



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 824, Pearl River, NY 10965  
District 7210 - Region 8 - Zone 32 - Club #4982 – Charter Date December 12, 1935

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Rotary Meeting

Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York

Date: February 21<sup>st</sup> 2013

Pledge: Andy Marchfeld

Invocation: President John gave a very moving prayer for a long time friend Michael, no longer suffering, but now at peace in a better place.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests- No visiting Rotarians but our very special guest was Nicole Buonadonna.

Birthdays and Anniversaries? Not one. "Must be a dry spell" explained Secretary Dorothy.

**Happy Bucks & Announcements**  
(by Chris Smith)

- Jeffrey Reports that Nyack Rotary, sponsor of our Club, will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 2/28 at the River Club, festivities start at 5:30pm. Hi-Tor Animal Shelter is hosting a fundraiser and needs cute pet photos. Get them to Jeffrey.

Eddie Fisher is again diving into the frigid waters of the Hudson for the Penguin Plunge fundraiser ("you won't catch me doing that" chimed in Hudson river swimmer Sandy). Eddie is matching all club donations at twenty-five cents on the dollar (March 3<sup>rd</sup> 12-2 pm, Memorial Park, 3 Piermont Ave., Nyack).

Doreen sends her thanks for all the love, care, and concern from our members and John drew a big "aaawwww" from the crowd with his "I'm so happy she's my wife" follow-up comment (see special note at the end).

Hanns thanked Joe Beckerle for his professional skill setting up press releases including those for the Coaster Car Derby/Soap Box Race, scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Frank Perri's sister celebrates her 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Friday (yes we have members with 22yr old sisters!).

Dorothy praised the greatly upgraded Emergency Room facilities at Good Sam which opened on Valentine's Day, not that we hope you ever need them. Gene remarked that Marty wants to join Doreen at the Park Ridge Regency Plaza after John explained how nice it is. Is there another way to get in besides breaking a hip? The Regency is 120 Noyes Drive, Park Ridge, NJ- right off of Grand Avenue, ½ mile east of the Montvale train station on the left. Jonathan Bellush is questioning the wisdom of his new short haircut, just in time for the cold snap.

Jay, in a fierce battle with the sniffles, asked Frieda how many cold pills to take. After verifying the life insurance policy was paid up "Twelve!" she replied. Jeffrey circulated a photo of a large unmarked section of stone wall outside a building at Letchworth. No one could guess but it is a section of the Berlin wall, now owned by the village of Stony Point, desperately in need of signage and some TLC to commemorate this historic piece of history.

Jonathan gave us a Pfizer update. "Protein Sciences" has taken over 2 of the buildings. Previously using a lengthy process requiring chicken eggs, they are producing flu vaccine via a speedy, efficient, cell based, genetic engineering method. Five or six buildings are still empty but the new firm moved here primarily to snatch up skilled, trained, former Pfizer employees and we hope this is just the start.

Town of Orangetown Breaking News- (OK not exactly breaking news but President John asked "what's going on with the town lately"? Rob Magrino, our deputy Town Attorney told us that new ratable businesses are moving to town, settling near the Verizon corporate offices and Ramland Road in Orangeburg. These are data centers were attracted by a new power substation, necessary to support such operations.

Ann Taylor gave us an update on those we have sponsored from other countries. Former exchange student Henrick manages some of 6-7 Home Depot style stores that his dad owns in Sweden. Stina (remember Henrick's knock-out girlfriend? Answer is yes) is now an MD, married to an MD, with a new baby girl. Our own Gift of Life recipient Alex, now age 5, tall for his age, lives with his mom and extended family in San Jose. Alex is fluent in English, attends pre-school, and has a new baby sister. His dad is working on getting US residency.

Bob reports that the Craigs have RV trip plans starting in March to Florida for the East Zone rally and then to Mount Rushmore in June.

Frank Neeson visited the WTC Memorial noting the honors bestowed upon the first responding fire companies including the one his father belonged to. Frank was able to bring in his group without advance reservations by showing his military ID card. Frank encourages everyone to put such a visit on their agendas.



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Born on Valentine's Day, Larry plans to celebrate next week on the beach at Turks and Caicos. Next you'll find him on the golf course in the Dominican Republic. Some guys have it rough.



Queen of Hearts - 4,000 pennies in the pot. Raj picked the 3 ♠

**Program: Club Meeting Committee Reports-**

Scholarship Selection Committee- Frank Ripa advises that scholarship applications will be available next week, in paper, or right on our website ([rotaryclubofpearlriver.org](http://rotaryclubofpearlriver.org)).

Bulletin- Mark will attempt to mail out, or hand deliver at meetings, weekly bulletins for those without email. Please advise if you know anyone who wants the bulletin but is not receiving it.

Membership- Jeffrey reports 11 new members were added in the past 12 months, 6 for this Rotary year (starting 7/1/13) bringing us up to 74. Great work but it can never let up if we want to keep the club vibrant as it is today.



Fundraising- Larry says we are right on target with \$3,000 from the weekly football pool, \$5,000 from Superbowl with the annual Kentucky Derby scheduled for May.

Bulletin Board- Kate Raffa, taking over for Ronnie Becklerle, is keeping the electronic board up to date and has streamlined the process. Now the community can directly email: [PRrotaryBB@gmail.com](mailto:PRrotaryBB@gmail.com) with their posting requests and get an automatic confirmation right away!

Information Committee- Hanns reports the committee is up to date with all new member indoctrinations completed.

- *Note to all committee chairs, if you did not give a report, President John asks you to have one ready for next week to keep the members up to date on all our activities.*

Special from President JohnI, featured with "First Daughter" Nicole:



"I have a message from Doreen. She wants to thank all of you again for the calls and flowers. It has given her the strength

to make unbelievable progress. Her physical therapist and doctor can't believe how far she has gotten. The first day of physical therapy she called me during the day to ask me to drop off bicycle gloves. I couldn't figure out why as she still couldn't walk (let alone ride a bike). I found out when she showed me the blisters she had gotten from working out so hard. She is determined to get better as soon as she can. I have to give her a lot of credit. She is one amazing woman and I'm so glad that she is my wife."

*Bulletin Editor- Mark G*