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## <u>Doreen Buonadonna – President – 2017-2018</u> Rotary: Making A Difference

The Rotary Club of Pearl River Weekly Meeting Bulletin for Thursday September 14, 2017

Pledge: President-Elect Mike

Invocation: Lenny "Be Who You Are"

Guests: Both Rotary Anns-Wendy Williams and Karen Kormusis, our speaker.

**Birthdays**: Jennifer Flynn and Peg Murphy

Anniversaries: Peg and Jim Murphy. Peg's anniversary is on her birthday!

## Announcements:

10/5- Midnight Run collections for runs scheduled for 10/9 & 11/8. See Ray. 10/7- <u>Pearl River Day</u> We need volunteers to man/woman the booth, dress as Mickey and Minnie or serve as character guides. The Chamber of Commerce is thrilled that we will be

featuring Disney Characters and are sure the kids will be enthralled. We thank Amy Acer for what the Chamber termed "a brilliant idea". The character job is tiring so we will need multiple volunteers for to work shifts during the day. 10/12- Club meeting will be at Dominican College, don't show up at Aqua Terra, it will be lonely. We will be hosted by the Dominican Rotaract Club, sponsored by PR Rotary. 10/22- (Sun)- Club Guest Bartender fundraiser and membership drive at <u>Growler and Gill</u> in Nanuet, 3-7pm bring your friends and



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?

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prospective new Rotarians, look for Mike Seidenfrau's email flyer with details. Mike says the food is a good (a nice step above "bar food").

10/26- District Gov's visit. OK, the DG visit is 2 days after <u>World Polio Day</u> so the DG may be busy and need to reschedule as ending Polio in the world is his #1 priority. He asks that instead of our usual gifts, we donate money for Rotary Polio eradication. What the DG doesn't realize is that our gifts are intentionally useless and silly (except for Ben's gifts from his jewelry store) and of little to no monetary value. Our wise and esteemed Board of Directors will figure out how to handle this.

10/29- Shining Star Masquerade by Meals on Wheels honoring all Rockland County Rotary Clubs.

11/1- (Wed). <u>Shining Star Breakfast</u> Free breakfast at NY Country Club for Rockland Mental Health Assn. This will be a very interesting meeting as every speaker will be either in recovery or already recovered from alcohol or substance abuse.

12/7- Share Christmas & the Holidays ARC Home visit- characters, float, costumes and sing-a-long.

12/8- Share Christmas & the Holidays in Braunsdorf Park- this is the main event with two floats, Santa & Mrs. Claus, Pearl River High Student Chorus and Jazz Ensemble, refreshments. A big event that requires everyone in the club to volunteer along with PRHS students and others.

ShelterBox- We received a generous and anonymous donation of \$1,000 for a Shelterbox to help victims of the two recent devastating hurricanes. <u>ShelterBox USA</u>

Jokes or Quotes?- Jim Shepard chose a goodie from Doreen's joke can.

Queen of Hearts: Eddie Fisher is back with his new pacemaker good for another 1 million miles so we drew for last week, when he was out, and this week. Kathy Fidlow got to pick both times but no luck. Maybe three will be a charm so sit at Kathy's table next week and see if she will be our new Barbara Kohlhausen as the Queen of the Queen of Hearts.





only 170,000 miles on it is no more thanks to a 60-foot spruce and high winds. Fortunately, it was parked in the driveway so neither Ed nor Suzanne were hurt. Doug's youngest daughter turned 12 today so "next year I'll have 3 teenagers" Doug lamented. Chris and Karen proudly announced the engagement of their son.

Happy Bucks: Eddie Reynolds was our emcee and bagman. Eddie Fisher's sons phoned home reporting they were safe from the hurricanes. Mike and Carissa will be doing their best to enjoy Aruba despite traveling with two teen daughters. Can't

wait to hear the report back in 2 weeks. Kathy ran into a long-lost cousin at Columbia Presbyterian only to find that both their daughters were in the same class at school. Ed Grant's faithful Saab with





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Program: Karen Kormusis- Evans Park Tigers Makerspace- On her own, (with help of



some 4<sup>th</sup> graders) Karen, teaching assistant and wife of Chris, Karen brought an amazing hi-tech hands on computer programming and robotics program into Evans Park Elementary School. <u>Makerspace</u> uses both high tech and "no tech" activities to



teach children coding, robotics, and cooperation in a fun environment starting in kindergarten. Volunteers with woodworking, engineering, and mechanical skills are needed (does that shout out George Westphal and Bob Craig?) Great program but did anyone else feel dumb when we saw kindergarteners programming computers and robots?

Four Way Test: Nancy B.



Next Weeks' Program- Raj "Be Yourself"

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