



Canaltown Crier

Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



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Club President:
Dianne Sloan

Asst District Governor:
Tim King

District Governor:
Gaven Hurley

**Rotary International
President:**
Sakuji Tanaka

Club Events

Joint Rotary/Lions dinner
Apr 16, 2013 06:00 PM

April Board Meeting
Apr 18, 2013 06:30 PM

May Board Meeting
May 16, 2013 06:30 PM

June Board Meeting
Jun 13, 2013 06:30 PM

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Camp Onseyawa

Posted by Tom Breen on Mar 13, 2013

At our first evening meeting of the year, Camp Onseyawa was the star. Rotarian Bob Sloan brought a dvd presentation about the camp, featuring campers, counselors, and volunteers. The touching video helped to show what an impact this camp has on the lives of those campers.

The idea for this camp was conceived in 1956 by Walt Reitman, who wanted to send his twin daughters to summer camp. One of the daughters was rejected by camp authorities because she suffered from Spina Bifida. Walt contacted the Geneva Rotary club president, asking if there was any camp that would admit his daughter. No such camp existed, but the idea took root. The Geneva club quickly realized that such an undertaking would be too great for one club and sought the help of clubs in neighboring counties.



Dawn Reeners of Camp Onseyawa accepts a check for \$1,350 raised at our club's annual murder mystery dinner. Gary Hopkins, presenting the check, originated the fundraiser 3 years ago.

The next year, the local Rotary clubs held the first summer camp for kids with special needs at Camp Babcock-Hovey. 33 kids attended that first camp. In 1968, the camp took on the name Camp Onseyawa. The name comes from the 4 counties whose Rotary clubs support it: ONtario, SEneca, YAtes, and WAYne.

Every year, for the last 2 weeks in August, over 100 kids aged 7 – 16 attend Camp Onseyawa. It is a real summer camp with real activities – crafts, archery, riflery, music, photography, swimming, fishing, etc. Campers are grouped into units of 10 to 14, 2 to a tent. Some former campers have come back to work at the camp. For many of the campers, this is their first time away from home, and it builds their independence and confidence.

There is no cost to the families of campers at Onseyawa. All funding comes from the 4-county Rotary clubs through their dues, and through fundraisers. One such fundraiser is our own club's annual murder mystery dinner; last month was our third. This year we

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raised \$1,350 for the camp.

If you haven't yet had a chance to do so, volunteer some time at "Camp Onseyawa, Land of Happiness." The independence, joy, and camaraderie these kids exhibit would melt even the coldest heart. Thanks to Bob Sloan for all he's done for the camp, and to Gary Hopkins, who started the murder mystery dinner fundraisers.



Rotarian Bob Sloan introduces the Camp Onseyawa video presentation.

March 13, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen

Guests:

Kathy Pray, Jessica Middleton, Bob Daly, Bailey Cole, Eric VanZeilen, Wayne Brophy, Dawn Reeners, Mila.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Tom Brighton, Eric Chapman, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Cheryl Ford, Gary Haigh, Dick Kirchhoff, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Read, Nancy Schrader, Richard Searle, Wynette Searle, Cindy Surline, Cortney Surline, Roger Wilbur, Bob Yost.

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

The family of Gary Lush

Nancy's son had his surgery and was released today.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Dianne's guest Jessica

Singing:

In honor of St Patrick's Day this Sunday, Kim led us through "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover"

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Gary Hopkins pitched in \$5 for the Murder Mystery Dinner (MMD).
- Leslie had some happy bucks for the H.S. Musical; also for daughter Juliana being named an RA at Binghamton this year; and for guest Eric VanZeilen, who is expecting twins.
- Pam offered a buck, as Bill has now injured his hand and had to ride with her for a week. Not quite the shoe on the other foot, but close enough.
- Bob had a buck or two, being happy to have Dawn here on behalf of Camp O and friend Jessica as well.
- Anne also happy-bucked for the H.S. Musical.
- Dianne pitched in too, for the H.S. Musical. She told us her kids thoroughly enjoyed it, so

much so that they forgot to fight with each other.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

The District Assembly is scheduled for April 13 at the Red Jacket High School in Shortsville. There is no charge for any member of our club to attend this informative event. We will start sign-ups at the club assembly on the 27th.

We have begun sign-ups for the annual joint Lions/Rotary meeting, which will be April 16 at the Alling Coverlet Museum in Palmyra. Guest speaker is Craig Schaller from WHAM 1180. Meet and greet 6pm, dinner at 6:45. Cost is \$17 per person. Sign-ups will continue through our meeting on 4/3.

Kim Clement won \$14 in the 50/50 drawing, which she donated to the Fair Booth project.