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Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



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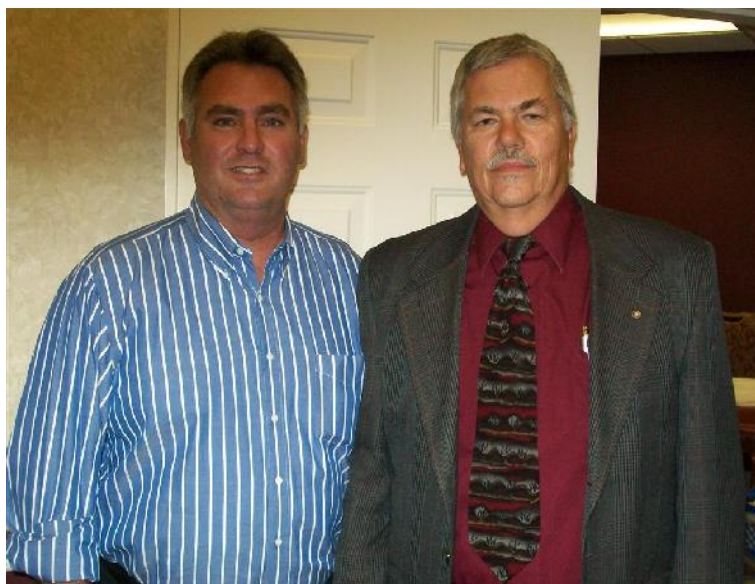
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Posted by Dianne Sloan



Sal Maiorana - D&C sports writer and Eric Chapman, Pal-Mac Rotary President

The Palmyra-Macedon Rotary and Lions clubs met on April 14th in Macedon for our annual Joint Rotary/Lions dinner. This is an opportunity for our two service clubs to spend time speaking with not only old friends, but meeting new friends as well. The members of both clubs take pride in the positive impact we make within our own community and beyond.

Lions Past District Governor Dick Ernst presented Lion Rena Haigh with the District Family Growth award; the award was given last year and was from then International President Syd Scruggs III of South Carolina.

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Lion Rena Haigh

Lions PDG Dick Ernst and

Pal-Mac Rotary President Eric Chapman put together a great program and invited Sal Maiorana - Democrat & Chronicle sports writer for the Buffalo Bills - to be the key speaker. Sal's indepth knowledge of the NFL and all things local sports made for a really interesting Q&A session. He gave insight into the coming year for the Bills, along with Syracuse basketball, Yankees baseball, and much more! Rotarians and Lions alike enjoyed the program.



To view more photos of the evening, visit the [Joint Rotary Lions Dinner 2012](#) photo album.

Membership Committee Reports

Posted by Tom Breen

At the April 11th meeting, the club Membership Committee offered some updates and information on the state of membership in our club. Past President Cindy Surline is the chair of this committee and offered the following facts to get us rolling:

- Our club currently has 42 members, 4 of whom are "Senior Exempt"
- This means we report attendance for 38 members.
- We have 2 Honorary Members (Mary Courtney and Mary Rutkowski)

The three types of membership are Active, Senior Exempt, and Honorary. Active members are all those members paying dues, attending meetings, and participating in club events. Senior Exempt

status can be requested by any member whose age added to their number of years as an active member equals 85. Senior Exempt members pay dues, but are not required to meet attendance requirements. Honorary Members have been granted that status by the club's board of directors. They are exempt from paying dues and admissions fees, have no vote, and cannot hold any office in the club. They do not hold a classification, but are entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges of club membership.

She then went into some of the details about membership and the responsibilities of members:

Attendance – The bylaws of Rotary International require members to have an attendance percentage of 50%. It has become custom that 100% is the desired level. Regular attendance is important because each member represents his or her own profession, and the absence of any member diminishes the club's diversity and lessens the opportunities for fellowship.

At Pal-Mac Rotary, we see it this way: Our club meets weekly (52 weeks in a year), but we do not meet during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years', Hill Cumorah, and Wayne County Fair. That's 5 weeks with no meetings, bringing the total to 47. The bylaws state 50% attendance is required, so we're asking for a minimum of 24 meetings each year. If you can not make it to our weekly meeting, you can make-up at another club's meeting, or even online. Make-ups are also given for work on club committees/assignments; attending a Board of Directors meeting; working shifts at the Hill, Fair Booth, Canaltown Days. (You just need to keep Joan informed when you do something that qualifies for a make-up. If you're not sure whether you've earned a make-up for some activity, ask!) Fellowship events like the Bills game count too. You can see it's pretty easy to get 100% attendance when you participate in the club and its activities.

Our monthly attendance percentage has fallen from around 95% to around 85% during this Rotary year. This is based on a total membership of 42, minus the 4 senior exempt, leaving 38. On average, we have 5 members absent (without make-ups) each month. One way poor attendance affects the club is financially. The club guarantees a certain number of attendees each week for lunch, and pays for that number of meals. When members miss meetings, the club does not collect for those meals, resulting in a net loss.

The Rotary Club constitution spells out three conditions which could lead to termination of membership for non-attendance:

- Failure to attend or make-up four consecutive club meetings,
 - Failure to attend or make-up 50% of club meetings in a six-month period,
 - Failure to attend at 30% of the meetings of one's home club in a six-month period,
- unless the Board of Directors has previously consented to excuse such failure for good and sufficient reason.

If a member of our club fails to comply with the attendance rules over a six-month period, the board of directors will send a letter to that member notifying them to that effect. The member will then have six months in which to comply with the attendance rules and maintain membership in the club. Special circumstances will be reviewed by the board so that no member is penalized for situations outside their control.

In summary,



April 11, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen

Guests:

Autumn Sloan, Rory Sloan

Students:

No school this week; hence, no students.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Jim Bilotta, Eric Chapman, Trevor Chapman, Bob Culver, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Hopkins, Robert Ike, Jeff Johncox, Debbie LeMoyné, Melinda Meyer, Anne Morrell, Dave Nagle, Peter Park, Dave Pray, Steve Selvaggio, Bob Sloan, Leslie Vecchiotti.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

- the family of John Chapman (Eric's father), who passed away on the 3rd

Singing:

In honor of "National 8-Track Tape Day", the club sang "Sweet Caroline" with accompaniment by Neil Diamond on the Clements' 8-Track Tape player.



Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Dick and Mickey Kirchoff, 54 years

Arnie and Joy Pechler, 37 yrs

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Cindy confessed to putting on our tables some ads for the Brickhouse Antique Center, and offered up a happy buck to

celebrate the arrival of 12 baby chicks. She hopes to be selling egg this fall!

- Kim coughed up a dollar for having her photo in the "Best Bucks" section of the Sporting News, and pitched in a couple

of happy bucks in honor of her upcoming trip to Boston and for taking care of her great-

nephew.

- Guest Rory Sloan borrowed a happy buck to announce that he got a pet hamster named "Rocco"
- Vicky spent 15 days on Saint Martin, and had some great advice on places to dine there
- Gary Haigh spent 2 weeks on Saint Martin, and was able to offer restaurant advice to Vicky.
- He also passed around a sponsor form for Rena, who will be taking part in the annual Lions Walk.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Cindy is organizing a project to clean up and re-plant urns in the Palmyra cemetery, with plans to do 4 urns each year. She needs 2 or 3 volunteers to help May 17, 18, and 19 – each day starting at 11am. Please contact Cindy for info.
- The **District Conference** will take place on **May 18-20 in Rochester**.
- Our **Rotary Barn Sale** will take place on **June 1-3**. Drop off donations at the Surlines' barn anytime.



Rotarian Gary Haigh gets into it, with the 8-Track rockin' the tune