

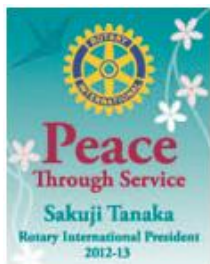


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## Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



Wed Oct 10, 2012

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### Club Events

**October Board Meeting**  
Oct 18, 2012 06:30 PM

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### Stories

#### [William Yale, USN \(Ret\) - Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on Oct 03, 2012



Our club was honored today to welcome Honeoye Falls native, and 22-year Navy veteran, Bill Yale. Mr. Yale is the director of the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery. From 1977 to 1999, Bill was a parachute rigger for the Navy. When he retired from the Navy, he found jobs for parachute riggers were scarce. He attended the Simmons Institute of Funeral Service in Syracuse, and became a licensed funeral director. He wanted to be involved with veterans, so save as he trained with the National Cemetery Association and worked at Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg, Florida. He and his family missed New York, so they moved to Genoa, New York. This was about the same time that the Sampson cemetery was getting started.

Established in 2011, the Sampson Memorial Cemetery covers 162 acres of the former Sampson Naval Training Station, later Sampson Air Force Base and Seneca Army Depot. In 2000, approximately 2,000 acres was set aside to become Sampson State Park. Shortly after the park's opening, efforts were under way to establish the memorial cemetery on acreage just south of the park. \$3.3 million in state funds were later allocated to establish and construct the cemetery.

The cemetery was constructed to meet National Cemetery Administration guidelines and operates under their rules, but it is not a national cemetery. The Seneca county Economic Development Corporation pays the bills to keep it going. The goal for the cemetery is to become a national cemetery or a VA funded state cemetery. Any veteran discharged from active duty under other than dishonorable conditions is eligible to be buried there. Also entitled to burial there are the veterans legal spouse and eligible dependent children.

In its first year of operation the cemetery has performed 98 burials, including a Silver Star recipient. Mr. Yale tells us of the 162 acres, 13 have been developed, providing more than 6000 sites. That includes a memorial section, which is an area for markers only, for cases where there are no remains to be interred. Some statistics: veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam are equally represented there.

While state funding was secured to initially establish the Cemetery, private funding must be raised to ensure proper maintenance and operations. For more information, if or to make a donation, visit [www.sampsonveteranscemetery.com](http://www.sampsonveteranscemetery.com).

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*Gene Bassage introduces William Yale, Director of the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery*

### October 3, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Oct 03, 2012

#### Guests:

Shirley Bassage, Speaker Bill Yale, Mila

#### Missing in Action:

Margaret Brooks, Eric Chapman, Mark Clement, Bill Dean, Pam Dean, John Deniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Dave Nagle, Arnie Pechler, Nancy Schrader, Pat VerPlank, Bob Yost.

#### Exchange Student Update:

Mila showed off her blazer was all its new pins (and old!) She went to the Cal-Mum weekend, where many exchange students were gathered. She showed off her new pins, including a Poland pin. She was also proud of a U.S. pin which she received from the girl who is living in her house in Poland, and a Rochester pin from a girl who is going to Poland.

#### Birthdays / Anniversaries:

Bob and Joy Ike had a wedding anniversary on Monday the 30.  
Kim's granddaughter turned one on Monday.

#### Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Cortney had a happy buck for an early September vacation in Ocean City, New Jersey. It's actually a less than happy buck, as she suffered first degree burns on her legs during that vacation.
- Vicky had a buck in honor of the New York State Canal Corp. conference, which she called the "Best Conference Ever!"
- Cindy pitched in a buck for the barn sale this weekend.
- Kim (and Mark) took a trip to Boston for the above mentioned granddaughters birthday. This warranted a happy buck at least.
- Gene had a happy buck because the Yankees were one game ahead of Baltimore.
- Tom had "a big Happy Buck for Cheryl Ford" in keeping with the pattern, and another in honor of Houston being 4-0.
- Anne threw in a happy buck for the Raiders' football win on Friday.
- Bob Sloan announced that the Pal-Mac Youth Football and Cheer Charity Bowl, over four venues, raised \$5,735 for Camp Onseyawa. They will round this up to an even \$6,000!

#### Notes and Updates for the Club:

- The Naples Rotary Club is hosting their Annual Appreciation Dinner and Benefit for Camp Onseyawa. The event will be Saturday, October 27 at Bristol Mountain Resort. Dinners are \$35 per person. Deadline for reservations is October 17. More details are available, and reservations can be made, at the Naples club website <http://naplesnyrotary.org/campo.php>
- The 2012 Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner will be held Sunday November 4 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Reception & Social Hour starts at 4pm followed by dinner at 5:00pm. Cost is \$43 per person until October 16. After that, cost is \$47 per person. Please contact Tom if you wish to attend. Final list and check to be sent Friday, October 12.
- Rotary Leadership Institute will be held November 3 at the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake.
- Our annual Christmas dinner will be held December 19 at Parkwood Heights in Macedon. More details will follow.
- The Murder Mystery Dinner is tentatively scheduled for February 16.
- Dictionaries and Thesauruses have arrived. We are working on setting a date for their distribution.
- Reminder for those who signed up for it - the Rotary excursion to the Bills game is October 21. Cost is \$75 per ticket. Please pay either Eric or Tom.

Diane won \$10 in the 50/50 raffle, which she donated to the Sampson Memorial Cemetery.

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Next meeting: Noon, October 17, at the American Legion in Palmyra.