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Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



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Dianne Sloan

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Club Events

**Nighttime meeting: American
Legion Palmyra**
Mar 13, 2013 06:00 PM

Board Meeting
Mar 21, 2013 06:30 PM

Joint Rotary/Lions dinner
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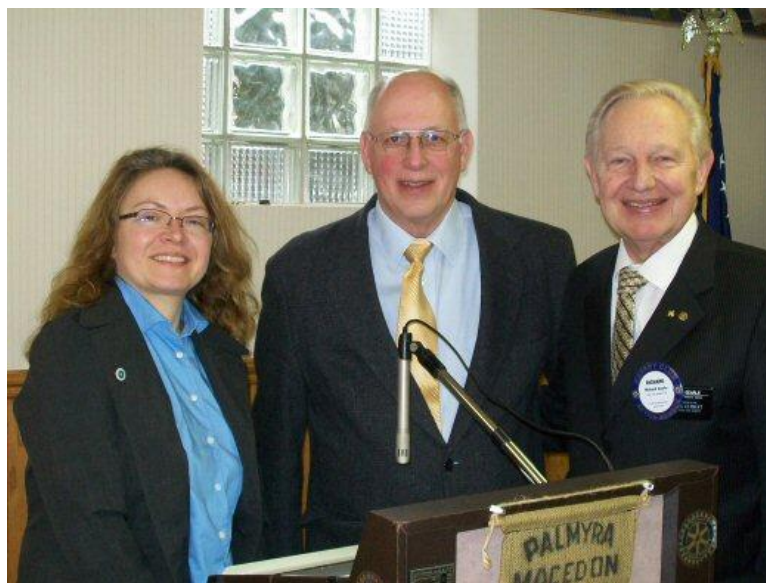
[A Brief History of The Hill Cumorah Pageant](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on Mar 06, 2013

Today, our club was honored to welcome Dwight Schwendimen to our lunch meeting. Mr. Schwendimen is president of the Hill Cumorah Pageant, a post he has held for 7 years. He joined us today to present a brief history of the Pageant.

Last year was the 75th anniversary of the Hill Cumorah Pageant, but its root actually go back to the early 1920's. The Eastern States Mission held an annual "Cumorah Conference" in late July. The mission president would take some of his missionaries to Palmyra and the Joseph Smith Farm to celebrate Pioneer Day, acting out scenes from the Book of Mormon as part of the activities. Over the next several years, the conference attracted more people and was expanded in duration.

When the church acquired the property in 1934, the pageant moved from the Smith Farm to the hill. Later, NYU professor H. Wayne Driggs wrote the script, "America's Witness for Christ" and the first official Hill Cumorah Pageant took place July 23, 1937. Over the next few decades, technology advanced and was adopted by the pageant. In 1957, a five-track sound system was designed, built, and installed by Harvey Fletcher, the inventor of stereophonic sound. Crawford Gates composed an original score for the production, which was recorded by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Utah Symphony Orchestra.



President Dianne, guest speaker Dwight Schwendimen, presented by Richard Searle.

In the early 70's it was decided that full-time missionaries would be phased out as the cast of the pageant. Instead, regular church members would perform. Since then, it has become an all-volunteer cast. In 1988, Orson Scott Card wrote a new script. Shorter than the original, it depicts Joseph Smith's encounter with the Golden Plates, and the event recorded on them. This is the script in use to this day.

Prospective cast apply online between August and November. The cast of 700 are selected from these applicants, based primarily on appearance. This is because there are no speaking parts; rather the cast lip-synch to a pre-recorded soundtrack. Nevertheless, volunteers come from all over the continental US and from abroad, at their own expense, to be a part of the pageant. In

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1991, the pageant invited local service organizations to provide snacks and meals to pageant visitors, and R-L Concessions was formed. It has been a positive for both the pageant and the clubs.

In just a few short months, the stage will go up again, and volunteers will return to the hill. We'll be there too, manning the concession stands, feeding the thousands of visitors and doing our part to continue the tradition of the Hill Cumorah Pageant.

March 6, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Mar 06, 2013

Guests:

Students Erin Hutchison, Emma Erdeli, Kari Chapman, Mila; guest speaker Dwight Schwendimen; Megan DeTaeye, guest of Nancy.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Vicky Daly, Bill Dean, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Gary Hopkins, Jeff Johncox, Debbie LeMoyné, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Cindy Surline, Leslie Vecchiotti.

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

Cortney's cousin's baby passed away;
Those affected by the sinkholes in Florida;
Nancy's son Bill is having surgery to correct a problem in his esophagus.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Eric Chapman, March 11.

Singing:

Kim led us all in a rousing rendition of "R-O-T-A-R-Y"

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Tom Brighton went to church here in Palmyra over the weekend and got to see the Searles say goodbye to their grandson, who was visiting before embarking on his 2 year mission to the Baltics.
- Bob Sloan was recently showing a house, and the folks asked about Joey. So he chatted with her on Facebook later and told how much she is missed.
- Eric traveled to Potsdam for Kyle's ROTC dinner and to the University of Vermont with Kari, who has decided to attend there.
- Nancy has a new great-niece, Josslyn.
- So does Cheryl!
- Anne was visiting Boston during the big snow; got to spend a little extra time.
- Cortney tells us her pregnancy is progressing well.
- Dick confessed to some travel by his dinner badge.
- Richard had a happy buck for Tom Brighton's sister, who is going to Tokyo for 2 years on mission.
- Dianne went camping with the scouts to Babcock Hovey. She mentioned that this time of year, they camp indoors.
- Kim went ice fishing for the first time in about 2 years, and caught the biggest fish!

Notes and Updates for the Club:



Mark and Kim brought pamphlets and a sign-up sheet, encouraging each of us to approach a Wayne County business about donating to the Fair Booth fundraiser. Coincidentally Nancy's guest, Megan DeTaeye from Garlock was here to present a check for \$1,000 toward that very fundraiser. Thank you Garlock!

Our regular club meeting on March 13 will be an evening meeting, 6pm at the American Legion in Palmyra.

The Sodus Rotary Club would like you to know about an upcoming fundraiser concert featuring Russell Moore and Illrd Tyme Out. The Bluegrass performers appear at the Sodus Central School Auditorium March 23. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Sodus Rotary website: <http://www.sodusrotary.org/events/>

March is Literacy Month. Our club is assembling "Reading Adventure" packs, to be distributed to students in the Pal-Mac School District. Please contact Pam Dean for further info.

The GSE team from Switzerland/Latvia will be visiting our club from May 23-27. Since the team will only be with us from Thursday through Monday, we are moving our meeting that week to Thursday evening.

Mila won \$11 from this week's 50/50 drawing.



Our student guests this week (l-r): Emma Erdeli, Kari Chapman, and Erin Hutchison

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 6pm at the American Legion in Palmyra.

February 27, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Feb 27, 2013



Our newest member, Tom Brighton (center) poses with club president Dianne Sloan (l) and his sponsor, Richard Searle (r).

Guests:

Students Katey Sciandra, Allie Phillips, Ben Krenz, Mila

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Margaret Brooks, Eric Chapman, Mark Clement, Vicky Daly, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Gary Hopkins, Jeff Johncox, Debbie LeMoyne, Anne Morrell, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler.

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

Margaret's brother John passed away,
Also Jim Breen, Sr passed away.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

None this week.

Singing:

"You Are My Rotary," sung to the tune of "You Are My Sunshine" - additional verses by Kim Clement.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Kim offered a happy buck on Mark's behalf for Margaret's Pie, and then pitched in a couple of her own for the Murder Mystery Dinner and time with her granddaughter.
- Leslie also had happy bucks for the Murder Mystery Dinner and confessed that she completely forgot about the previous week's Board of Directors meeting.
- Pat seconded Mark's buck for Margaret's pie.
- Bob Sloan happy-bucked for the MMD. Also, he took son Rory ice fishing.
- Dianne also pitched in a buck for the MMD.
- Richard had a happy buck because his son was flying in to spend a few days before going on mission in the Baltics.
- Pam offered a buck for the successful Valentine's Day activities at the Wayne County Nursing Home. She, along with several other Rotarians, presented balloons to the residents.
- Bob Yost, one of those several, matched Pam's happy buck.
- Cortney got to spend some quality time with her nephew.
- Tom Breen also had a happy buck for the MMD, also for the spelling bee.
- Jim Bush offered a happy buck/confession for the MMD, which he missed. He was sure that he was guilty of something else, but couldn't remember what it was.

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The annual Wayne County Rotary Spelling Bee for Literacy Volunteers was held Saturday, Feb 23. Our own Pal-Mac Interact team, "Miss-Spellers" took first place in the youth division for the third year in a row. "Spell Like the Wind," sponsored by Ontario-Walworth Rotary took first place in the adult division. Our club's team, "BBLT" came in somewhere between fourth place and last place. Many thanks to our club members for their support and to Bob Ike, who served as pronouncer along with Don Alhart.

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Bob Ike is now our program coordinator. He offered sincere thanks to Deb LeMoyné for all the hard work she put into making our meetings informative and fun. He also mentioned that we now have, on loan from the school district, a laptop and projector at the Legion for presentations. The laptop does NOT have a cd-drive however, so your speakers will need to have their presentations on a USB-drive, or bring their own laptop.

Programs are being assigned to members alphabetically. Watch your e-mail for messages from Bob.

The GSE team from Switzerland/Latvia will be visiting our club from May 23-27 (not March, as reported in the last Crier – oops!). Host families have been lined up. Since the team will only be with us from Thursday through Monday, we are moving our meeting that week to Thursday evening.

Foundation Auction:

Pam Dean won a veggie-chopper with a bid of \$5.

Bill Dean paid \$5 for a brass ruler with the Rotary wheel on it.

Bob Sloan purchased a lantern/radio for only \$7, after some fierce bidding.

Bob Yost had the winning bid on Chocolate Chocolate Chip Cookies, 7.

Gary Haigh won the Exempt Button for March, in absentia, with a bid of \$11.
Dick Kirchhoff won \$11 in the 50/50 drawing. He donated it to Polio Plus.



Visiting Students (l-r): Katey Sciandra, Ben Krenz, and Allison Phillips