



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

March Fifteenth 2012



Left to right- Tim O'Neil, Paul Valentine, Kevin Nulty, Vince Tyer, Ray Sheridan Jr.

Pledge: Jim Murphy

Invocation: Raj

Visiting Rotarians: Region 8 Assistant District Governor Jim Damiani

Guests: Kevin Nulty hosted all our guests: this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall Ray Sheridan, past Grand Marshall Tim O'Neil, AOH President Vince Tyer, and Town Councilman Paul Valentine.

Birthdays: Nancy Bellush

Anniversaries: Kathy & Jim Shepard

Announcements: President Carol is very happy that we have completed some long awaited projects including the "Welcome to Pearl River" sign on Rt 304. The idea came from Vin Acocella, refurbished by George

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Westphal, and installed by almost Mr. President John Buonadonna. We received a thank you letter from Richard Mills, Commanding General of the Marine Corps for our donation of \$2,500 to the Wounded Warrior Regiment. Funds were raised from last year's Soap Box Race. In addition to being an unaffiliated "Fun Race", we were able to keep expenses down and have funds left over for this very worthy cause.

3/18- Historical Society Dinner honoring Marty & Gene Erickson.

3/24- Casino night at the K of C on Erie St. to raise money for the Franklin Ave. playground restoration.

3/29- 5th Thursday of the month so it will be a 6:30pm evening meeting with Dominican College Rotaract students attending and presenting us with funds they raised for Polio-Plus. We are very proud to have sponsored such a great group of young people renowned for their "midnight runs" into NYC with food and clothing for the homeless and other projects.

3/29- YMCA dinner honoring Jeffrey for his many years of service to that organization.

3/31- Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame Dinner inducting Sandy and Frank Auriamma.

4/18- Wednesday Evening Wine Tasting fellowship event at Pete's Kwan Thai Restaurant on Central Ave.

5/5- Fishing Contest- we need volunteers around the lake to hand out prize tickets, even if you can only spare a couple of hours. Rain date is 5/12.

5/5- Kentucky Derby Fellowship/Fundraiser- At Noonan's after the Fishing Contest.

6/3- Pearl River Soap Box Race. Rain date is 6/10. Job assignments were made at the last meeting. Bob Craig has accepted the job of registration and collecting money.

6/7- Pearl River Rotary Scholarship Awards Ceremony- PR Library. Applications will be on the Club website very soon.

6/8 & 6/9- The Conference on the Hudson- District Conference.

Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center. Go to the District Website for registration. www.clubrunner.ca/7210 or link from our site: www.rotaryclubofpearlriver.org If you don't know your username or password, like me, contact Carol.

6/30- Country/Harley Davidson Casual/Fun Themed Installation of John Buonadonna at the Park Ridge Elks, 13 Sulak Lane, between Broadway and Pascack Road.

Rotary Challenge: Q. When is PETS (President Elect Training Seminar)?

A.-Next weekend. Q.- What is the tattoo on the motivational speakers bald head? A.- The Rotary Wheel.

Queen of Hearts: ♥ Bob pulled the ACE.

Happy Bucks: Michelle Damiani Powell was happy to see her cousin ADG Jim.



Frank Neeson and many others for the good time at Defiant Brewery for the Club's St. Patrick's Day party. Lori Craig, from Ireland, not Germany will celebrate her grandson's 8th birthday on St. Patrick's Day. Ray enjoyed visiting his son at West Point. Thanks to Pete for getting the final bricks in Braunsdorf Park, Larry for getting the Little League Scoreboard and having it installed for free. Guest Tim O'Neil's first case was catching the jewel thief in 1979 at what is now Ben's Jewelers.

Program: Ray Sheridan Jr.-



Pearl River is hosting the 50th St. Patrick's Day Parade and Ray is honored to be the Grand Marshall. His father Ray Sr. helped organize the original parade and was the first Grand Marshall. That parade took place in Haverstraw due to the large Irish population working the brickyards for the construction of most of the

buildings in NYC. New City also hosted the parade in early years but in 1965 Pearl River, with wide streets and a staging area at Lederle, (now Pfizer), became the permanent home. Pearl River, Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #3, is the largest of any Division in America, totaling over 800 members.

Four Way Test: Ray Coyle

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