

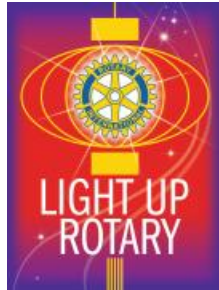


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Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



Wed Sep 17, 2014

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Club Events

No Upcoming Events

Website and Bulletin**Stories****September 10, 2014 - Meeting Minutes**

Posted by Tom Breen on Sep 10, 2014

Guests:

Shirley Bassage, Mary Brooks, Steve Stewart, Anne Stewart, Maureen Brooks, Mila Koziarska, guest speaker Derek Poole, visiting Rotarians Jenn Preston (Red Jacket) and Karen Dean (Newark), and Jonas.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Wayne Brophy, Marie Cramer, Vicky Daly, Cheryl Ford, Gary Haigh, Debbie LeMoyné, Anne Morrell, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Maurina Schmidt, Eric VanZeilen.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

The families of Officer Daryl Pierson and Larry and Jane Glazer

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

Jim Murray – 25th Anniversary 9/9

Jim Bush – 45th anniversary 9/6

Brian Brooks – birthday 9/10

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Leslie thanked Mark and Kim for the good time had by all at their barn party last Saturday. She tells us also that Juliana is off to Romania for three weeks.
- Gary Haigh bought some sausage left over from the fair booth but overpaid, so he asked Kim to bring in the overage as happy bucks. Thanks, Gary!
- Eric offered a happy buck for the Bills' win over the Bears.
- Dave Read seconded that and pitched in another because the Bills have a new owner, and it's not BonJovi or Trump.
- Dick says he got a postcard from his grandson, sent from London. Then a few days later, he received one sent from Paris. After that, another postcard arrived, this time from Japan, where he is "organic gardening for a monk." The boy gets around!
- Gene was glad to see his "adopted daughter" Maureen, Margaret's actual daughter, who was up visiting ahead of a high school reunion. Gene's actual daughter, Jill, will also be in town for that reunion.
- Joan had a happy buck for a Steelers win and for Ruth, who sold over \$200 worth of tickets for our Canaltown Days drawing.
- Margaret confessed to a "sisters' week" at Hilton Head.
- Bob Sloan offered happy bucks for a good time at the Clements' barn party and because Pal-Mac beat Penn Yan.
- Peter has been enjoying coaching his son's team, and he also took a weekend trip to Ithaca.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Our Rotary district has two friendship exchanges in 2015: to New Zealand in February and to Nova Scotia in October. Details are available at the District website, or contact Mark or Kim Clement.
- The club's fundraiser parking cars at the Purple Painted Lady sale on Saturday, September 20 still needs volunteers. If you can help out, please contact Dianne Sloan. - Also on September 20, there is a District Literacy Seminar from 9:30 to noon at Clifton Springs Hospital.
- The Pal-Mac Interact Club is sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, September 19, from 8-1:30 in the High School gym.
- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) sessions will be held November 1 at the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake. Details and registration are available from the District website, or at www.rlinea.org
- The club's board of directors has received and approved membership applications for Steve Stewart and Anne Stewart. This information is posted in this newsletter as required by the club's by-laws.

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Congratulations to Dave Read, winner of \$13 in this week's 50/50 drawing.

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 17 – Palmyra American Legion. This will be a Club Assembly. The following week, we will meet at Parkwood as usual, but it will be a regular meeting. The schedule was adjusted to accommodate our guest speaker.

Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County

Posted by Tom Breen on Sep 10, 2014

Our guest speaker today was Derek Poole, Family Literacy Coordinator for Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County (LV Wayne). Derek started by expressing his appreciation for Rotary, mentioning that Wayne County Rotary clubs are major sponsors of his organization's annual spelling bee. (For the past several years, our club has sponsored the Pal-Mac Interact Club's entry to the spelling bee, and sent a team of our own members.) If you grew up with books in your home, if you are an average or better reader, then you are privileged, he told us.

In Wayne County, some 6000 adults (8%) lack basic literacy skills. These people cannot read a map or their child's report card. Neither can they read instructions on forms. They cannot fill out a job application or read the label on a medicine bottle. They can't read a bedtime story to their children. These are all things most of us take for granted. And as our society becomes more and more dependent on technology in the information age, those with literacy deficiencies are more likely to be left behind.



Pictured, l-r: Derek Poole of LV Wayne; Brian Brooks; Pam Dean, club Literacy Chair; and Club President Bob Yost.

As Family Literacy Coordinator, Derek has worked to improve reading skills in families throughout Wayne County. The "Little Green Bookshelf" project now has grown to over 100 locations in the county. Through this program, anyone can take any book from the shelf, anonymously. Anonymity is part of the reason for the program's success, as there unfortunately tend to be a stigma attached to illiteracy.

Another project Derek started is "Books from Birth". Through this program, every newborn at Newark-Wayne Hospital receives a literacy packet. The packet includes information about literacy and programs and services offered by LV Wayne; a library card application; a copy of the Wayne County Community Resource Guide; a board book "Good Night Moon"; and a postage-paid postcard. If the parents choose to send in the postcard with the newborn's date of birth, Literacy Volunteers will send a new book to the child on their birthday, up until they start kindergarten. This

program started with 30 families, and has grown to 2800 families.

Derek and the staff at Literacy Volunteers believe that increasing literacy grants those individuals access to vital information, but it also increases their self-esteem, independence, and productivity. There is so much more to the mission of Literacy Volunteers than space here allows. If you would like to know more about Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County or to volunteer or donate, please visit their website at www.lvwayne.org or call their offices at (315)946-5333.