

Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 252, Pearl River, NY 10965 District 7210 - Region 8 - Zone 32 - Club #4982 - Charter Date December 12, 1935 <u>www.rotaryclubofpearlriver.org</u> George Westphal, President 2014-15

Meeting of August 14, 2014

President George presided over the meeting. Lenny N. led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed R. gave us a terrific, on-the-spot Invocation (as he expected to be leading the Pledge). **Guests:** Pat Slattery, brother of Marty Erickson; Mason Powell, son of Michelle Damiani; and Susan Wilmink, our speaker **Birthdays:** Sabrina Perry, Bruce Schweizer and Chris Kormusis **Anniversaries:** Bob and Diane Bergman

Announcements:

From President George: The Board of Directors met on Monday and approved the new member nomination of Alan Trugman, a real estate agent with Rand Realty. Formal notice will be sent to all members with request to submit any concerns within ten days.

From Barbara K.: The Fellowship Committee will meet on Monday, August 18th, at 5:30 p.m. at Noonan's. All are invited. The Boat Trip on the 24th is filled. If you RSVPed to attend and are unable, please let her know as she has a waiting list.

From Frank R.: Notes of thanks from two scholarship recipients. One told stated that she will try to uphold the values of the award and Joan Fury. The other wrote about how impressed she was with the members of the club and how much we do for our community. Thanks for sharing, Frank.

From Jim S.: Please RSVP regarding the Ed Bouton Golf Outing on September 18th. Tee sponsors, golfers, auction prizes and dinner reservations all needed.

From President George: The monthly evening club meeting is TONIGHT at Noonan's at 6:00 p.m.

Queen of Hearts:

\$300 in the pot – Ticket pulled was from Kate R.s table but Gene E. pulled the King of Clubs.

Happy Bucks:

Many for Chris K.'s birthday, return of Gene E. and Sandy C. and good luck bucks to Frank N. with his open-heart surgery tomorrow (8-15) at Valley Hospital. Ryan O. is happy to have his new class of freshmen and new students arrive at Dominican College on Friday and returning students arrive on Sunday. Frank R. was thrilled to visit Gettysburg and says the diorama in the Visitor Center is a must-see. Vinnie A. is happy to be done with his surgical boot after three long months. Mason Powell is happy to be having lunch with his mom and Mom is happy to have Mason with us at the club. Chris K. reminded us that he shares a birthday with three of our club's legends – George Bergerman, Jake Wexler, and Ed Bouton. Gene E. thanked all for the cards and calls and asked Dr. Tony, veterinarian, for a letter allowing him to drive and to drink (not at the same time, though). Marty E. is happy to have her husband back home and that their grandson entered the Air Force last week. Jim M. is happy about their upcoming six-week road trip during which they will celebrate Peg's birthday and their 43rd anniversary.

Program:

Michelle D. sponsored our speaker, Susan Wilmink of Keep Rockland Beautiful.

Susan gave us an overview of what has happened at Keep Rockland Beautiful since her visit to our club last year. She proudly exhibited one of the new grabbers they've acquired through sponsorships from a number of Rotary Clubs in Rockland County, as imprinted on the grabbers. The Great American Cleanup this spring grew from 14 locations last year to 20 this year and included just under 3500 volunteers. A total of 239 shopping carts were recovered through the Shopping Cart Rescue program with 229 of them being restored and returned to their respective stores. The other ten went to Teplitz for scrap recycling. KRB is now working on the Fall Waterways Cleanup and getting ready for the educational programs they run in the schools – EarthBeat for grades kindergarten through eight and Rockland Plus for high schools. Sponsors are needed. They will also hold their annual gala on November 1st. Stop and Shop is this year's business awardee, Tappan's Walk of Heroes is the Adopt-a-Spot honoree and Janet Fenton, former teacher at Franklin Avenue School in Pearl River, is the educator honoree. Journal ads are available. See Michelle. Lastly, KRB has crews of volunteers available to help support related community projects. Contact them to arrange.

Four Way Test

Expertly lead by Raj.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy C.