

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

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Ex Officio PDG Jeffrey Keahon Rotary Meeting

Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York

Date: 5/24/12

Pledge: Raj Mehta

Invocation: Jim Murphy

Visiting Rotarians: Spring Valley--Howard Goldin and Ed Frank; South

Orangetown--Clark Alexander

Guests: Doreen Buonadonna--Her sister Deb; Peter Bellhouse--His son

Tyler

Birthdays: Art Matrisciani

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: President Carol: 1) Frank Neeson is doing well according to Carol and thinking of Rotary 2)Ed Reynolds' 2nd stent is being put in...thoughts and prayers are with him 3) Ed Fisher will be giving a presentation...more details to follow 4) John Buonadonna's installation dinner...please send responses in 5) EREY...please contribute 6) People to People...6/10/12...at Coney Island...please see Bonnie Werk 7) Clark Alexander...mini golf tournament...a pamphlet was sent around the room 8) United Hospice of Rockland Golf Outing...6/11/12...if interested see Doc Fisher 9) Bulletin editors are needed...please sign up!

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?

Rotary Challenge: None

Queen of Hearts: King of Diamonds picked by Jaya BhattaCharyya...no winner!

Happy Bucks: Ray Coyle presiding: 1) Happy Bucks for Art's Birthday 2) Good Luck bucks for the NY Rangers 3) Lots of sad bucks for Raphael's father passing 4) Fishing Contest went well bucks!

Program: A very moving presentation by Howard Goldin and Ed Frank about the STEP program...Schools To End Poverty. What follows is a breakdown of the various geographic locations that STEP has contributed to over the years as well as some of the specific items that were donated. Besides the ever important logistical information, the touching slideshow that went with it was the perfect way to show our club some of the global faces we have helped with our contributions.

Education: Schools

- Rose School (Viet Nam) 513 children as of 2008
- Bac Lieu (Viet Nam) 162 as of 2009
- Lovers Holy Cross--permit pending
- Comayagua Honduras
- McCooks Pen, Jamaica--current; Planned Dedication 2/5/13
- Ghana--Dual projects

Clean Water Projects:

- Rose School
- Thanh Xuan Peace Village
- Ghana

Mobility:

- Wheelchairs (Viet Nam) 260
- Elevator in Viet Nam

Medical, Hygiene:

Ambulance



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- 3 Scientific Microscopes (\$3,600 each)
- 58 Brain Shunts (\$1400 each)
- 2 External Feeding Pumps (\$1800 each)
- Vitamins (60,000)
- AIDS Center--Financial donation for medicine
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste for over 7,700 people
- Financial assistance for destitute Rockland family
- Soap and Shampoo for 7,700 children
- Don Bosco Shelter Medical Relief Fund

Children at risk of being forced into the sex trade:

• 36 bicycles

Orphanges:

- Than Xuan Peace Village
- Hoa Phoung Orphanage, Hai Phoung
- CHIA---Children's Hope In Action
- Lovers of the Holy Cross
- Dominican Sisters Lang Son
- Thien An Shelter Can To
- Te-Phan Don Bosco Shelter for Disposable Children

Four Way Test: Yours Truly...