



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

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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?

Rotary Club of Pearl River Meeting

Aqua Terra Grille

Pres. Dorothy Filoramo

July 30, 2015

Pledge: Ryan O' Gorman

Invocation: Ann Taylor

Visiting Rotarian: Kevin Hardy-Rotary Club of New City

Guest: Former Pearl River Rotarian Efren Alba guest of Raj Mehta

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Ben & Simi Shifteh

Announcements: Kevin Hardy invited us to attend the annual Rotary Wine Festival Sept. 12 in New City. Ed Bouton Golf Tourn. Meeting Aug. 3, 2015 at 6:00pm at Louies. Report from club Board Meeting Mon., July 27—Pres. Dorothy asked for a motion "that when a club member brings a guest to a club meeting that the club member would pay for that person's meal." It was moved, seconded, and approved by all members present. Pres. Dorothy asked for a motion "that when a club member brings a guest as a perspective new member the club member would pay for no more than 3 meals for the perspective member, then when a formal application for membership is made the applicant would receive the meal paid for by the club until they become a member." After

much discussion it was recommended that this be tabled until the next club meeting, and Pres. Dorothy would send a memo to members for their thoughts and ideas re: this policy.



Special presentation: Jaya received her official Paul Harris Fellow pin presented by Ed Fisher.

Queen of Hearts: No winner(s)—Ace of Hearts. Winnings now over \$1000.00.



Happy Bucks: Collected by Jay Helman. Many congratulations to Ben & Simi. Condolences to the Shepard Family for the loss of Kathy's mother. Ryan for his International Service showing a young lady from Belfast, Ireland many of the sights in NYC. Mike Seidenfrau for his daughter's 13th birthday. Mark realizing that he should be the only one to watch the food on the grill. Cesar for visiting his 105 year old grandmother in Dominican Republic. Pres. Dorothy for a former visitor's comment that "the bad table" gives the club character!!!



Program: Presented by Past Pres. Jim Murphy re: his trip to Vietnam



with the S.T.E.P. (Schools to End Poverty) sponsored by Rotary Club of Spring Valley. S.T.E.P. has been traveling to Vietnam for 10 years during which time 130-140 travelers have participated all guided by a Vietnamese man named Tano who has now become a Spring Valley Rotarian. Schools have been built, clinics funded, wheelchairs & bicycles have been provided. 95 million people live in Vietnam with 10mil. in Saigon and 7mil. in Hanoi and the balance scattered throughout the rural areas of the country. The cities are rapidly developing toward the 21st century with increasing modern infrastructures. Because of this growth the government struggles to provide adequate education for orphans and children with disabilities. This is where S.T.E.P. has been able to help. Dec. 2013 was the completion of the Mai An Orphanage-School and dedicated to PDG Jeffrey Keahon and assistance from Rotary

and S.T.E.P. One of the locations Jim and the group visited was the Rose School for orphans in Dalat, Vietnam. There are 550 pre-school and kindergarten age children here being cared for by an order of Dominican Nuns. The school needs more space to be able to help children attain at least a fifth grade education. The Nuns have requested that an addition be made to the school for a total capacity of 1000 students. The cost for this addition is \$82,500 American—this project is being supported by our Rotary District 7210 and a grant request from Rotary International is in process.



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I could not possibly have told the story the way Jim did, but hope the highlights are enough to engage Jim in conversation to learn more. Thank you Jim for a great presentation & representing our club.

Four Way Test: Chris Kormusis

Addendum: Thursday night Rotary will continue for those not able to make a luncheon meeting. It will meet the fourth Thursday of each month at Noonan's 6-8pm. There will be a charge of \$15.00 per person (\$10.00 to cover food costs and \$5.00 for the club). There is less of a structured content that we are accustomed to at our regular luncheon, but Rotary topics and fellowship abound. Our first meeting was held tonight with 7 in attendance. Pres. Dorothy reviewed happenings from the luncheon meeting & Jim Murphy presented his Vietnam trip.

Submitted by: Bob Craig