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Rotary Meeting

Greenhouse Cafe - Pearl River, New York

Date: 10/4/2012

This is a Bulletin by the Dynamic Duo of Kate and Ed F.

(It is Just so Much Fun to be a Rotarian in the Pearl River Rotary Club)

Honest It Is

Pledge: I was distracted and I did not write it down (so Sorry)(ooooops)

Invocation: Stephen Munno (I think)

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Jim Dean (Our Speaker), Frank Perri, Doug Ward, Ryan O'Gorman (for the last time as a guest), and members of the Dominican College Roteract Club - - Aaron P Evans and Francesca Zayas

Birthdays: Carol Mc and Bill O on 10/10

Anniversaries: Bill O and Beth on 10/5

Announcements: John won hairiest legs; Pearl River Day on 10/6 was a great success - -thanks to all who helped (obviously this is being written after the fair); October 26th Halloween Party at the Mansion; Larry V. no winner so this Monday counts for \$1050.00; October is Community Service Month and First Lady Doreen read a very moving letter from RI International President Sakuji Tanaka on the importance of Community Service and what it meant to him; we will have Rotary Moments by choice or by direction - -so be prepared to tell about your "Rotary Moment";.

Now the wonderfulest moment - - Ryan O'Gorman moved from guest to member on our club - - Ryan was sponsored by Dorothy - - he is the director of residential life at Dominican College and also a long time Pearl

River Resident

Welcome Ryan

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?

Queen of Hearts: 2 of Hearts - - Frank (the Guest) Perri, Russ, Jimbo, Chris and Ben (tough luck) - - On the 11th it is worth 60

Happy Bucks: Done by Roteract Student Francesca – Yankees; Angela and Jeff; Jim Trojan on the meaning of October (Joined Rotary and Met Wife); Dorothy on being named the Italian Business Woman of the Year; Nancy on her 70th (she told us); Birthdays; Anniversary; and of course to our newest member **Ryan O’Gorman**

I had to leave prior to the speaker - -so thanks to Kate Raffa who filled in for me and her wonderful account is part of this bulletin.

Program:

As ever, Orangetown Highway Superintendent Jim Dean (after an appropriately reverential intro by his administrative aide and our Rotary brother Stephan Munno) was very informative, focusing on the “Quality of Life” functions of the Highway Department (These are to be distinguished from the “essential” functions of his team—road construction, maintenance and snow removal).

Jim enlightened us on tree, brush and leaf removal. From around February through October his team collects trees and brush, serving each neighborhood once every 7 weeks. This removal is followed, also on a 7 week cycle, by street sweeping. Around 11,700 locations are passed and serviced by this system throughout Orangetown.

Starting around November 1 and running toward the end of December the department picks up leaves. Normally, around 32-40K cubic yards of leaves are collected.

All green waste (trees, brush, leaves) are transported to the county’s Solid Waste Authority, which processes the waste into mulch and compost. These end products are shipped back to Highway for use by Orangetown’s residents.

A couple takeaways, beyond the fact that this man clearly knows his stuff:

- 1) Collect your leaves, but not on the street. Keep them above the curb and don’t block the storm drains.
- 2) Highway Department is launching in a couple weeks a portal on the town’s site. This will allow residents to enter their street to determine the 1st leaf pickup for their neighborhood.



Ryan O’Gorman did the 4 way test.

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