Fisher studied hard and passed his stress test. That may be the pre-requisite for his job this

year as Club Bulletin Chair. Doreen was passionate about helping an anonymous family in Pearl River with the Club's support.

Program:
Plagiarism in Music- "*Who stole what from whom and when?*" By Art Aldrich.

Was Andrew Lloyd Webber the most prolific musical plagiarist

of modern times? Art duly gave credit for his definition of plagiarism to the Oxford English Dictionary: "to take and use another person's thoughts, writings, inventions, as one's own". Art played famous classical pieces and then recordings of recent Broadway Musicals and





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the similarities were uncanny. There were many others who “borrowed” song ideas from earlier compositions, but comparing the songs Webber wrote for Cats, Jesus Christ Superstar, and Phantom, we wondered if Webber had any original musical thoughts of his own. Thank you Art for a very enlightening program.

After the end of the meeting, guest Jeff Silver got some advice from Kathy Fidlow about Columbia Presbyterian and their critical care cardiac units. Kathy has worked her way to the top at Columbia and loves her job. Coincidentally Jeff's daughter, fresh out of college is just joining the cardiac critical care center at Columbia's uptown campus.

Four Way Test: Bob Simon

Bulletin Editor: Mark

