



Canaltown Crier

Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon

Wed Dec 05, 2012

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Club President:
Dianne Sloan

Asst District Governor:
Tim King

District Governor:
Gaven Hurley

Rotary International President:
Sakuji Tanaka

Club Events

Holiday Party
Parkwood Macedon
Dec 19, 2012 06:00 PM

Board Meeting
Goodwill Macedon
Dec 20, 2012 06:30 PM

No Meeting
Dec 26, 2012

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November 14, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Nov 14, 2012

Guests:

Shirley Bassage, speaker Bob White, Mila.

Missing in Action:

Jim Bush, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Debbie LeMoyné, Peter Park, Dave Read, Cortney Surline.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Roger's daughter-in-law, who was seriously injured in an accident; but she is "coming along."

Exchange Student Update:

Mila tells us that the Swim Team was in the paper, having made it to sectionals, where they took 3rd place. Also she is going to Virginia Beach with her host family for the Thanksgiving break.

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

Roger Wilber, 87 on the 15th.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Arnie had a happy buck for the good meal, as he has been to other Rotary club's meetings, and our food is better.
- Leslie gave a buck in thanks to Breen's for their help with the pet supply collection Interact has been working on. 3 cartfuls were collected.
- Dave Pray announced that Betsy was having her 20th birthday today and that he would be going to England to check in on her.
- Joan was relieved to be able to offer a buck for the Steelers' sloppy win, despite the injuries her team will be dealing with.
- Anne spent some time in Boston. At a Buffalo Bills bar in Boston, she ran into Dan Clement. Also, she got to spend a morning with her son who passed his driver's exam.
- Debbie had her first Rotary Reads session at the Palmyra school; it was fun! Her son and his wife and their kids are moving to Guilderland, NY (near Albany), which is ten hours closer than they have been. Also, Craig's doctor cleared him to drive. So, now **he** can leave when they drive each other nuts.
- Gene was impressed by the fact that SU Basketball played a game on the deck of an aircraft carrier, and they beat San Diego State.
- Mark had a happy buck for Roger's 87th birthday.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Sign-up sheets were passed for:
 - the Christmas Party to be held December 19 at Parkwood Heights in Macedon;
 - Salvation Army bell-ringing at Breen's December 7 – 16;
 - and for distribution of the dictionaries and thesauruses at the Macedon school on Nov 30.
- Chase and Dianne spoke to English classes at the High School, in an effort to recruit

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contestants for the District Oratorical Contest.

- The District Vocal Contest is coming up in January. Our club has found limited interest among the students in the past. However, this year we will be sending 4 contestants. Our meeting January 9 will be at the high school, where we will get to hear our contestants perform.

Cheryl Ford won \$13 in the 50/50 drawing; she donated it to Polio Plus.

Next meeting: Noon, November 28, at the Parkwood Heights, Macedon.

ORCHESTRATE SUCCESS **Bob White - Orchestrate Success**
Posted by Tom Breen on Nov 14, 2012

Our speaker today was Bob White, president of Orchestrate Success, a consulting firm based in Ontario, NY. Bob specializes in process improvement, and personal coaching. He has over 30 years' experience in manufacturing, quality control, and management. He is a second-generation Rotarian (Ontario-Walworth); his father Harry was a member of our club.

Bob spoke to us today about leadership, and the qualities of a good leader. With input from the club members, a list was created. The list showed that a good leader would need to be: honest, decisive, organized, calm and collected, in addition to being a good listener and communicator with a positive attitude. Not everyone has these traits, but the traits can be learned and developed.

Another characteristic of a good leader is open-mindedness. We are conditioned to see things the way we do. As children, we were truly open to new thoughts and new ideas. But, as we age we tend to perceive things by habit. As a result, we become less open to new ideas. Bob and his associates work with people to help them open up to new ideas, and to find ways to better plan for success. We'd like to thank Bob for his entertaining and informative talk today.



Pictured, l-r: Arnie Pechler, President Dianne Sloan, and speaker Bob White of Orchestrate Success.

November 28, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Nov 28, 2012

Guests:

Bob Daly, Shirley Bassage, students Lauren Zink, Frankie Surace, and Mila.

Missing in Action:

Bill Dean, Pam Dean, John Denniston, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Anne Morrell, Arnie Pechler, Nancy Schrader, Bob Sloan, Roger Wilbur.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Tom Breen's mother passed away on the 26th.

Exchange Student Update:

Mila spent time in Virginia Beach. She experienced her first Thanksgiving, as they do not have this in Poland. Also, her first "Black Friday," which they also do not have in Poland. She will be participating in the school's musical, "Once Upon A Mattress."

Singing:

Songmistress Kim led us in for "We Are Pal-Mac Rotary" (sung to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad")

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

Vicky and Bob Daly's anniversary – 53 years

Peter Park's birthday – 2 score!

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Gary Hopkins got a buck and a doe on opening day, which prompted him to give a happy dollar.
- Dave Pray has returned from the UK, where he visited Betsy who is doing well.
- Cindy announced that, in the near future, the Brickhouse will be a UPS drop-off and shipping location.
- Cindy also reminded us that she loves her kids very much. Then she gave a happy buck because Laura and the kids have moved out of her house.
- Peter was happy about his visit with relatives in Cincinnati; he will next be going to Chicago to act as Best Man in his youngest brother's wedding.
- Vicky presented a Palmyra pin to Mila.
- Eric spent Thanksgiving in Barbados, where he was able to tour a Rum plant.
- Kim got to spend all week with her boys and granddaughter.
- Bob Yost spent Thanksgiving with Heather.
- Richard and Wynette had 2 of their grandchildren here over the holiday, and were happy there was enough snow to go sledding for a time on The Hill.
- Dianne's daughter Autumn decided she wanted to be a lacrosse player after seeing Joey play last year; Dianne took Autumn to her first LAX practice.
- Gene was happy about the good weekend for Syracuse – both the football and basketball teams won.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- The sign-up sheet for the Christmas party went around again today, and will be available next Wednesday the 5th. A final count needs to be turned in after that.
- Sign-ups for Bell-Ringing at Breen's went around today as well. That event is pretty well booked up. If any spots remain open or become open, Cindy will send e-mail looking for people to step up and fill in.
- As you may know, our club's website address is rather cumbersome and not easily remembered. This makes it difficult to direct people to our site. We now have a new domain name which directs to our clubrunner site but is easier to remember and to use in any publications. The new address is www.palmacro.org
- At our club meeting on November 7th, we passed a jug to raise money for victims of

“Super-Storm Sandy.” We collected \$150, and the club’s Board of Directors voted to match that with club funds. Dianne sent a check for \$300 to District 7490 in New Jersey, where it will be disbursed to local clubs to help provide relief.

- Gary Haigh is stepping back from his role as coordinator of the Dictionary Project. He was the person who contacted the school to determine the number of students to receive books. He then ordered the books, held a “sticker party” to get our labels in them, and made arrangements with the school for delivery. If that sounds like a fun project to you, please contact Dianne as the position will be available.

- Speaking of fun projects, we will also have an opening for Programs Coordinator. Debbie LeMoyné has done a fantastic job lining up speakers for the past several years, but has decided to step down. Recently, we have gone back to assigning members to specific dates, asking them to coordinate with Debbie. If riding herd on the members sounds appealing to you, contact Dianne to volunteer.

- At our December 12 meeting, the proposed candidates for the 2013-2014 board of directors will be presented for approval by the club.

- Leslie reports that the Interact Club’s dog rescue project was a big success. They collected enough supplies to fill 2 cars, and they will likely make this an annual event.

- The Fair’s spaghetti dinner raised over \$4,000 which will go toward the construction of the new booth.

- Our annual Foundation Dessert Auction will be Wednesday, January 16 at Parkwood Heights, in the evening. This event will be instead of our regular noon meeting that day.

- The 3rd annual Murder Mystery dinner will Saturday, February 2. There will be no club meeting the following week.

Keeper-of-the-Pins Gene Bassage presented some perfect attendance pins today: Dave Pray – 7 yrs, Cheryl Ford - 22 yrs, Margaret Brooks – 22 yrs, Dick Kirchoff – 24 yrs, Gene Bassage – 54 yrs. Congratulations to all.

Our monthly auction this week raised \$68 for the Rotary Foundation.

Bob Yost won the 50/50 and donated the \$14 to the Fair Booth fund.

Next meeting: Noon, December 5, at the American Legion in Palmyra.



Our visiting students today, l-r: Frankie Surace, Lauren Zink, Mila.

