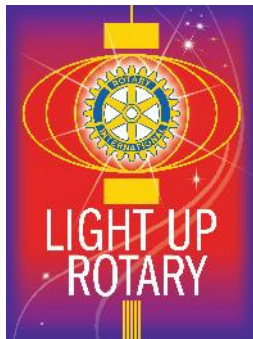




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TIES and Boy Scouts: A Community Collaboration

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At today's meeting, we were joined by Renee Herman from the Pal-Mac School District and Eric Israel from the Boy Scouts. They were here to talk about the new partnership between the TIES program and the Boy Scouts Explorers program. Our club recently contributed money to help establish a new Explorers chapter here.



Chris Isreal, Renee Herman, and Rotarian Peter Park

Ms. Herman explained that TIES (Together Including Every Student) a national peer-support program which pairs kids with developmental disabilities with high school students who act as mentors. The kids get to participate in activities which they otherwise might not. The mentors learn how to support and interact with the participants. To the participants, the mentors are "just older kids," as opposed to their parents. Sometimes these youngsters are more likely to try the activities if it's "just kids" doing it; otherwise, they might be the only one participating with a parent helping out.

Mr. Israel told us how the Explorers program helps high school students find tools to succeed in college and careers. Exploring helps kids find out what being a "fill-in-the-blank" is all about. It is a worksite-based program. Typical Explorer posts include groups of teenagers specializing in a field such

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as law enforcement, fire and emergency service, health careers, engineering and aviation, among others. The new Exploring post begun here will support TIES mentors who might want a career in special education.

[March 11, 2015 - Meeting Minutes](#)

Guests:

Jerry Giacoman – Camp Onseyawa, Bob Daly, Speakers Renee Herman and Eric Israel.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Tom Brighton, Jim Bush, Eric Chapman, Marie Cramer, Gary Haigh, Deb LeMoyne, Jim Murray, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Maurina Schmidt, Eric Vanzeilen, Leslie Vechhiotti.

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

The family of Pete Nelson; he passed away last week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Vicky suggested Bob Y started a new tradition last week with his “bad-luck buck.” Her white dog, having just had a bath, encountered some melting snow and mud and became a “polka-dot dog.” Timing is everything.
- Mark and Kim went snowmobiling on Sunday. They did a 90 mile loop from LeRoy to Pavilion to Warsaw to Attica and back to LeRoy.
- Nancy’s son celebrated his 40th birthday recently.
- Cindy offered a happy buck for being happy to be here today. She had another for the Brickhouse’s 10th anniversary.
- Dave Stachnik confessed to being a naïve dad. He’s on his way to Albany for a conference, when his daughter calls and says to stop by – she has a surprise. So, he’s expecting an engagement announcement. Turns out they got him a pair of snowshoes on sale.
- Dianne told us that Phoebe did well at the Oratorical Competition Semi-Finals and will be one of 7 contestants in the Final at MCC.
- Dick was happy to be back with us and proved it with a happy buck.
- Dave Read updated us on Mary’s school’s team. They went to championships – won the sectional game, but lost the next one.

Singing:

In honor of St. Patrick’s Day, Kim led us in “I’m Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover.”

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Jerry Giacomani of the Naples Rotary Club was on hand to receive the proceeds from our club's annual Murder Mystery Dinner. This year's event raised \$2,000 for Camp Onseyawa.

Bob Yost was this week's 50/50 winner; he donated the \$13 to the TIES program.

March 18, 2015 - Meeting Minutes - Interact

Guests:

Ray Warrick (Rush-Henrietta Club), Students Jaxon Fordham and Austin Keller.

This week's meeting was organized and presented by members of the Palmyra-Macedon Interact Club: Rachel Henning, Matthew Norris, Leah Morehouse, Erin Bruening, and Nikki Catalno; along with their advisor Melissa Allison.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Brian Brooks, Eric Chapman, Kim Clement, Mark Clement, Marie Cramer, Vicky Daly, Gary Haigh, Deb LeMoyne, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Nancy Schrader, Cindy Surline, Eric Vanzeilen, Pat VerPlank.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

(All money raised from these was donated to the Interact Club.)

- Bob Yost offered a happy buck for getting the day off.
- Anne was in Ithaca to see her son's game; they won!
- Leslie is happy to report that Juliana is interning with the mayor of Binghamton.

The interactors levied fines on the members:

- if you weren't wearing their Rotary pin
- if you didn't wear green on St. Patrick's Day
- if you have any wisdom teeth
- if you did not attend the high school musical
- if you are a Pal-Mac alumnus.

Singing:

In honor of Kim's absence today, we did not sing out loud, but we always carry a song in our hearts.

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- The Interact club is hosting a blood drive at the High School on May 27. The Red Cross requires 8 weeks between donations, so if you intend to donate at the Interact's drive, you should not give blood after April 1.

The Interactors updated us on some of their activities by way of a quiz version of Tic-Tac-Toe. Topics included the haunted hayride, blood drives, angel tree, and the spelling bee. In the spelling bee, our Interact team won the youth division. This is the 4th year in a row they have won.



Pictured above are our guests from the High School today: (back, l-r) Interact Advisor Missy Allison, Matthew Norris, Nikki Catalono, Erin Bruening and Jaxon Fordham. Kneeling (l-r) are: Leah Morehouse, Rachel Henning, and Austin Keller

Dave Read won the 50/50 this week; he donated the \$10 to the Interact Club.

March 25, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Guests:

Visiting Rotarians Malcom O'Malley (Canandaigua) and Brad Pearson (Newark)

Marty and Tina Medina, Chris and Staci Santelli

Representing the area daycares: Emily Henning, Heather Hitchner (Creative Environment); Phil Opdycke (Canaltown Nursery School); and Ryanne Hughes (the Children's Center

Pal-Mac students Megan Smith, Corrine Rogers, and Ashley Welker.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Brian Brooks, Gary Haigh, Deb LeMoyné, Anne Morrell, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Dave Stachnik, Cindy Surline, Eric Vanzeilen, Andy Wahl.

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gene Bassage is not well (kidney stones).

Colleen McPike is in hospital.

Kate Smith passed recently.

Carol Watson also passed recently.

Richard "Mouse" Kraus passed today.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Leslie's birthday was yesterday.

Gene Bassage – 88 last week.

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Eric had a birthday while he was away, and was he away! They spent a week in St. Martin, followed by two weeks in Aruba. Now we all know why he bid so high on the exempt badge last month.

- Nancy had a happy buck for 5 days with her grandson in Wisconsin, where she partook of her first "Grandparents' Day."

- Bob Sloan was happy to be busy with real estate again. Also, he says he is very encouraged about the next season for the Buffalo Bills.

- Dianne had a happy buck for Phoebe's performance in the District Oratorical contest finals at MCC last weekend.

Phoebe did not place, but had a very positive experience.

- Leslie offered a happy buck and thanks to the club members in attendance last week. Your happy bucks and fines raised over \$70 for the Interact Club.

- Leslie had another happy buck because she is the sponsor of the new member being inducted today.

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- Save the date: the Relay for Life is expected to be at the Pal-Mac High School June 20. This year's event will not be an overnight, but will be from 5pm – 11pm.
- Dianne just learned the name and country of our inbound exchange student for next year. She is Sofia Bonito from Barcelona, Spain.



Newly-inducted member Chris Santelli (middle) is welcomed by his sponsor, Leslie Vecchiotti (R) and club president Bob Yost (l).

Club Business:

Representatives from the three area daycares were on hand to receive donations from our club, through the Pal-Mac Rotary Foundation. Creative Environment, the Children's Center, and Canaltown Nursery School each received a check for \$500 for their scholarships.

President Bob presented new Paul Harris pins to Maurina Schmidt and Dick Kirchoff, in recognition of their status as Sustaining Members of the Rotary Foundation.

This week's assembly auction raised \$20 for the Rotary Foundation.

Pat VerPlank won \$18 in this week's 50/50 drawing, which she donated to Polio Plus.



Visiting students from Pal-Mac High School (l-r): Megan Smith, Ashley Welker, and Corrine Rogers.