

News Both Fit and Unfit!

Guest Speaker:

Dave Hickling - Broome County
Commissioner of Aviation

Dave Hickling, Commissioner of Aviation @ BGM, was our guest speaker this afternoon. Our Airport serves between 300 and 400 different destinations with only one stop. The economy has reduced the total number of daily flights out of BGM. More business would equal more flights. Three carriers operate out of Binghamton: American, Delta and United. Syracuse and Albany airports are the main source of our competition. BGM airfares are only about \$40 more on average than the other airports regionally. The benefits of flying out Binghamton are numerous. Excellent customer service, a new dining experience on the horizon, a clean, well maintained facility and as we all know, very minimal time in and out of BGM. In the short term, a grant is being worked on to allow for a \$10 million complete restoration of the runways. In the long term, discussions are always occurring for more flights, more carriers, etc. If more passengers take advantage of BGM, then the possibility of larger jets and more capacity could well become realities.



Guests:

Dave Hickling
Dave Gouldin – Binghamton Noon Club

Fine Master:

Today's Fine Master Peter Griffiths was a money collecting machine. \$67 into the bowl. Rob "Milorganite" Flanders was fined for no show when he was supposed to be fine master, Lori also, but she had already paid for that. Lori and Danielle fined for talking business, Ted paid for his birthday, a lot, no picnic, you pay. Ted, Andy and Aaron paid for not having the proper length of pants. Too many late to pay, some did. Ed was dinged for trying to time ticket purchase of 50/50. Dave Gouldin, our regular guest, paid for just coming back from vacation and being late, Andy offered to pay \$5 to have Peter sit down, but he refused. Peter paid for Rob "Milorganite" Flanders two amazing golf shots. Upon learning of the details, they were amazing for the uniqueness, not the talent, or skill. More fines were put in, but not documented here.

Upcoming Speakers:

8/22 - Robin Alpaugh - United Way of Broome County
9/05 - NO MEETING - LABOR DAY
9/12 - Club Assembly
9/19: Elliott Weissmann, exchange student to Poland, 2015-16
9/26: Christine Crawford, Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

Announcements:

- Any questions or suggestions regarding the lunch menus, facilities, etc. should funnel thru Teri Mahonski, House Committee Chair
- Sign-ups for publishing *The Vigilant* will be forthcoming. Thank you for all who have agreed to assist so far. If you have never written the newsletter, please consider doing so.
- Tomorrow (8/13) is the club picnic at Ed's, 400 Meeker Rd. A small group gathered this Friday morning, August 12th for set up and a testing of the correct temperature of beverages.
- Tracy Wiles has accepted a new position in Ithaca, NY and will not be with us anymore. All the best to you Tracy! You will be missed.
- According to Teri, Carol has a couple screws loose. No word on Marbles at this time
- Aaron is circulating sign-up sheet for day of Caring, Sunday, 9/10/2016. Email came around also from George as well. Please consider a donation of time. Slots are 9-12 and 1-4, 10 volunteers for each slot requested.

- Speidii, Speedy, spieddi Fest went well, a lot of information and balloons circulated. They were the only balloons in the air.
- Our Exchange student, Valentine will be arriving from Belgium on August 20
- Mark needs to know when and where to apply any make up credits.
- District Conference – 5/52017 thru 5/7/2017 in Canandaigua. Would be terrific to achieve 100% attendance.**
- Of course, the DG is ours and the support would be HUGE!** Dress code casual, families are welcome.
- DG RICHARD's TREE peony project. This should absolutely without any doubt be 100% participation. Let's MAKE Richard's dream Blossom!! **FACTOID BELOW**
- Bud Dahlgren is rejoining Vestal rotary! Welcome Bud.
- No meeting on Labor Day 9/5/2016
- For more information visit our website: <http://www.vestalrotary.org/>

- Peony.** The tree peony is distinguished most noticeably from a herbaceous peony by the fact that it retains a viable above-ground woody stem that remains after the flowers and branches have shriveled and dropped off the plant in preparation for winter: it is actually a medium-sized shrub. This woody stem should not be cut back in fall and should be pruned only if its shape is to be modified. The flower buds are much larger and flatter than those on the herbaceous peony, and are the same color as the leaves. They do not secrete honey on the bud tip. They bloom in late spring and early summer and make an excellent cutflower.



Upcoming Events

5/4/2017-5/7/2017 DISTRICT CONFERENCE – Canandaigua, NY. Home club is expected to run the Hospitality room, check-in, etc. Dress is casual, as long as it is microfiber. More to come!!

9/10: Day of Caring on 9/10/2016. Looking for 20 people to build a handicap ramp, 10 in the am and 10 in the pm, Aaron has the details, sign up sheets will go around. 807 Broad St. Endicott, NY
9/12: Club Business Meeting

August Celebrations

Birthdays:

Tracy Wiles – August 17

Carol Belva – August 11

Anniversaries:

8/11 - Mike and Joyce Mercincavage - 54 years, WOW!!

8/20 - Teri and Steven Mahonski – 33 years

8/23 – Kim and Timothy Myers – 36 years



50/50

Matt Conlon enjoyed the winnings of 50/50 today in the amount of \$13

Don's Joke Corner:

My cat just walked up to the paper shredder and said, "Teach me everything you know."

Quote of the Day:

"A rich man is nothing but a poor man with money."
W. C. Fields

**VESTAL ROTARY
2016-2017 Leadership Team**

President	George Schwarztrauber
1st VP/Fund Raising	Ted Wolf
2nd VP	
Treasurer	Teri Mahonski
Secretary	Mark Capobianco
Programs	Mark Capobianco
Sgts-at-Arms	Mike Mercincavage
International Service	Steve Day/Siobhan Davey
Community Service	Aaron Martin
Vocational Service	Andy Papaleo
Club Service	Ed Budnikas/Jim Ward
Rotary Foundation	Danielle Bulger
Interact Club	Rob Flanders
Vigilant Editor	Rick Pedro
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Holiday Food Drive	Carol Belva
Membership	Pete Griffiths
House Committee	Teri Mahonski
Public Relations	Andy Papaleo
Member Relations	Ed Budnikas
Club Historian	Mark Capobianco
Coats for Kids	Rob Flanders
Webmaster	George Schwarztrauber
Immediate Past President	Teri Mahonski
Vestal Rotary Foundation	George Schwarztrauber



2016 -2017 Theme

The Vigilant:

News, Notes and
Nonsense of the Vestal
Rotary Club
Club # 4903

www.VestalRotary.org

**Monday August 15, 2016
Reporting: Rick Pedro**

**Senator Fred Akshar
District update**



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District Governor - Richard Matsushima
International Zone # 29
National Rotary: www.Rotary.com

ROTARY CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

MONDAY

Hillcrest 12:15- Villa Toscana in Chenango
Bridge (Red & White/Lower Level).
Vestal 12:15 – California Grill
Conklin 7:00 PM – Maines Community
Center

TUESDAY

Binghamton 12:15 – Holiday Inn Arena
Endwell 12:15 – Brother's 2
Owego 12:05 – Owego Treadway Inn

WEDNESDAY

Binghamton B-fast 7:15 am – The Binghamton Club
Greene 8 am – Varies
Colesville 6:15 pm – Hitchin' Post Rt. 7

THURSDAY

Endicott 12:15 – Nirchi's Washington Ave.
Johnson City 7:30 am – Davis College
Whitney Point 6:15 pm –Northern Broome Senior
Center, 12 Strongs Place

FRIDAY

Nimmonsburg 12:15 – Chenango Town Hall