



Rotary Club of Pearl River, P.O. Box 252, Pearl River, NY 10965
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Rotary Club of Pearl River Meeting @ The Greenhouse Cafe

Date: November 08, 2012

Pledge: Nancy Bergerman Invocation: Mark Griffith Jr.

Visiting Rotarians: George Hoehmann -- (Guest Speaker) of Kate Raffa
Member in Waiting: Frank J. Perri – (nominated by Jim Shepard)

Guests: Sarah Mitchell-Weed (Guest Speaker) of Kate Raffa and the talented
Bridget O'Sullivan (Daughter of Neil O'Sullivan)



Birthdays: Nov. 12th – Jim Trojan and
Nov. 13th – Dorothy Filoramo

Anniversaries: Past week & Present week:
Nov. 1st – Barbara & Dick Kohlhausen,
Nov. 12th – Kate & Angelo Raffa also
Donald & Betsy Brenner. Nov. 13th –
Peter & Kwan Bellhouse. A Happy Day
and Memorable Day for all !

Announcements: 1) The Share
Christmas & the Holidays Gift giving

roster was passed through the meeting and by the end of the session 95% of all Gifts were
accounted for each recipient from the **ARC Group Homes**. Thank You to all the
Rotarians, who make this and each Holiday season something special for those who are in
need of a little cheer!!!

2) The Share Christmas & Holidays Committee has met and will be in contact
with all Rotarians for each person's assignment to help stage this wonderful community
event.

3) Please contact Frank Ripa for any assistance that can be provided for the **Meals
on Wheels Program**. Frank coordinates any assistance that can be provided from our
club or from any individual who may be able to help in this worthy effort to assist those
people in need of a meal.

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?

4) **Nominating Committee Meeting:** All past Presidents: Please contact **Chris Kormusis** "ASAP" for attendance in this Rotary conference.

5) **Rotary Assistance** – was provided by our **PR Club** to People to People Organization & the **Rotoract Club** provided help & clothing to the Toms River (NJ) devastated area.

New Member Induction

Ceremony: The installation of Frank Perri as our newest member took place and were coordinated by PDG Jeffrey Keahon, Pres. Elect Jim Murphy & Past Paul Harris Award Winner Jim Shepard.



Queen of Hearts: (7 spades)

Picked by Bob O'Neill @ The Sgt of Arms table! No Luck.

Happy Bucks: Happy, Sad & Prayer Dollars in these Tragic Times!

Prayer Dollars for the victims of Hurricane "Sandy", and many more Dollars for the "Hopeful" speedy recovery for these areas. Many Powerless Dollars for the re-installation of electric power to all affected areas. Travel Safely Bucks for Jaya & Anjan on their "winter retreat" to India. Happy Dollars for the PR Rotary on the safe delivery of 600lbs of needed food supplies to the People to People food pantry. Prayer Dollars for the people of Rockland County who have been devastated, injured or killed by the storms. The entire "Rotary Clubs Prayers" are with these people in their time of need. Monday Night Football Happy Dollars for those winners coordinated by Larry Vergine including "Kirk Flynn's" double win in the "point" pool program. Welcome to the "Club" Dollars to Frank Perri for his induction into our Rotary family. Exceptional Dollars for the National Guard units who are coming to the rescue and assisting in the "Sandy & Nor-Easter" weather disasters in our entire area. Thank You Mega Dollars! For those men & women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. "Happy Veteran's Day"!

The Program: The Rockland Independent Living Center was represented by George Hoehmann



the Executive Director and by Sarah Mitchell-Weed the Director of Independent Living Services. An insight was given to the PR Rotary on the services provided to the community from the RILC which is a not for profit organization. This organization receives some funding from the State of NY, but also does independent

fundraising and receives donations from other organizations as well as private donations to the center. The purpose of this caring group of dedicated Professionals is to provide Professional counseling, guidance and direction to those individuals or families in need of



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disability assistance. The service coordinates and in some cases represents, those disabled individuals or groups for any specific aid that they may need to assist them in their daily lives. The education of individuals, placement for employment, travel and mobility assistance, along with various disability program registration options, are some of the services provided to secure an independent choice for their life. Their advocacy efforts provide services to navigate the system of disability rights and options for their right to a better living environment. The over-riding philosophy of the organization is of handicapped consumer rights protection and providing initiatives for compliance to the Federal American with Disabilities Act of laws and regulations. This center provides a service and handles the need of many individuals with handicapped abilities to improve and better their living environment. These initiatives and services certainly make the world a better place to live for people with disabilities. It also serves as notice that the United States of America along with its charitable organizations cares about all of its citizens and their independent right to a high quality of life. Thank you for the presentation and education to our Rotary Club and Thank You for the efforts that are made by the entire staff at the RILC. They are all making a difference!!!

Program for this coming Thursday- Our summer Haiti school children project leader, graduate student Patricia Dempaire is back! A Rockland resident of Haitian descent, Patricia is getting a "late pass" from her professor at City College from her 2pm class, to speak to us again. Patricia is completing her masters degree in education hoping to get into the field of international peace efforts. Don't miss this one! (see our project with Patricia on the website: rotaryclubofpearlriver.org, thanks to Sandy, our own gentle Sandy, not the hurricane).

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