

Vestal Rotary Club

2012-2013

Officers

President	Andy Papaleo
1 st VP/Fund Raising	Art Pavelski
2 nd VP/Programs	Roy Cordero
Treasurer	Terri Mahonski
Secretary	Mark Capobianco/ George Schwarztrauber

The Year in Review

President Andy Papaleo was inducted at the Pass the Gavel dinner held on June 27th, 2012 at Remlik's. Long time Vestal Rotarian Clark Cook passed away on July 4th, 2012. He had just resigned from the club on June 30th. Bernie Daugherty resigned his membership in July creating a vacancy in the 2nd VP position which was not filled until January when Roy Cordero volunteered to serve. We continued our monthly service project by hosting a pizza party at the Willow Point Nursing Home. Once again Vestal Rotarians ran the Lupo's Spiedie Tent at the Dick's Open. The club conducted its annual holiday canned food drive, sponsored the post holiday Coats for Kids shopping trip to Kohl's and celebrated St. Patrick's Day with our annual raffle, silent auction and party. The club also conducted the second annual Vestal Rotary Foundation Trivia Night, supported a new exchange program sponsored by the German Club at the Vestal High School and participated in the annual District Book Drive.

This past year our club hosted two exchange students. Haruana Isayama from Japan and Tan Wiphasinee Honboonherm from Thailand. We were fortunate to get to know both young girls. We will never forget Haruana, whose beautiful voice helped lead our club's weekly singing.

Comings and Goings:

Each year witnesses the departure of fellow Rotarians as well as the arrival of new members. Resigning were Bernie Daugherty in July, 2013 and Chris Lindstrom the following June.

Our club was fortunate to recruit several new members this past year including Shane Guilford who joined the club in July, Carol Belva who transferred into our club from the Endwell Rotary in September and Rick Pedro who joined the club in January.

Speakers Program: The speakers were varied and interesting:

Speaker	Topic
Dale Finn	District Governor
Lisa Askey	FEMA
George Schwarztrauber	Software You Should Have

Ken Howell	Personal Trainer
Debra Preston	County Executive
Rebecca Rathman	The Rescue Mission
John Butler	Vestal Police Department
Mary Virginia and Marley Undanick	NYSERDA Home Energy Audits
Jack Shay	Bygone Binghamton
Tan Wiphasinee Honboonherm	Thailand
Joel Deeter	Vestal Hills Country Club
Howard Manges	WBNG Weatherman
Tom Libous	State Senator
Howard Block	Maines
Julia & Marissa	RYLA
Karen Matusic	XTO Energy
Patricia Kriebel	District Governor Nominee
Sage Marie	Zumba Instructor
Haruana Isayama	Japan
Jeff Townsend	Tioga Downs
AJ Leto	Plumber
Garrett Giles, Ron Reid & Matt Schyndler	Crosshairs Consulting
Harvey Graves	Rotary Foundation
Amy Shaw	Binghamton Chamber of Commerce
Sandra Watkins	BOCES – School To Careers
Alan Hertel	Broome County United Way
Sandra Stebelton & Carrie King	GBAR Service Projects
Fred Zlander	Attorney
Tim Smith	TDS Performance
Sue Bythe	Health Department – Immunizations
Jason Tripp	New Generation Rotary – Spelling Bee
Jeff Smith	Endwell Rotary – B-Mets Booster Club
Hugh Reynolds & John Paffie	Vestal Fire Department – Replacement of Station #4
Stace Kitner	Vestal School resource Officer – Youth Police Academy
Dave Adams	Uno's Community Fundraising
Joe Sellepack & Natasha Thompson	CHOW and The Food Bank Collaboration
Alison Alden	BU Center for Civic Engagement
Pat Madej	BU Center for Civic Engagement
Steve Day	Global Business Alliance

50/50: Last year a total of \$891 was collected in our weekly 50/50 raffle. The average winning raffle was about \$18. The smallest amount won was \$11 by Mark Capobianco (twice) while the largest pot won was \$27 won by Rhonda McConnell. There were 13 club members who won multiple times but the luckiest club member was Mark Capobianco. He won 4 times for a total of \$55.

Fines: A total of \$2578 in fines was collected. The single largest total was registered by Kim who on March 11th collected \$121. This more than made up for the miserly \$20 collected by Andy on January 7th.

Notable Accomplishments:

- We raised \$4,500 through the 2nd Annual Vestal Rotary Foundation Trivia Night.
- Our club was recognized as having the highest per capita Rotary Foundation donations.
 - There were 6 Paul Harris or Paul Harris+ recognitions in our club including:
 - Neil Giles – July, 2012
 - George Schwarztrauber- April, 2013
 - Hiedi Schwarztrauber – May, 2013
 - Kim Myers – June, 2013
 - Teri Mahonski – June, 2013
 - Carol Belva - June, 2013
- We donated 170 children's books to Broome County Head Start as part of Rotary's Literacy Book Drive.
- We donated 5,326 canned food items to the Vestal Holiday Food Drive and helped prepare more than 40 food boxes for distribution to needy families in our community.
- We donated \$1,000 as part of Hurricane Sandy Relief efforts.
- We finally developed club bylaws!
- Siobhan Davey raised \$10,000 for research into children's cancer by cutting her hair as part of the St. Baldrick's Foundation.
- Our Interact Club won the District helping Hands Award.
- We held another successful St. Patrick's Day Party/Raffle/Auction on March 16th. The 21st consecutive for our club. Due to construction at our Lady Of Sorrows School in vestal, the venue was moved to St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City.
- Last but not least, our server at the California Grill, Jackie, had a baby boy in January.