



# Canaltown Crier

## Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon

Tue May 14, 2013

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**Club President:**  
Dianne Sloan

**Asst District Governor:**  
Tim King

**District Governor:**  
Gaven Hurley

**Rotary International President:**  
Sakuji Tanaka

### Club Events

**May Board Meeting**  
May 16, 2013 06:30 PM

**No meeting**  
May 22, 2013

**Nighttime meeting: GSE team**  
Palmyra American Legion  
May 23, 2013 06:00 AM

**June Board Meeting**  
Jun 13, 2013 06:30 PM

**Changeover Picnic (nighttime)**  
Gravino Park Macedon  
Jun 26, 2013 05:30 PM

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#### [Pal-Mac Select Choir Returns from the UK](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on May 01, 2013

We had the good fortune today to host the director and members of Palmyra-Macedon's award-winning Select Choir. They recently took a trip to the United Kingdom, and came to tell us about their trip, and some of the preparations they made for it.

Jill Davis, the choir director, cleared up any confusion right from the start by explaining that no, the 4 students with her today were not the entire choir. The full choir is comprised of 28 high school students, all of whom auditioned to be admitted. In fact, they continue to audition for placement within the choir and for the opportunity to be featured in solo parts. The four members with us today were Tallis Polashenski, Ben Cook, Jeremy Unterborn, and Abby Snelling.



The entire group visited England, Scotland, and Wales over the Easter break. Unlike a previous trip to Europe, this one was close to perfect. The students began their preparations in August with rehearsals. As the school year continued, their homework included research into the United Kingdom. In addition to learning about the history and culture of the lands, their research informed their decisions on what sights to see and places to perform. The group performed in 5 different venues including Bath Abbey in England and St. Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh. They were well-received in all their performances.

It wasn't all performing, though. During their "off-duty" hours, they were able to sight-see, visiting castles and abbeys and the Tower of London, among others. They took in a performance of "Stomp" in London, and spent some time shopping in London and in Edinburgh. At a performance venue in Scotland, they learned some traditional folk songs and folk dances, which they very much enjoyed.

The ensemble is a close-knit group to begin with, but during this trip they were together on average 14 hours a day. This provided even more bonding experiences, such as waiting at the terminal for the various flights to come in, each plane bringing in a few more students. For about 80% of the choir members, this was their first airplane trip. Then there were the bus rides, and time at the hotel, filled with card games and Mad-Libs.

The members of the Select Choir demonstrate dedication, enthusiasm, and professionalism every day, and we in this community were fortunate to have them represent us to our neighbors across the pond. You have a chance to see them perform at their Spring Concert on June 4 at 7:30pm in the High School Auditorium.

#### [May 1, 2013 - Meeting Minutes](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on May 01, 2013



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### Guests:

Katie Read; Andy Wahl; John Schlafer;  
students Tyler Dennie, Megahn VanHout, Eric Holden, and Mila;  
Jill Davis and choir members Jeremy Unterborn, Ben Cook, Tallis Polashenski, and Abby Snelling.

### Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Margaret Brooks, Vicky Daly, Bill Dean, Pam Dean, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Bob Ike, Jeff Johncox, Debbie LeMoyné, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Nancy Schrader, Cortney Surline, Leslie Vecchiotti.

### Singing:

We showed the Select Choir how we do things downtown by singing "You Are My Rotary" (to the tune of "You Are My Sunshine").

### Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Tom Breen – 5/3

### Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Roger had a happy buck because his daughter-in-law, after 6 months in the hospital, is convalescing. He also admits to having a wandering dinner badge.
- Bob Yost bought a new motorcycle for his daughter, Heather.
- Anne spent some time in Florida, where she caught the most fish and the biggest.
- Joan took a little jaunt to Pittsburgh to visit her sister, but laments the fact that her sister is moving to Las Vegas, which will mean fewer visits.
- Mark and Kim spent 6 days in Boston, helped their son move and took in a Red Sox game.
- Dianne had 13.1 happy bucks for her recent half-marathon, plus 30 cents more for the extra distance that was added to the course.
- Bob Sloan had happy bucks because he was so proud of Dianne, who ran the course even though she was sick.



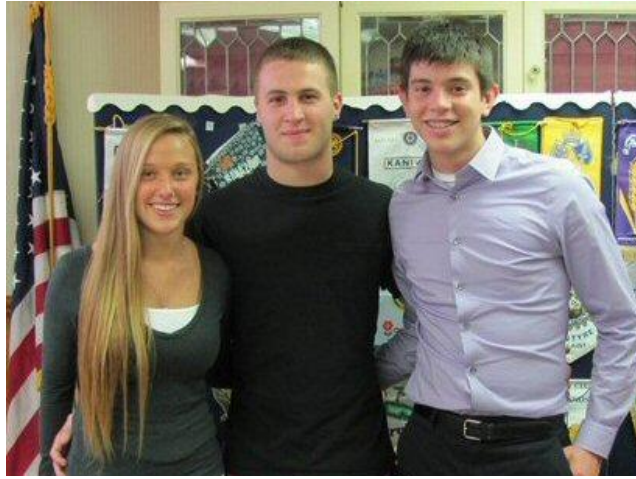
*Our newest member, Wayne Brophy was inducted at today's meeting. Eric is a funeral director with Murphy Funeral Services. He was given his Rotary apron, pin, and welcome kit – including the ABC's of Rotary. Please introduce yourself to Wayne and sign his book. Welcome to Rotary, Wayne!*

### Notes and Updates for the Club:

The Camp Onseyawa golf tournament takes place June 1. Cost is \$85 per person. Contact Bob Sloan to arrange for your foursome. Also available are green and hole sponsorships; cost to sponsor is \$250 and \$100, respectively. Again, Bob Sloan is the man to see.

The cemetery urn project is again underway. Again this year, we are looking for volunteers to help scrape, paint, and plant 5 urns at the Palmyra cemetery. Cindy Surline passed a sign-up sheet around today. Contact her if you would like to pitch in on this easy community project. Work is scheduled for May 16, 17, and 18.

Mila won \$10 in this week's 50/50 drawing.



Our student guests today were: (l-r) Meghan VanHout, Tyler Dennie and Eric Holden.

#### May 8, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on May 08, 2013

#### Guests:

Shirley Bassage, Karen Breen, Mila.

#### Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Margaret Brooks, Vicky Daly, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Debbie LeMoyné, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Nancy Schrader, Bob Sloan, Cortney Surline, Roger Wilbur.

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

Those impacted by the May 3rd fire on Main Street in Palmyra.

#### Singing:

In honor of V.E. Day today, we all sang "America the Beautiful."

#### Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Bob Yost, May 6;  
Mark Clement, May 11

#### Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Anne happy-bucked for the District Conference, and for Mila's speech, which was amazing. You'll get a chance to hear that speech at our club's change-over picnic in June.
- Kim pitched in a dollar in honor of Bob Yost's spectacular somba dancing. (Bob had a little help from Jib-Jab, a website that lets you put your photo on the faces of animated characters.)
- Leslie tells us the Juliana was voted student of the year.
- Dave Read's grandson, Dan Courtney, earned his degree.
- Dick Kirchoff had a buck in honor of V.E. Day.
- Pam's grandson has been granted a full scholarship to a Division I school (whose name she couldn't recall at the moment) for basketball. Also, she and Bill had fun babysitting their 3-year old granddaughter.
- Dianne offered her own happy buck for a great district conference, and also recognized Mila's speech.

While we're on the subject of the district conference, it should be noted that our club was recognized for our 92% attendance. We also won recognition for our work on Literacy projects, thanks in large part to Pam Dean. District Simplified Grants were awarded also. There were 36 applications; 34 grants were awarded. Our club was awarded \$1,500 for our project to help with furniture for Rehema Home, the Kenyan orphanage.

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- A reminder that there will be no lunch meeting on Wednesday, May 22. Instead, we will be holding our meeting Thursday evening, May 23 at 6pm. Our guests that evening will be the GSE team from Sweden/Latvia.
- Our club change-over picnic will be Wednesday, June 26 at Gravino Park in Macedon. More details will be announced as we get closer, and a sign-up sheet will be passed.
- The district change-over dinner takes place 5:30pm Monday, July 1 at Ventosa Vineyards in Geneva. The cost for dinner is \$45. Further information and registration are available on the district website,

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=7120>

- Our club has volunteered to cook hot dogs for the Macedon Memorial Day parade, May 27. If you would be interested in helping out, please contact Eric Chapman.



*Karen Breen, director of Wayne County Home Meal Service, was on hand today to receive a donation from our club. President Dianne was happy to present a check for \$500.*

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Our own Jim Bush gave us a sample of his wit and wisdom today, in an effort to show “How to Be the Coolest Grandparent in the World.” Jim explained that there are basically three universal forms of communication: music, art, and *laughter*. It was this third form that he hoped we would use to convey to our children and grandchildren the love we have for them.

Jim demonstrated his point with some sleight-of-hand and humorous activities. He reminded us that it is not difficult to share a laugh with kids – silly humor is easy to create. It was very entertaining for all of us, and if you weren't there, you really missed out.



*Jim Bush performs a classic precognition trick with help from his Lovely Assistant™.*

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For his final trick, Jim pulled Mila's ticket and she won \$11 in the 50/50.