



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

www.rotaryclubofpearlriver.org

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

Pearl River Rotary Meeting --Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York
Date: March 23, 2012

Rotary Club
Of
Pearl River

Board of Directors

Carol McGrath
President

John Buonadonna
President Elect

James Murphy
Vice President

George Westphal
Secretary

Dorothy Filoramo
Treasurer

Robert Simon
Past President

Andrew Marchfeld
President Emeritus

Peter Bellhouse
Director

Doreen
Buonadonna
Director

Barbara
Kohlhausen
Director

James Trojan
Director

Larry Vergine
Director

Ex Officio
PDG Jeffrey
Keahon

President Carol opened the meeting @ 12:15

Pledge: Edward "Let's Go Navy" Reynolds **Invocation:** Brian Quinn

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Jonathan Levitt of PDG Jeffrey "Mr. Historian" Keahon
: Dave Pritchett (Guest Speaker) of Jay Helman

Birthdays: 3/26 -- Frank Ripa and 3/27 -- Suzanne Grant

Anniversaries: Once again none admitted to: I hope nobody forgot ????

Announcements: A lot to talk about from our President:

1. **Special Addition to the Rotary Family:** To Peter and Kwan Bellhouse for the birth of a baby boy born on March 18th-- Sean Christopher Bellhouse.
2. **March 31st – Pearl River Hall of Fame Dinner** to honor PRHS Inductees including our Club Rotarian Sandy Cokely-Stewart and former member Frank Auriemma.
3. **Getting Well :** Dorothy Filoramo recovering from her injury.
4. **Memorial Garden –** Special meeting called for possible Rotary assistance for reviewing improvements for the **Paula Bohovesky** Garden at the Pearl River High School. Meeting with Leg. John Murphy to discuss options with possible Rotarian project help. Representing PR Rotary – Pres. McGrath, J. Murphy, J. Buonadonna, and B. Kohlhausen.
5. **April 10th – Board of Directors Meeting @** Barbara Kohlhausen home.
6. **April 11th – Midnight Run –** Rotoract Delivery of needed Clothes.
7. **Guatamala (Ed Fisher Up-Date) –** Jim Shepard has been keeping the Rotary club informed on Dr. Fisher's trip through his "Blog" to aid those children in desperate need in Guatamala. Thanks to Eddie for the Rotarian service and to "Raselle" (his lovely wife) for supporting this effort.
8. **June 08 & 09, District Conference –** See Pres. Carol for coordination.

Rotary Challenge: Always by Our PDG Jeffrey: The question? A special wheelchair which was part of the donated material was specially made for what

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?

Characteristic? Answer --- Guessed by Andrew Marchfeld ---A Safety Bar to hold children in place. Bounty: 2 bills w/Pictures of Mr. Lincoln = \$ 10.00

Queen of Hearts: The Ripa table with a “4” of diamonds. Sorry No Good !

Happy Bucks: Plenty of Reasons to be Happy !!

A. Welcome Jaya -- Big Bucks for her return to our meeting & the USA

B. Happy Birthday – Dollars for the special birthdays.

C. Journal Dollars – for the Marine Corp. affair honoring Martha & Gene Erickson for their overwhelming effort of support for Marine Corp activities.

D. Hospice Dollars – For the opening of the new Hospice Center to serve the community. A Couple of Notable Foundation Donors: Dr Edward Fisher & Jim Murphy

E. Extra Birthday Dollars – For Chris Kormusis “Mom” and Mega Dollars for Michelle Damiani’s Sons B-Day.

F. “New Family Addition” Dollars – For the arrival of Sean Bellhouse

G. St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Bucks for success of the Parade in PR and the great week of Orangetown Police Department Activities in the security of our community.

Program: Brought to us by: Jay Helman & Dave Pritchett “The Bee-Keeper”

An informative program of “**Save the Bee & Save the World**” which revealed many documented facts on the necessity to increase the Bee population.

1. **Honey Bees** provide much more than Honey such as these other uses: ointment for burn victims, Skin Care, Energy source, Furniture Wax and the 1st Alcoholic Beverage “Mead Wine”.
2. **Honey Bees** are about 14 million years old and now colonies are disappearing from contamination from Pesticides and other commercial operations.
3. **The Queen** will live 3 to 5 years and can mate with 18-50 Drones.
4. There is only **(1) Queen** for each colony which can consist of 40M Bees.
5. 2 Acres of Farmland are lost every day which causes a loss of the Bee population, while the human population is increasing at a rapid rate.
6. The Honey Bee is not an aggressive Bee unless there is a direct threat at the Queen, the Nest or for its own immediate survival.
7. A species of **African Bees** are aggressive bees and are now in the US.
8. **Apiaries** – Is the name for the **Bee-Keepers** of multiple Bee Hives.
9. If a Queen dies the workers will create an emergency cell to create a new Queen Bee to represent the swarm in the laying of eggs for the colony.

10. **Web Site Available:** TheBeeCharma.com@gmail.com

Special Note: Thanks to Dave & Jay for a great Program