



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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**CAROL McGRATH - President - 2011-2012**  
**"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"**

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Rotary Meeting  
Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York  
Date: January 19<sup>th</sup> 2012

Pledge: Ed Reynolds

Invocation: Jim Shepard

Visiting Rotarians: PDG  
Bunnee is an honorary member  
but still always gets special  
recognition when she visits us.



Guests: Ben hosted  
Brian Doyle, John  
Slattery (our Program  
speaker), and Gloria  
Parasophocles. Jonathan  
Levitt was the guest of  
PDG Jeffrey.

**Birthdays:** Steve (big 6-Oh No), Ann Nulty, Cathy Brennan, Nancy Landgren. Steve sang the birthday song saying "I'm no American Idol", "You're going home!" chimed in President Carol.

**Announcements:** Re-gifting Party- Playing to a packed Green House last night, M.C. Jeffrey dazzled the crowd with wit and humor assisted by Big Jimmy, Kathy, and Barbara K- our own Vanna Whites. Aside from fun, \$4,000 was raised to fight Polio with another \$450 on its way from PDG and Honorary member Carloe Tjoa. If you missed it you can still donate, contact Bunnee, Jeffrey, or Ms. Prez. Prayerful bucks for Dorothy who broke her ankle in 3

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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?

places slipping on black ice. She's recuperating at Helen Hayes. Bruce Bond is doing well and shortly will be released from Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville.

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>- Community Service meeting- 6pm Kwan Thai on Central Ave.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>- Prez Carol with travel to Beacon so Barbara Kohlhausen can be featured on Radio Rotary- advance warning for the faint of heart, Prez-Elect John Buonadonna will preside over the club meeting. You don't want to miss this.

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>- Rotary International Night sponsored by North Rockland Rotary. Each club will present their 2011-2012 projects. See Carol if you would like to attend (\$20 @ Ocean Empire).

Super Bowl Fundraising Pool- Bigger and better than ever with even more chances to win. \$100/box see Ray Coyle. This is how we fund our Community and International Service projects. To wit:

Little Alex and Myrlene will arrive at Ann & Clyde Taylor's for his medical treatments. Free airfare was arranged, Ann & Clyde are again opening their home, and our Club will help out with the costs of treatment. Alex is now 4 years old.



**Rotary Challenge:** How did Polio-Plus, the effort to eradicate Polio from the planet, get its start? Jim Trojan knew lots about Polio-Plus but not the answer. It started as a small 3-H Grant in 1978 in the Philippines. Jeffrey reports that for the first time in 2010, there was not a single case reported in India. The last countries in the battle are Pakistan and Nigeria. 20 years ago there were 1,000 new cases of polio a day, now there are fewer than 1,000 a year.



**Queen of Hearts:** The "Ladies Table" got the number right but not the card so next week's pot grows to \$380.

**Happy Bucks:** Many dollars flew in for the birthdays and even more for the successful Re-Gifting party. Jay's daughter-in-law is still hanging tough with 13 weeks in the hospital

with a difficult pregnancy. PDG Bunnee, serving as Polio-Plus organizer for the District pointed out that the Re-Gifting money from last night ensures that 8,000 children will never face the scourge of Polio. She remembers in the 50's that parents were afraid to send their children to the beach, swimming pools, birthday parties, and other activities fearing this disease. Sandy and Doreen both learned the dangers of going on a trip and leaving a spouse or daughter to "watch the house".

Sad bucks for the loss of Kate's mom and Jim Trojan's dad (age 96) last week. Despite having a tough recovery from surgery, Jim Stewart made it to the club



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meeting. Good to see you Jim. President Carol reminded us that birthday boy Steve sponsored her for membership. You know how to pick 'em Steve.

Program: Ben brought us John Slattery whose program was "The Power to Tax is the Power to Destroy" John spoke of taxes, budgets, revenue, and spending. He began at the Federal level, then worked down through, State, County, Town taxes and spending. John directed us to an interesting non-partisan site: [www.seethroughny.net](http://www.seethroughny.net) where you can look up public employee pensions, salaries, legislator member items (Pork Barrel) and a wealth of other information. Thanks Ben and John for a very interesting, thought provoking talk.

Four Way Test: Ben

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