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The Rotary Club of Pearl River --- Notice of Postponed Meeting, which was to be held at the Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York

Date: January 10th, 2013

Pledge: Invocation: Visiting Rotarians: Guests:

Birthdays: Anniversaries: Announcements: Queen of Hearts:

Happy Bucks: Program: Four Way Test: **"Postponed"**

Special Commentary: To the Rotary Club of Pearl River who along with all Rotarians who serve our Community, our State, our Nation and the entire World.

I am using this vacated Rotary meeting and Bulletin schedule to reflect on my long time experiences with the Rotary Club of Pearl River. I express these views having known some of our present Rotary Club Members for a time period of over (4) decades. This is a statement that I feel needs to be said to the entire membership to express a view that has been evident among this diverse group. This dedicated group of highly respected individuals **"The Rotary Club of Pearl River"** has been acting as a unified force to better the local Community, the Country and the entire World.

Sometimes it takes the loss of a beloved Member, to reflect on all of the **relationships** that have passed and will be missing among the club atmosphere. We all understand these losses and hopefully understand the way to handle the pain is to remember the good times. **For it is a fact**, that we all believe there is a better place that exists and sometime in the future we will rejoin our friends and loved ones. The pain of that loss is overwhelming and sometimes unbearable as we try to make sense over the void created by the loss of a friend or family member.

The Rotary Club of Pearl River has endured the losses of many very special Rotary Members over the years, which have made **essential contributions** to the well being of our Club and community.

Each year there is a possibility of the continuing loss of a loved one and that fact will create a huge void by their missing enthusiasm, charm, wit, and outgoing personality. All Rotarians that I have known have had a driven intensity along with a sense of tireless dedication by which they have performed their duties and governed their entire lives.

By the loss of all of these outstanding individuals, finally, I have found **my answer** to the **Secret Success** of the Pearl River Rotary. The Rotary Club of Pearl River has always been **so successful** because all the members have been a true **“Extension of Family.”** Personally, I have learned more about **personal responsibility, commitment to service** and **serving our community**, through all my relationships with Rotarians as stated above for a period of more than **40 years**.

The times that are always remembered are all the Rotary Club’s Members gathered to entertain, serve and better the community. The idea to have convinced me to dress as **“Winnie the Pooh”** for 15 straight years for the **“Share Christmas and the Holiday’s”** is definitely qualifications for the entertaining part of the statement.

It is always a privilege to serve with all the dedicated Rotarians that conducted these community affairs. To have served among the people with whom I **“Admired and Idolized”** is a dream that came true.

Every day that passes in life, I shake my head look at the faces that make up and attend the meetings/events to **“Thank God” for the great opportunity to know these individuals** in addition, to be able to call them my Rotary family.

This my personal opinion/statement that needed to be said, because I do not want one **additional moment to pass by** without giving my **heartfelt opinion** to the **respect and love** that I have for the Rotary Club of Pearl River along with all of its extended family members. If I have a legacy to leave and be known for, let it be that I gave 120% to the local community, and for the love and admiration for the Rotary Club of Pearl River.

“The Rotary friendship and respect I have had from all of its current and past members were always so instrumental in having a positive effect on my life”.

To all the Members of the Rotary Club of Pearl River and their family members, “Thank You” from the bottom of my heart for the guidance, experience, patience, friendship and caring that is so evident every day of our lives.

These are the wonderful memories that are always with us and will never be forgotten! These memories and experiences are the beacons of light that leads the way through our future life responsibilities.

Thank You! For all the past and current memories!