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Rotary Meeting

Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York

Date: 5/10/12

Pledge: Ed Grant

Invocation: Hanns

Visiting Rotarians: Susan Kopec from New City
Joint Meeting of the South Orangetown Club and the Pearl River Club

Guests: Chris Smith

Birthdays: Karen Kormusis 5/10

Anniversaries: Ed and Suzanne Grant

Announcements: 1).John's Installation Dinner June 30th. 2). Ray Hayes Golf outing is 6/13, see Ed Grant. 3) Hay bale signs available for the soapbox race on June 3rd. See Frank N. 4) Scholarship Awards June 7th at 7:00 p.m. PR Library. Twenty \$2,000. Scholarships to be awarded. 5) June 8-9 District Conference. 6) EREY campaign has begun. Lets get another award this year! Get Rotary International checks to Jeffrey.

Queen of Hearts: Postponed until next week due to joint meeting

Happy Bucks: Was replaced by a raffle lead by Kimball Parker to choose left over items from the National Guard. Club members looked good in their hats, chest protectors, pants and other assorted military items. \$920.00 was raised by the raffle and Jeffrey, who dislikes uneven numbers, donated an additional \$80.00 to make an even \$1,000 be used to support the 101st battalion, which will be deployed on August 19th.

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?

Program:

The 101st National Guard Signal Battalion is based at the Orangeburg Armory. This means that they provide the communication support for a field of between 100 and 400 service personnel in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Soldiers of the New York Army National Guard's 101st Signal Battalion are now ready to provide Army leaders with the latest in high-tech communications technology as they prepare for their scheduled August deployment.

Soldiers have been trained in a \$100 million communications system know as WIN-T, which stands for War fighter Information Network Tactical.

WIN-T is the primary state-of-the-art, satellite-based, communication equipment used by units and commanders on the battlefield.

This equipment provides that secure and non-secure voice, internet, and data communication link that units require in order to communicate with one another throughout the battle space.

The WIN-T system provides the Army with more bandwidth to send all types of information -- voice and data about terrain, fires and logistics -- down to lower tactical levels. It allows commanders to tie into the Army Battle Command system so they can make more flexible battlefield decisions.

In the mountains of Afghanistan the satellite uplink and downlink systems are especially vital.

Using that high-tech gear takes training, and the battalion soldiers started that process March 16, at the New York State Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Company Commander Brito and Staff Sergeant Humphrey shared some of what will be happening before and during their deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

The 101st Battalion has a dual mission, first to help with a state of emergency in the United States and second to support foreign missions. This will be the first time since the Korean War that this Battalion has been sent overseas.

Four Way Test: Kimball Parker