



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 252, Pearl River, NY 10965
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Rotary Meeting
Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York
Date: June 7th 2012

Pledge: Tony Stenzler

Invocation: Eddie



Visiting Rotarians: none to be found

Guests: Chris Smith, guest of the club, Bob Zuppe, guest of Larry the younger who wasn't there but Ed Grant's table made him welcome. Tyler Bellhouse, guest of his dad Peter.

Birthdays: Bonnie and Eddie Fisher

Anniversaries: Frieda and Jay, Eileen and Tony, Elaine and Art A.

Announcements: Eddie will presenting his Rotoplast Program at the District Conference featuring his latest trip to Honduras. You make us proud to be Rotarians Ed. Well wishes for Dorothy who is still having trouble with her ankle. Bruce Bond is being honored by the Rockland School Boards Association. Scholarship Awards are tonight at the PR Library.



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Tues. June 12th- Pres. Carol's last Board Meeting at her house

Wed. June 13th- Ray Hayes Golf outing. Contact Gibby. \$100 golf and dinner, \$50 dinner @ Louies OT Ave. 6pm for cocktails.

6/24- Start of RYLA- We are sponsoring 2 students for this super program and hope to have them back to tell us about it.

6/30- Pres.Elect John's Installation. Please RSVP and send in your checks. Biker or Country garb is all the rage for this one.

EREY- Make checks payable to Rotary Foundation and send to Jeffrey at PO Box 1, Pearl River. \$6,130 raised so far. Art A. received a gift he could not accept to maintain journalistic neutrality so a \$100 gift card to Pasta Cucina in Airmont was auctioned off, proceeds to go to the George Bergerman Fund. Bidding was fierce but Jeffrey was the winner at only \$200. That's what we do in this crazy club if the cause is right. BTW, this fund was founded by Albertus HS junior Allison Benoit, niece of Nancy and George Bergerman (past PR Rotarian and Supreme Court Justice), to help restore funds for youth programs deleted from the Orangetown budget this year. Please check out her letter in Our Town this week for more. Quite a young woman and we are proud to support her and suspect Past President Nancy is at least part of the inspiration or at least supplied good genes (maybe both). I suspect we will be hearing many more great things about Allison as she grows to adulthood. Friday the Franklin Ave Playground Restoration Committee held an event to get into the Guinness Book of World Records with the longest Ice Cream Sundae of all time. The past record was 164 feet, FAPR is going for 350 feet.



Queen of Hearts: Bonnie picked for Carl (not here) 4 ♥, then Andy selected the 6 of ♦

Happy Bucks: Lots of bucks to have Ed Reynolds back from his second round of heart surgery, Frank Neeson back as he hand mends, and Roger visiting to see us while he makes an important appearance at the Scholarship Awards program. Roger and Bob Bergman celebrated their class of 1962 scholarship presentation now in it's 23rd year not to mention the class 50th



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reunion. Brian Quinn convinced his three sons to join wife and family for their niece's wedding in Phoenix. Yes dry says Brian, but also very hot. Jessie Cokeley continues to make Sandy proud by earning his Professional Engineer designation. Jeffrey is on to his 6th good report card after his last MRI. Red squirrels scurried out as Ed, Suzanne, and Russell moved in to the cabin in Maine. I suspect the reverse will be true in the fall when those squirrels boot the Grant family out. Never say die, Jay tried a joke again provoking the usual groans. To his credit, I do believe Jay did have a funny one during Carol's reign, or was that the year before? Brian Doyle's daughter starred in her first grade play. Don't our newer members make us all smile and remember when ours were in first grade? Thanks to Jim Murphy for filling in for George Westphal as secretary while he recovers, we hope to have him back to harass as soon as possible. Frank & Maureen's granddaughter Meaghan Flood, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Middlebury College with degrees in Chinese and American/English Literature. Meaghan has a job already in Portland with Beacon Corporation where she gets a chance to use her proficiency in the Mandarin language. If you meet some rough characters you may be well advised to have lovely Linda Acocella Shields, former scholar athlete, at your side. Vin's daughter recently earned her black belt in karate. If I'm not mistaken, Tony Stenzler is a black belt as well so don't tick him off with remarks about the "Bad Table". Frank Ripa went to visit Jo at Helen Hayes only to find that the volunteer keyboard player, entertaining the troops, was none other than Arthur Aldridge. Were there puns in between songs or did he spare the patients? Hanns attended his granddaughter's pre-school graduation. Hann's you better have photos. Some how, I bet you do.



Program: Soap Box Derby

John reported on what went well, almost everything, and what we can improve upon. Everything was fantastic and our move from severing affiliation with the Akron national organization, good people to be sure, has worked out so well. Costs are down, we actually

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raise money for Wounded Warriors, and we can change the rules to benefit the racers when needed, without having to worry that it will void their credits to race in Akron. Perhaps the best past would be the buddy car races. We ran 11 developmentally disabled kids down the hill, all received medals, and all had the absolute times of their lives. Each had a partner driver. Tough guy John Buonadonna had a tear in his eye describing sharing a car with one of these very grateful kids. Days later, I spoke with her father and learned it was such a wonderful experience in her life. In fact, there was a lottery as many other disabled kids wanted to race. Perhaps we can expand that in the future. Johnny B suggested moving this part of the race to the middle to ensure more spectators. Great idea. The meeting was then opened up for other ideas to improve the race. Jim Murphy captured it all with "the race is great, memorable for each child, we can fine tune it, sure, but we make a difference and let's hear it for John". The club broke out into universal applause. (Super photos from Hanns) Here are some amateur ones from me <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pr81SuD3nUA>

Next Week's Program- Rumor is we may bring in a new member and we have a candidate for small funding from our club for an International Service Project. Patricia Dempierre, a classmate of Mark Griffith III from Spring Valley High School is completing her teaching degree in NY. During the summer she teaches at an outdoor school camp that miraculously is right where our gift of life child Alexendre lives. Patricia needs about \$1,000 US for inexpensive tables and chairs (best to purchase locally, rather than ship for economy) for the school. We have not yet decided on funding so Patricia will be making her case for us to decide.



Patty is the one smiling on the far left in the back. Well I guess everyone is smiling. Nice teacher?

Four Way Test: Andy

Editor- Mark G

PS- We would like to add a couple of bulletin editors. Stefan Munno has joined, thanks Stefan. You would write about every 5 or 6 weeks, so maybe 6 or seven bulletins a year. You don't need to follow this format, don't need photos. Heck, you can, and we'd even enjoy as a change, a hand written bulletin on notebook paper. To make it easy, I'll send you a template and you can just fill in the blanks. You fax, email, drop off, or mail to me, and I'll get it out . New members, don't be shy, give it a try. Seasoned Rotarians, we want you too. Mark Griffith, next year's bulletin chair. Email nyearthman1@gmail.com