



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 252, Pearl River, NY 10965  
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## **George Westphal – President – 2014-2015** **LIGHT UP ROTARY**

### Rotary Club of Pearl River

Meeting: Thursday August 28, 2014 Joe & Joe's Restaurant

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Of  
Pearl River

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Meeting was opened by President George @ 12:19, after a little chaos, (All members just happy to see everyone attending, fellowship was starting early, but our President put things in hand with a bang of the gavel @ 12:19)

**Pledge:** Bob Bergman (Everyone turned every which way to find the nearest flag) including the one I had on my lapel, however the club recovered from saluting the firehouse across the street which had the nearest flag, Bob Simon finally found the Stars & Stripes to post it at the podium. The American Flag and its meaning of freedom is more important than ever throughout the world in these troubled times.

**Prayer:** Hans Kohl led us in a prayer that reflected on the life. These are some of reflections that we should consider when dealing with life's issues.

- We do get smarter as we grow older through experience.
- Do not compare your life to others, because we are all special.
- Be eccentric now do not wait until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter or the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning.
- The next 5 years are critical in our lives so enjoy!
- Forgive those who you can, so you do not dwell on the situation.
- Think of yourself now, not of what you could be in the future.
- Do not be too serious about all things; just concentrate on the important issues.
- Yes, miracles do occur.
- Yield to the better things in life, family, health and spiritual guidance.
- Life is a Gift at all times, even when things seem to be the darkest.

Thank You Hans for the upbeat prayer to our humbly assembled Rotary Club.

**Guests:** Ms. Barbara Snider guest of



Hans Kohl and  
Mr. Jay  
Flaherty guest  
of Robert  
Magrino



**Birthdays:** Hans Kohl on 8/28, along with Brian Quinn. Clyde Taylor on 9/03, Note: Hans & Brian were present so the Club had a lovely duet of Happy Birthday to all.

**Anniversaries:** Tom & Joan Bertussi (a great couple)

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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?

**Queen of Hearts:** Andy Marchfeld substituted for Dr Edward Fisher. Andy stumbled his way across the room in his shorts to have someone pick the 1<sup>st</sup> round ticket number for the drawing. This table included the birthday boy Brian along with: Kate, Bob S., Laurie, & Doreen. This group won the pick and with the luck of the draw!! Voilà, Brian picked the Queen of Hearts! So when our Dr. Edward returns, the club will have to start with a new deck of cards! **Andrew** (despite the x#!^? legs) was an excellent fill in for the DR. (Keeper and orchestrator of the Queen of Hearts).



**Announcements: By Presidential Order:**

1<sup>st</sup>. Jim Shepard-- aka (JES Sr.)—reported on the Ed Bouton Scholarship Golf Outing and gave special attention to the "California blue" Golf Shirt all participants will receive with the Rotary Logo. This was displayed & modeled by Jim Trojan who along with JES Sr. and the rest of the Golf Committee has organized all facets of the event. Please contact the committee for Sponsorship possibilities, Auction Items and for any participation in this fun day of activities. Separate Dinner Tickets are also available for the entertaining auction and evening festivities for the major fund raiser toward those Rotary Scholarships.

20 Scholarships of \$2,000 were awarded in 2014 to the deserving Pearl River residing students under very celebratory conditions, a by- product of this event and the Scholarship/Trustee Committees.

**Note:** Sept. 02<sup>nd</sup> --Golf Committee meeting @ 6:30pm --- Louie's on the Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

Sept. 08<sup>th</sup> – Golf Committee meeting @ 6:30pm--- Louie's on the Avenue, **Final Meeting before Event\***

**Special Note:** Sept 09<sup>th</sup>-- Fellowship Get Together @ 6pm --- Louie's on the Avenue

**Membership Committee:** Laurie Craig announced the fact that new member interviews were going well and all members would be receiving from the Board of Directors the newest 2 recommendations rather soon for the approval of the club.

**Extra Information:** Club Member: Ms. Barbara Kohlhausen is retiring as the Executive Director of the Meals on Wheels Program which has been very special to our Rotary Club and all clubs, along with all of the residents in Rockland County.

**Happy Bucks:** Happy Birthday Dollars, Happy to be here Bucks, many pesos for all the special injury recoveries, Bucks for the coming Holiday Weekend, and Prayer Dollars for our Armed Services.

**The Program:** Brought to us by Rob Magrino, Mr. Jay Flaherty from Division 30, in the New York Field Division, from the Drug Enforcement Administration under the Department of Justice.

Mr. Flaherty spoke to the club on the latest epidemic of addiction to prescription drugs and the reemergence of the use of heroin as a growing problem of drug addiction. The local youth are now always taught to be aware of possible drug presence in their neighborhoods. In addition to the youth awareness, the parents should especially be advised to watch for the potential warning signs of addiction. Parents need to be vigilant regarding their children in noticing mood swings, depression, and attitude changes which can be the 1<sup>st</sup> signs of substance abuse. Medicine cabinet prescription pain pills and its over- use can lead to an intensive even accidental drug addiction.

A common pain prescription medicine called oxycodone, which itself outside of a doctors' prescription is very expensive on the Black underground Market. That particular drug choice being expensive has produced the rebirth of heroin, which has become the drug of choice because it is inexpensive cost factor. The primary use of the pill oxycodone form is to crush it and snort the residue compared to the longer activating full pill form. The cheaper cost of new heroin is \$6.00 per bag that produces 15 hits with the drug being purer than ever before





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producing a bigger more immediate high. The DEA is working with all local and state levels to curb, stop and if necessary prosecute those responsible for allowing this illegal drug use. Mr. Flaherty having lived in the county his whole life has especially made every effort to support any program or policing opportunity to save our youth from this devastating drug use. We all must thank Jay and his fellow officer's for making the special effort to save not only the addictive person from this intensive drug use but also the families, friends, employers and in general the whole society from this scourge on humanity.

Thank You: Rob Magrino & Jay Flaherty for the informative and fantastic program. This additional comment is not meant for disrespect for his very talented former **Yankee Team Player** brother **John Flaherty**, but Let's Go Mets! Maybe they can meet the Yanks someday in the series! It would take a lot of special prayers for that series to happen, which could be greater than the NY MET'S miracle of 1969!

4 way Test – To Brian (Mr. Lucky) Quinn

Bulletin Editor: Jimmy Stewart PGA or (JES Jr.)

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