



Canaltown Crier

Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon

Wed Aug 08, 2012

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Club President: Eric Chapman

Asst District Governor: Tim King

District Governor: Norma Madayag-Reilly

Rotary International President: Kalyan Banerjee

Speakers

Aug 15, 2012
No meeting

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DG Gaven Hurly Official Visit -- "Peace Through Service"

Posted by Tom Breen on Aug 01, 2012

2012-2013 District Governor J Gaven Hurley was our guest this week. Gaven was invited to join the Rotary Club of Morristown, NJ in 1982. He later served as President in 1988-1989. In 1993, he and his wife Kathie moved to the Rochester area. Gaven believed the fastest way to get to know the area was to join a local Rotary club, and so became a member of the Pittsford club.

During his time in Rotary, he has held almost every club office and chaired many committees. He was instrumental in introducing the Dictionary project to our District. He has been involved with the District Simplified Grants and the Rotary Leadership Institute.

DG Gaven used his "official visit" to introduce himself to our club, and to relay some information about this year's Rotary theme: Peace through Service.

He explained RI President Sakuji Tanaka's feeling that peace has different meanings for different people, and that "no definition is correct and no definition is wrong." Whatever meaning we ascribe to the word, that is what peace is, to us. Gaven pointed out that here in America, most of would define peace as the absence of conflict, the absence of war. But in our culture, we have many freedoms; clean water to drink; good education systems. We take a lot of these for granted. In many parts of the world, these items are absent. If they became available, that might represent peace to those who needed them. Through service, we can help to achieve peace in the world.

"This is a lesson that I think the whole world can learn from, in a positive way. When we see the needs of others as more important than our own needs -- when we focus our energies on a shared goal that is for the good of all -- this changes everything. It changes our priorities in a completely fundamental way. And it changes how we understand the idea of peace."

- Sakuji Tanaka, 2012 International Assembly

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Pictured above, l-r, are Assistant District Governor Tim King, Club President Dianne Sloan, and District Governor Gaven Hurley

[August 1, 2012 - Meeting Minutes](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on Aug 01, 2012

Guests:

DG Gaven Hurley, AG Tim King, Shirley Bassage, Autumn Sloan.

Missing in Action:

Margaret Brooks, Eric Chapman, Vicky Daly, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Dave Nagle, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Cindy Surline, Leslie Vecchiotti.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Lesley Catchman, has Cystic Fibrosis and is now in need of a double lung transplant; Pat's granddaughter is getting some memory back.

Singing:

Our fearless song leader, Kim, rallied the troops to perform "In the Good Old Summertime" – Rotary Edition.

Birthdays / Anniversaries:

None this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- AG Tim King had a happy buck in thanks to Pal-Mac Rotary for our support of the Reach Project.
- Mark offered a happy buck on behalf of Kim and himself, as they are now officially "empt-nesters," since son Cody has moved to Brockport.
- Dick offered thanks for the cards and well-wishes.
- Gene tells us that he and Bob Yost have volunteered to pitch for the Yankees, but hadn't heard back yet.
- Bob then threw in a happy buck (or was it a confession?) for a 2-day trip to New York, where he was able to watch the Yankees play a game. (No, not from the bullpen)
- Kim was happy to see Dick back again; that's worth a buck!
- Bill offered up a buck as the District Governor was making his official club visit today, and Bill wanted to honor Gene Bassage. Gene has welcomed 60 DG's (so far) on their official visits.
- Bob Sloan had a happy buck for his sister Keyna's first child, a boy.

- Anne happy-bucked for lunch with the Elmira Rotary.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Fair Booth update: We are really close to getting the schedule full. Thanks so much to those who have signed up, especially those who are doing multiple shifts. To those who haven't signed up at all or have only one shift scheduled (not you Dick Kirchoff, you need to heal) **please** check with Kim for any open slots. Saturday is proving to be the hardest day to fill. Remember older children and relatives and friends are welcome to assist us!
- The Ontario-Walworth club will be having their annual Family Picnic on August 14 from 5:00 on. Please contact Dianne if you have an interest in attending.
- There will be a blood drive at St. Anne's Church in Palmyra on August 21, from 1 – 6:30. Our club will be assisting. Please contact Pam Dean for details or if you would like to volunteer.
- President Dianne is looking for volunteers to do set-up work at Camp ONSEYAWA on Sunday, August 12.
- The Canaltown Days drawing is in the planning stages. Top prizes are: 50" plasma TV, iPad 3, and Kindle Fire. Tickets will be printed soon.
- Anne announced that the Cole family in Palmyra are to be the first host family for our inbound exchange student. They need a dresser and a twin bed. If you can help, please contact Anne.

Nancy Schrader won this week's 50/50; she donated her winnings to Polio Plus.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 8 – noon at the Palmyra American Legion