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[Karin Klock – Garlock Brownfield Clean-up](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on Nov 07, 2012

We were pleased today to welcome Karin Klock to our weekly lunch meeting. Ms Klock spoke to us about the brownfield cleanup project recently completed by Garlock. The company began in Palmyra in 1887. The first expansion at the current location on Division Street was in 1907; the last new construction there was in 1956. A modernization of the plant began in 2005. One can imagine what sort of damage to the surrounding environment could occur over that time.

Garlock decided to participate in the NYS DEC Brownfield Cleanup Program. The program uses tax incentives to encourage the private sector to clean up contaminated properties themselves. The company must identify extent and type of contamination, and then proposes a remediation solution to the DEC. Once the plan is approved by DEC work can begin; DEC oversees all remediation activities. At the Garlock facility there were storage tanks with miles of pipes; vacant land at the east end of the property had been used for landfill; there were several types of plating in place; and 13 separate discharges into Red Creek.

A thorough investigation of the 40 acre site, including soil borings and groundwater sampling/monitoring took place to determine the extent of the pollution and its type. Most was related to the use of the solvent toluene. With a budget of \$5 million, work began to clean the area. Much of the soil was hauled away for cleaning, where the contaminants would be oxidized away. 12 of the Red Creek discharges are now gone, and the area has been declared clean by the DEC. The tax credits will continue, which is how Garlock will recoup some of the costs of the cleanup. Going forward, groundwater in the area must be monitored and reported quarterly to the DEC.

Ms. Klock concluded her presentation with some photos of the area, taken on the grounds of the plant. They showed what a lovely setting the plant is in, with the creek and the wooded areas around it. Garlock is rightly proud of the fact that it has cleaned up the area around them, which will be beneficial to all concerned.



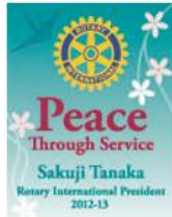
Pictured, l-r: Club President Dianne Sloan, Project Manager Karin Klock, presenter Nancy Schrader

[November 7, 2012 - Meeting Minutes](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on Nov 07, 2012

Guests:

Shirley Bassage, Iain Gallatly, speaker Karin Klock, Mila.



Club President:

Dianne Sloan

Asst District Governor:

Tim King

District Governor:

Gaven Hurley

Rotary International President:

Sakuji Tanaka

Club Events

No Meeting

Nov 21, 2012

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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Missing in Action:

Mark Clement, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Robert Ike, Jeff Johncox, Anne Morrell, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Bob Sloan, Cindy Surline, Leslie Vecchiotti, Roger Wilbur.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

The victims of Super-Storm Sandy

Exchange Student Update:

Mila reports that she had a good time at the Eastern Cities Dinner, where she met Rotary International President, Sakuji Tanaka. She also met some other exchange students, including a student who is outbound for Mila's home country, Poland.

Singing:

In honor of Veteran's Day, we sang "God Bless America."

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

None this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Kim offered a happy buck because the election is over, which means no more ads!
- Vicky reports her sons are safely back in Hoboken.
- Margaret went to North Carolina for a week, and stayed a little longer, thanks to flight delays.
- Joan had a happy buck for her Steelers' win over the Giants.
- Bob Yost took a trip to Houston to visit his son. While there, they took in the Bills-Texans game.
- Jim Bush went to his class' 50th reunion.

- We passed a jug for Sandy victims. Our generous members contributed \$130.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Kim reports that the Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle went well. Our club raised close to \$1,000.
- November is Foundation month. As part of that our club donates \$5 on behalf of each member. A portion of the proceeds from the Dessert Fundraiser, set for January 19, will offset that.
- As in years past, our club will be ringing the bell at Breen's for the Salvation Army. A sign-up sheet will be out soon. We have had great turn-out in the past; we hope you'll support this cause again.
- 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.

Nancy Schrader won \$11 in the 50/50, and added her winnings to our Storm Relief collection.

Next meeting: Noon, November 14, at the American Legion in Palmyra

October 31, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Oct 31, 2012

Guests:

Bob Daly, Shirley Bassage, students Leigha Nilsen and Jenna Schumann, Mila.

Missing in Action:

Margaret Brooks, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Deb LeMoyné, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Pat VerPlank.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

The victims of Super-Storm Sandy;
Kim's father-in-law, who has an infection in his knee;
Dave Read's nephew suffered an aneurism, and is in ICU;
Cheryl's father-in-law passed away this morning.

Mila informs us that swim season has ended; she and her team are league champions. Also, she experienced carving a pumpkin for the first time.

Singing:

Kim led us in "Hail to the New Fair Booth", sung to the tune of "On Top of Old Smokey."

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

Rory Sloan turned 9 on the 28th

Betsy Pray will be 20 in about a week, but will have to celebrate in Paris.

Roger and Ruth celebrated 60 years.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Dick is happy to report that his 4 grandchildren in the New York city area all came through the storm okay.

- Vicky has two sons who live in Hoboken, but were here in Palmyra when the storm hit. And, they are still here.

- Joan had a happy buck for the Steelers' win, but had to admit that even she didn't like their uniforms last week.

- Eric went to the World Series to watch his Giants play, and they won the game and the series!

- Leslie had a happy buck because, "teachers like days off, too." Also, she went to Binghamton to see Juliana in a play.

- Dianne Skyped with Joey, who misses us and says "hi!"

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Today was the final deadline for Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle sales. Kim says our club has raised about \$800 so far.

- November is Foundation month. As part of that our club donates \$5 on behalf of each member. A portion of the proceeds from the Dessert Fundraiser, set for January 19, will offset that.

- Rotary Reads is beginning. If you haven't heard from Dianne about your reading schedule, please contact her.

- The District Vocal Contest is coming up. Our club has found limited interest among the students in the past. However, this year we will be sending 4 contestants.

Our monthly auction this week raised \$57 for the Rotary Foundation.

Mark Clement won \$14 in the 50/50, which he donated to the Fair Booth fund.

Next meeting: Noon, November 7, at the American Legion in Palmyra.



As our meeting took place on Halloween, some folks decided to dress up for the occasion. Clockwise from bottom left: President Dianne the Brett Favre Fan, Mila as Minnie Mouse, and Mark Clement as "Luther."

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