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## Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



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### Stories

#### [Palmyra's Military - World War II](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on May 07, 2014



Our own Gene Bassage presented to the club today. Gene and his wife Shirley grew up during World War II, and graduated from Palmyra Union Classical High School. Over the years, graduating classes combined their annual reunions, and an Alumni Directory for the classes of 1934-1951 was created. It listed all the students who graduated from the Palmyra school.

Gene and Shirley were interested in compiling a list of Palmyra students who died during World War II. The alumni directory only listed graduates, not students who attended Palmyra, but may have graduated elsewhere (or not at all). They contacted various state and federal agencies, trying to gather information, and were referred to the Palmyra library. There they found back issues of the Palmyra Courier-Journal on microfilm.

Henry Griffith, a former Rotarian, was the publisher of the Courier-Journal and for years dedicated two columns on the front page to servicemen news. He always published letters from service members. He also ran photos of any service member who was killed in service. During his tenure as publisher, any service member who wanted it received the paper free.

Gene and Shirley spent hours and hours poring over the microfilms in compiling their list. That list is too long to reprint here, but they shared some of the information they uncovered with our club today. With Memorial Day only a couple weeks away, this was a great testament to those Palmyra students who gave all in service to their country. We thank them for their sacrifice, and we thank Gene and Shirley for reminding us.

#### [May 7, 2014 - Meeting Minutes](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on May 07, 2014

#### **Guests:**

Shirley Bassage, Katie Read, Tom Ferguson, Lou Trombino, Sophia Clement, students Ashley Guyer, Lynsey Bauer, Jaylyn Hill, and Szabi.

#### **Missing in Action:**

Brian Brooks, Margaret Brooks, Wayne Brophy, Mark Clement, Marie Cramer, Vicky Daly, Gary Haigh, Debbie LeMoyné, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Dave Pray, Nancy Schrader, Maurina Schmidt, Dave Stachnik, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen, Leslie Vecchiotti.

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

Gary Hopkins' sister-in-law was in the hospital undergoing tests;  
Dianne's mother was in the hospital with heart problems.

### Upcoming Programs

May 21, 2014  
[David Heckman](#)  
Berry Plastics

May 28, 2014  
[Club Assembly](#)

Jun 04, 2014  
[Emily Schuth](#)  
Uganda Water Project

Jun 11, 2014  
[Jim Bush](#)  
The Incredible and Rewarding Art of Fly Tying and other Non-Essential Matters

Jun 18, 2014  
[Kim Clement](#)  
Rotary International Conference - Australia

Jun 25, 2014  
[Club Changeover Picnic](#)

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### Club Events

No Upcoming Events

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### Birthdays, Anniversaries:

Bob Yost – May 6

### Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Arnie spent 12 days in Hawaii.
- Bob Yost was unable to attend the highway cleanup party this past Saturday, but had a happy buck for Sparky taking command.
- Jim Bush attended a 100th birthday celebration for his mother.
- Eric had happy bucks for the District Conference in Burlington, VT. He also took time to visit his kids.
- Anne also had happy bucks for the Conference, where she made it through a high wire event and crossed an earthquake bridge.
- Pam happy-bucked for the Conference as well, saying it was a good experience and nicely done.

### Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Each year at the District Conference, there is a memorial service for Rotarians who passed during the preceding year. President Pam told us the service was very nice, and the district had a plaque honoring Roger's memory, which will go to Ruth.

- The club changeover picnic is scheduled for 6 pm, June 25 at Gravino Park in Macedon.

Congratulations to Eric Chapman, winner of this week's 50/50 drawing.



President Pam poses with our guest students this week (L-R): Ashley Guyer, Lynsey Bauer, and Jaylyn Hill.

### [May 14, 2014 - Meeting Minutes](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on May 14, 2014

### Guests:

Shirley Bassage, students AndyAlsup, Tanner Belsher, Bailey Cole, Szabi, and our Interact Club members Leah Morehouse, Rachel Henning, and Matt Norris.

### Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Wayne Brophy, Jim Bush, Kim Clement, Mark Clement, Marie Cramer, Cheryl Ford, Gary Haigh, Debbie LeMoyné, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Dave Stachnik, Eric VanZeilen, Andy Wahl.

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

Jay Harding had a stroke.

### Birthdays, Anniversaries:

Maurina and John's 1 st anniversary was last Wednesday.

### Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Dianne had a happy buck for a nice Mother's Day. She has 5 brothers scattered about; they all came together to visit their mom on Mother's Day, which was a very nice surprise for her.
- Margaret spent 5 days in Rhode Island attending a wedding.
- Nancy had a nice trip to Florida.
- Maurina had a happy buck for her niece, who had some trouble in high school. She's been attending FLCC and has really turned it around; in fact, she now wants to become a teacher!
- Cindy had a happy buck just for being at the meeting.

- Dave Read took a quick trip to Virginia, got to see his granddaughter's first communion, and 2 lacrosse games (one for each grandson).
- Bill had a happy buck for one of our guest students, Bailey Cole. Bailey is our club's outbound exchange student for next year, going to Thailand. Bill says she really ran the show at the district conference and did a great job.
- Joan's granddaughter just graduated from Nazareth with a B.S. degree.



Our guests from the Interact Club presided over this week's meeting, an annual tradition. Pictured above Leah, Rachel, and Matt provided us with an update on this year's activities. They have been very active and have helped out the community with their projects, including 3 successful blood drives.

#### Notes and Updates for the Club:

- The club changeover picnic is scheduled for 6 pm, June 25 at Gravino Park in Macedon.
- 5pm, Wednesday, May 21 – Palmyra Village Cemetery – Cindy would love for you to join her to continue our project of refreshing and repainting the urns.
- Nancy announced today that we have a candidate to attend RYLA June 29 – July 3. She will come to a meeting in August to tell us about her experience.
- Jim Murray's "ABC's of Rotary" book has been turned in and tallied. The following Rotarians are fined \$2.00 each, for failing to sign the book: Marie Cramer, Cheryl Ford, Gary Haigh, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Nancy Schrader, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen, and Andy Wahl. You can see Tom to settle up.



We had more guest students today, as well. Pictured above are (L-R): Andy Alsup, Tanner Belsher, Szabi, and Bailey Cole.

-- Dianne Sloan was the winner of this week's 50/50 drawing; she donated her winnings to the Interact Club..