

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

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James F. Murphy – President – 2013-2014 ENGAGE ROTARY - - CHANGE LIVES

Pearl River Rotary Club Meeting Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York Date: September 26, 2013

I Never Really Realized Until I Took the Time to Reflect

Since there was no bulletin last week due to the Golf Outing, I am taking the liberty to try to understand the loss that we all have suffered.

At our last meeting I mentioned that we should all reflect upon Jeffrey's "DASH". I did just that. I chose to reflect on all that he was. I chose to reflect upon his love and respect for all who were blessed to be touched by him. I chose to reflect upon his kindness, his giving, his caring, his compassion, his sense of humor and upon his strength.

Jeffrey left an indelible mark on me, and for this I am most grateful. I truly feel honored and lucky to be a small part of Jeffrey's world. Rest in peace my friend, rest in peace, Ed Fisher

Pledge: Bob Simon Invocation: President Jim - - With Love and Dignity

On Sunday...One of our members was walking back from Jeffrey's coffin . . Her face was stricken with the shock that is was, still unbelievably, his coffin . . And she simply said, "What are we going to do?"

Indeed Jeffery has been our brilliant, sometimes quirky, but always incredibly committed leader and often our conscience, for a very long time. Who is going to tell us, now, what we need to do?

Not likely any single person in this room, at least until another Ed Buller or Ed Bouton or Gus Pappas or Jeffrey Keahon arises.

Our teacher has, sadly, left the building. We're on our own. To figure out what we need to do...And to do it with the same affection and respect for one another that Jeffrey had for each of us, individually...and collectively as his beloved Rotary Club of Pearl River.

Somehow we must manage...And we will...with great seriousness when needed ...with humor and laughter when needed...and always with affection for one another.

Or else we will squander the inheritance Jeffrey and others left us. May we have the wisdom and strength to preserve and expand his legacy.

AMEN

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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Ex Officio PDG Jeffrey Keahon THIS WAS OUR LAST MEETING AT THE GREENHOUSE AS THEY WILL BE CLOSING THEIR DOORS FOREVER –WE WILL MISS OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS

REMEMBER OUR NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 3RD WILL BE AT AQUA TERRA – JUST UP THE ROAD FROM OUR GREENHOUSE

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Gerry Schroeder; Danny Sullivan (our speaker) guest of Larry V.

Birthdays: (2 weeks worth) 9/25-Rick; 9/26-Nancy; 9/27-Cesar; 9/30-Frank N.; 10/3-Gene and Toni.

Anniversaries: 9/21 – Bob and Jennifer Zuppe; 9/29-Jaya and Anjan

Announcements: Greenhouse is closing; We will try to find a new HOME; Nancy has raffle tickets (from Marine Corps League) for Westchester Dinner Theater;

Queen of Hearts: Gerry Schroeder picked ticket number 149- and birthday girl Nancy picked the seven of hearts - - and the pool continues to grow. (I cannot tell you how much as it all depends upon my dinner plans for the weekend)

Happy Bucks: Collected by birthday girl Nancy (what do you think????--is she trying for a second term as President?); lots and lots of Jeffrey bucks; and lots and lots of Angela bucks; and lots and lots of Greenhouse bucks (by the way – the happy bucks went to the wonderful Greenhouse staff); anniversary and birthday bucks; golf outing bucks; Marks wonderful daughter Lauren turned 21 – can you believe that?; Mr. Legs contest with Andy and John representing our Club; and just a whole lot of nice stuff talked about.

Program: Larry V. introduced Danny Sullivan – Danny talked about the "KJ" walk and run and the "duoatholon" to raise money for research into HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE; KJ is for Kara Jean Fleming – a wonderful



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young lady who graduated from PRHS and is wheel chair bound by this disease – money goes to help the family and for the finding of a cure. The race is on Sunday Morning, October 13th - volunteers are needed. It is time for the Club to get involved.



Four Way Test: Bob Simon closed the meeting

Good Bye Greenhouse - -you will be missed